

S00093 - John & Heather Stephens

The proposed changes to licensing, as shown in the draft, do not appear too onerous for bird keeper hobbyists.

Given that these published documents are described as drafts for public consultation, I would expect that any variation to the drafts and final licensing legislation would be published and the legislation, to be submitted to Parliament, would be published/made available for comment prior to going to parliament for approval and enactment. Will this be the process?

In relation to Consultation Questions (pp21) :

I support the proposed staged approach to implementing a risk based approach etc.

No suggested changes to Species List etc.

In relation to record keeping, I would suggest that email reminders be sent to Licence holders that the licence is due for renewal or the Annual Return is due. This may improve compliance or at least the timeliness of returns.

Item 4 : Yes

Consultation Questions - Keeping and Dealing Licences

Yes

No

Yes

Using the ATO criteria to distinguish between a business and a hobby is a reasonable way to separate Traders and Hobbyists.

Consultation Questions - Licencing Fees

No

No