

S00014 – Lachlan and Julia King

Firstly, we shouldn't have any capped numbers on any sort of reptiles or licence classes and should not have to get more advanced licences to have unlimited animals. We should also keep all species on licence, or at least instead of keeping paper receipts and doing different annual returns, I ask that we continue doing annual returns the exact same way for all species no matter what class or exempt. Lodging should be done on ebook the same as it is now and full records should be kept for all species including exempt ones. We should have the right to keep more native mammal species under licence, there's no good reason not to allow it as it works in other states and overseas. Some species should also move down in class, many class 2 species of geckos and skinks, such as northern blue tongues and granite belt thick tailed geckos should be class 1 as they are not rare as they were when the original list was made. A few species of venomous snake should be coming down to a class 2, such as the red Belly Black, curl Snake and small Eyed snake, as these species are not usually dangerous to human life and are easy to handle, should be available to more people. A couple species from class 1 should probably be moved up to class 2, such as the coral snake, burtons legless lizard and both species of naped snakes, as they have more specific care requirements. Scientific names should also be cleaned up on the database as many are outdated or plain wrong. Basically, there shouldn't be many changes except species list ones, our current record keeping and annual returns system on the ebook works just fine and is simple to use, we should not be going backwards to paper receipts for exempt species, with all these conditions it'll end up making people not want to keep and breed these exempt species and there would end up being less. Most of the codes of practice should also be scrapped, as all keepers should have the right to keep species how they believe is correct, not old fashioned way that one guy thought was right. New info is being discovered by keepers all the time, therefore the way the codes of practice say you should keep them would keep being outdated.