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In relation to harming native, protect species, e.g. birds, flying foxes, wombats, I believe there should be codes of practice AND licencing. I feel this area should be highly regulated to protect our wildlife from cruelty and unsustainable harvest.

In relation to keeper licencing. I believe there should be licencing for all classes including companion licencing, as this will reduce the risk of spontaneous purchases of animals and encourages people to value their animals. A code of conduct would also be good to provide a starting point for how to care for animals. However, out of the two, licencing is more important as it is a required point of contact with keepers, whereas I feel many people will never look at a code of practice.

In relation to online dealing of animals, I believe there should be required licencing to ensure these dealers are upheld to the same standards of ethics as pet shops. I believe there should be extra licencing for any keepers that sell animals that were bred by them, to help encourage ethical and educated animal keeping (with all animals being appropriately registered to mitigate taking animals from the wild).