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I think ALL Australian native animals should be protected. Likewise the rampant destruction of their habitats must be stopped and habitats restored.

All of them should also be available to be kept as pets, albeit with appropriate licensing for qualified keepers. The easier to keep species, e.g. budgies, could have easy licensing, the harder to keep, perhaps endangered, species should have much more stringent licensing requirements.

The State could contribute to preserving those species that are threatened, rare, or endangered by providing a "studbook" "matching" service to qualified licensed breeders. Right now that is done by an informal network of wildlife and conservation societies, breeders, zoos, and veterinarians.