

S00089 – Shayne Merry

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The way your government department is being overthrown by animal activists is apparent in the first draft of your ill fated pet shop changes. We as bird keepers should be hailed as environmentalists, we keep birds to help to keep many species from extinction eg. the Gouldian finch, the research is paid for by our Clubs and by donation of many birdkeepers and the public. Not from the help of your department, furthermore we run into road blocks from Animal Rights people and your department.

Getting to your changes, I would suggest that if you were to listen to the Consultative Committee that was formed by all of the animal keepers, clubs and aviculturists, you would have a better outcome for the species that we keep in NSW. This committee must be maintained so as to at least get some semblance of listening to we the people that are Citizens of AUSTRALIA.

Thanks