

S00104 – Stephen Kum Jew

Comment on the proposed wildlife licensing reforms:

I object strongly to the further additional cost and administration based on:

- 1) breeders already bear costly electrical heating, lighting and maintenance costs
- 2) to successfully breed animals, the ideal stock comes from disease/parasite free captive bred young stock. Such animals take 1-3 years of maintenance before maturity – not such a quick profit as some pet shop dealers suggest
- 3) keepers already provide comprehensive annual returns. Why do exotic pests like dogs, cats, and rabbits for example not required the same level of bureaucracy?
- 4) If a private dealer scheme was to be implemented, how is it going to be fair and equitable? Is it going to be based on the number of young produced or the perceived value of the ones bred and sold? Some of the most common reptiles are obviously easily bred and the cheapest but that the value can change with a desirable colour morph.
- 5) the Department is doing a disservice to the community by discouraging future naturalists. The current digital era, loss of pristine habitat by grazing (Queensland still allows grazing in National Parks), mining and land clearing all means a dissociation from natural Australia.
- 6) People who sell on line often do give an assurance and return policy and the equivalent assistance as a pet shop. Usually there has been already an exchange of information before the transaction.
- 7) I would welcome the involvement of the Australian Taxation Office as it would be nice to claim on all the expenses.