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## Re Species List

There are a number of grey areas in the changes to the species list.

Childrens and small blotched pythons being moved to code yet a cross or hybrid of these 2 species requires a R1/companion licence... this doesnt really make much sense, a cross breed of the 2 has no natural place/ habitat distribution in the wild and would naturally not be considered as a native yet would be required to be kept under a native animal licence where the pure native form of the species can be kept under a code of practice??

If a species is moved to code, would it not make sense to also class the hybridized/cross etc likewise?

The same question could be asked in the case of species placed into code, whilst maintaining sub species on licence class etc.

eg. Carpet python species/subspecies-

A number of carpet python sub species and individual species being moved to code whilst a couple along with multiple hybrid/ cross forms etc still being on a R1 or companion licence. It doesn't hold sense and would only lead or encourage dishonesty/ fraudulent activity.... whats to stop an individual arguing that there carpet python which is actually a species or form listed as a licence class is a species on the code class? this same grey area could also be applied to other species such as a number of Macquarie short neck turtle subspecies etc.

## Import Export:

Agree with the exemption of animals within zoological / exhibition of requiring import / export permits, this can greatly remove a substantial amount of red tape that institutions and individuals currently go through and in some cases even help to improve efforts/work in regards to species management/breeding etc.