

S00165 – Tim Collins

I would like to thank you for inviting me to commit on the proposed changes.

Firstly it is essential that we remove the burden of red tape from the farmer. It is very counter productive to sit and waste time filling out paperwork, taking it to the parks office and then waiting for them to press it. They have never refused my requests and have always been very helpful in issuing my licence to harm.

Once shooting pressure is put onto a population they become very wary and usually move from the area that they are causing the damage to.

It would be much better if the licence was an online streamlined process that could be done out of business hours. I am extremely busy in my day to day and often work 7 days a week. Having to take time to go and get tags is very counter productive. It would be much simpler if the licence was not tied to one licence as spotlighting is often carried out in teams. Driver, spotter and shooter.

The Tagging process is also a waste of time. having to stop and tag each animal is counterproductive. Animals are often culled at distance and in groups so finding the carcus in the dark is hard and can be dangerous to access.

Kangaroo and wombat numbers are out of control and are causing huge problems for landowners. these are not a threatened species and should be made easy to control. It is another job i would rather not have to do.