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Dear Queensland CCBFA affiliate clubs

RE: Queensland Wildlife Licensing Review

A review of Wildlife Licensing in Queensland commenced back in 2016. This review was put on hold whilst a common method of assessing threatened species was determined for all states. Then, out of the blue, on May 24th 2018 a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was released for comment with just a few weeks for public submissions.

The RIS and other details, plus a survey are here -

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/wildlife-permits/framework-review>

There is much to dislike within the RIS (and to be fair there are also many positives). On the whole the document shows a distinct ignorance of aviculture and other captive native animals. There are numerous areas that must be reviewed which we will address in due course. At this moment CCBFA's focus is on working in unity with all representative bird clubs, including QCBS and NFSA, and also with other groups representing reptiles, amphibians, mammals and invertebrates. The first task is to ensure full and proper consultation occurs so a sensible approach to native animal licensing is the outcome. Reviews, such as this process, occur at minimum only once every 20 years. It is well worth the effort to get it right.

The Queensland Department of Environment and Science (DES) has a Wildlife Advisory Committee which includes QCBS representation along with a range of other competing interests unlikely to understand aviculture and in some cases may be actively opposed to aviculture. The Wildlife Advisory Committee is meeting this week with DES staff managing the review, then on the 14th June Gary Fitt (QFS and NFSA), Lyle Holmes (QCBS) and I - Sam Davis (CCBFA) - will meet with these same DES staff to initiate and discuss a way forward. We will know more and will report back to clubs after these meetings.

CCBFA will write a submission on behalf of our affiliate clubs. This submission will be informed by your club's input as well as supporting the submissions by QCBS and other groups. We encourage all clubs to support this effort, including those clubs not directly affected, such as budgerigar, canary, pigeon, poultry and the like.

We will continue to provide updates as the review progresses. If there are other email addresses for your club you would like included in these updates please let us know and feel free to share updates with your members.

Kind regards



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