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**Synopsis of Video conference 2pm 8/5/2020 – NSW NPWS – Deputy Secretary, Dr Atticus Fleming**

Present: Atticus Fleming (NPWS Deputy Secretary), Sam Davis (President – CCBFA), Michael Donnelly (President – Animal Care Australia), Brian Read (Secretary – The Finch Society of Australia), Richard Kingswood (NPWS Director Conservation)

Synopsis compiled by Sam Davis, [president@ccbfa.org.au](mailto:president@ccbfa.org.au) with input from all present.

The meeting focussed on progressing the NSW wildlife licencing reform package.

1. Sam Davis, Michael Donnelly and Brian Read provided some background based on their experience.
  - a. The current system was implemented in the 1970s with few alterations since, including few edits to the exempt and licenced species lists.
  - b. There is massive non-compliance and limited enforcement (and funding).
  - c. The final report of the review of biodiversity 18/12/2014 recommended a risk-based licencing system with codes of practice for most common species. Aviculture agrees.
  - d. A team led by Robert Oliver was employed, they developed a reform package agreed to by all stakeholders.
  - e. It appears failure to implement is a result of internal departmental delays, and aversion to change.
  - f. Volunteer representatives of native animal keepers have been attending numerous meetings at their own cost for more than 5 years. It is time to implement the agreed changes.
2. Atticus Fleming apologised for the delays, noting he commenced in his position September 2019; noting there were some complex issues and a range of stakeholder opinions which contributed to delay before this, and now bushfires, floods and COVID-19 in close succession.
3. Sam Davis, with support from Michael Donnelly and Brian Read, proposed a stepwise process as follows.
  - a. Step 1 is to immediately move all common avian species to the exempt list. That is, add them to Reg 2.22 asap - [http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol\\_reg/bcr2017400/s2.22.html](http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_reg/bcr2017400/s2.22.html)
  - b. Step 2 is to provide the final reform package to, and convene a meeting of, the old Native Animal Keepers Consultative Committee (NAKCC) within the next 6 weeks to set a timeline for the implementation of the reform package.
  - c. Step 3 is to present the Expert group's proposed species licence recommendations to the above NAKCC meeting for discussion and finalisation.
4. Atticus indicated that EES/DPIE will consider whether there are uncontroversial elements of the reforms that can be readily implemented with broad stakeholder support. As part of this process, EES will consider the proposal outlined by Sam, Michael and Brian.

- a. Richard Kingswood noted there may be some concerns about separating out elements of the overall package (which addresses more than just keeping of native species); and further noted the complexity that can arise with any proposed change to regulations.
- b. Atticus queried whether it will be possible to identify a species list (in terms of any changes) that all stakeholders agree to. This will need to be addressed in advice to the Minister.
- c. Sam Davis committed to provide species lists; current exempt, recommended exempt (code) in OEH discussion paper and species recommended by CCBFA to be exempt. [List subsequently forwarded to all present and attached as Appendix A].
- d. Sam Davis recommended any contentious species be held over for finalisation as “Code” species as part of the full reform package.

Discussion of private aviculture working with threatened species held over for future meeting.

## **Appendix A**

### **CCBFA Exempt Avian Species Recommendations**

There are 3 lists to consider....

- A. Current 41 Exempt species already listed in Reg 2.22
- B. Additional 32 species the OEH discussion paper recommends should move off licence
- C. Additional 12 CCBFA recommended species to move off licence

We recommend adding 44 species to Reg 2.22(2), resulting in a total of 85 exempt species.

Species lists for A, B, C follow...

#### **A. Current Exempt species already listed in Reg 2.22.**

Reg 2.22 - [http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol\\_reg/bcr2017400/s2.22.html](http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_reg/bcr2017400/s2.22.html)

These 41 species remain on the Exempt list.

1. Sulphur-crested cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*),
2. Western corella (*Cacatua pastinator butleri*),
3. Galah (*Cacatua roseicapilla*),
4. Little corella (*Cacatua sanguinea*),
5. Long-billed corella (*Cacatua tenuirostris*),
6. Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*),
7. Scaly-breasted lorikeet (*Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*),
8. Rainbow lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*),
9. Red-collared lorikeet (*Trichoglossus rubritorquis*),
10. Musk lorikeet (*Glossopsitta concinna*),
11. Princess parrot (*Polytelis alexandrae*),
12. Pale-headed rosella (*Platycercus adscitus*),
13. Adelaide rosella (*Platycercus elegans adalaidae*),
14. Yellow rosella (*Platycercus elegans flaveolus*),
15. Eastern rosella (*Platycercus eximius*),
16. Western rosella (*Platycercus icterotis*),
17. Red-capped parrot (*Purpureicephalus spurius*),
18. Twenty-eight parrot (*Barnardius zonarius semitorquatus*),
19. Port lincoln parrot (*Barnardius zonarius zonarius*),
20. Hooded parrot (*Psephotus dissimilis*),
21. Red-rumped parrot (*Psephotus haematonotus*),
22. Bourke's parrot (*Neopsephotus bourkii*),
23. Elegant parrot (*Neophema elegans*),
24. Scarlet-chested parrot (*Neophema splendida*),
25. Budgerigar (*Melopsittacus undulatus*),
26. King quail (*Coturnix chinensis*),
27. Stubble quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*),
28. Brown quail (*Coturnix ypsilophora*),
29. Painted button-quail (*Turnix varia*),
30. Little button-quail (*Turnix velox*),
31. Diamond dove (*Geopelia cuneata*),
32. Bar-shouldered dove (*Geopelia humeralis*),
33. Peaceful dove (*Geopelia striata*),
34. Common bronzewing (*Phaps chalcoptera*),
35. Crested pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*),
36. Emerald dove (*Chalcophaps indica*),
37. Star finch (*Neochmia ruficauda*),
38. Painted finch (*Emblema pictum*),
39. Gouldian finch (*Erythrura gouldiae*),
40. Blue-faced parrot finch (*Erythrura trichroa*),
41. Zebra finch (*Taeniopygia guttata*).

**B. Additional 32 avian species the OEH discussion paper recommends should move off licence.**

Pages 6-8 - <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Licences-and-permits/revise-native-animal-keepers-species-list-draft-180296.pdf>

The following 32 species added to Reg 2.22(2) exempt list. Note, I have removed subspecies and hybrids. Happy to discuss some subspecies, but this requires avicultural knowledge as in some cases subspecies are distinct in aviculture and in other cases not so.

1. *Barnardius zonarius* Mallee ringneck, Cloncurry parrot
2. *Columba leucomela* White-headed pigeon
3. *Geophaps plumifera* Spinifex pigeon
4. *Geophaps scripta* Squatter pigeon
5. *Glossopsitta porphyrocephala* Purple-crowned lorikeet
6. *Glossopsitta pusilla* Little lorikeet
7. *Heteromunia pectoralis* Pictorella mannikin
8. *Lonchura castaneothorax* Chestnut-breasted mannikin
9. *Lonchura flaviprymna* Yellow-rumped mannikin
10. *Neochmia modesta* Plum-headed finch
11. *Neochmia phaeton* Crimson finch
12. *Neochmia temporalis* Red-browed finch
13. *Neophema chrysostoma* Blue-winged parrot
14. *Neophema petrophila* Rock parrot
15. *Neophema pulchella* Turquoise parrot
16. *Northiella haematogaster* Blue bonnet, Naretha blue bonnet
17. *Phaps elegans* Brush bronzewing
18. *Phaps histrionica* Flock bronzewing
19. *Platycercus caledonicus* Green rosella
20. *Platycercus elegans* Crimson rosella
21. *Platycercus venustus* Northern rosella
22. *Poephila acuticauda* Long-tailed finch
23. *Poephila cincta* Black-throated finch
24. *Poephila personata* Masked finch
25. *Polytelis anthopeplus* Regent parrot
26. *Polytelis swainsonii* Superb parrot
27. *Psephotus chrysopterygius* Golden-shouldered parrot
28. *Psephotus varius* Mulga parrot
29. *Psitteuteles versicolor* Varied lorikeet
30. *Stagonopleura guttata* Diamond firetail
31. *Taeniopygia bichenovii* Double-barred finch
32. *Turnix melanogaster* Black-breasted button quail

**C. Additional 12 CCBFA recommended avian species to move off licence.**

Refer to our submission page 5,6 - <https://www.ccbfa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ccbfa-nsw-oeH-submission-240718.pdf>

There are 16 listed in our submission of which 4 were subspecies, so 12 species to add. CCBFA believes the expert group agreed all these species should move off licence.

1. *Alisterus scapularis* Australian king-parrot
2. *Aprosmictus erythropterus* Red-winged parrot
3. *Aythya australis* Hardhead
4. *Cacatua leadbeateri* Major Mitchell's cockatoo
5. *Calyptorhynchus banksia* Red-tailed black-cockatoo
6. *Cyclopsitta diophthalma* Fig-parrot
7. *Epthianura tricolor* Crimson chat
8. *Lathamus discolor* Swift parrot
9. *Malurus cyaneus* Superb fairy-wren
10. *Ptilinopus regina* Rose-crowned fruit-dove
11. *Ptilinopus superbus* Superb fruit-dove
12. *Zosterops lateralis* Silvereye