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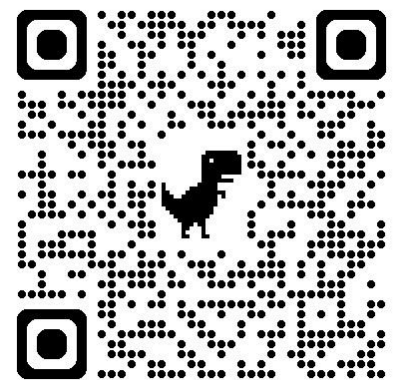
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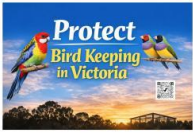


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"Protect Bird Keeping in Victoria" *Your*

*support is crucial at this time.*

**Background:**

A review of the **Victorian Wildlife Act 1975** began in 2021, inviting submissions from community members and stakeholders. Bird clubs and peak bodies — including the **Victorian Avicultural Council, Avicultural Society of Australia, Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society, and Animal Care Australia** — all provided detailed input, though this appears to have gained little traction.

The Review Panel delivered its report on **20 December 2021**, and the Government released its response in **October 2025**.

It is this response that concerns us. Several statements appear **unsupported by evidence**, including claims that “wildlife and intensive breeding is cruel” and that “large wildlife collections adversely impact neighbours.” These comments do not reflect the reality of responsible, welfare-focused aviculture in Victoria. **Current Situation:**

**Bird keeping has a long and valued tradition in our community, bringing joy to thousands of Victorians and supporting important conservation and education programs.** Recent government wording suggests new regulations may be introduced that could severely restrict responsible bird keeping. Such changes risk undermining the work of dedicated hobbyists and organisations that contribute significantly to animal welfare and community life.

**This petition calls for the positive impact of ethical bird keeping to be recognised and for any new regulations to be developed in genuine consultation with experienced aviculturists.** Supporting the petition helps safeguard a valued pastime, protect responsible keepers, and ensure future rules are fair and informed.

We encourage you to read and sign the petition. Your voice shows policymakers that this issue matters to a broad, engaged community. Please also share it within your networks to strengthen our collective effort.

Online Petition Link: <https://c.org/JgWcwBCftk>

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# BIRD KEEPING IN VICTORIA

## DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR HOBBY

The Government response to the Wildlife Act review will unfairly restrict responsible bird keepers.

Some of the recommendations introduce restrictions and duplication of existing rules that will seriously impact upon our pastime



## WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR



We call on the Victorian Government to:

Base any new rules on evidence, not misconceptions

Recognise that existing laws address welfare and nuisance issues

Avoid imposing arbitrary limits on bird numbers or species

Consult directly with OUR bird organisations before making decisions

Protect the rights of responsible bird keepers across Victoria

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

**Sign here to add your name and your voice. Protect the future of ethical aviculture**

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The bird keeping community, through the Victorian Avicultural Council and its affiliates, is calling on the Victorian Government to ensure that the review of the Wildlife Act 1975 does **not unfairly restrict responsible bird keepers.**

Recent comments in the Government’s response suggest that current rules allow “unlimited breeding of wildlife” and that “large-scale breeding in residential areas is not appropriate.” But as our submission states, bird keeping and breeding is generally both difficult and challenging, and the idea of “unlimited breeding” does not reflect real-world aviculture.

Existing laws - including POCTA and local council by-laws - already regulate welfare, noise, nuisance, and property use. New restrictions are unnecessary and risk harming a long-standing, ethical hobby enjoyed by thousands of Victorians.

**WHY THIS MATTERS**

Aviculture is a positive, community-based activity that supports:

- Conservation breeding
- Preservation of native species
- Education and youth engagement
- Maintenance of the wellbeing of older Victorians
- Responsible, ethical bird keeping



As many physical hobbies become harder, bird keeping remains accessible, purposeful, and deeply rewarding. It provides routine, connection, and mental stimulation - all of which are vital for maintaining good mental health and reducing social isolation, especially among seniors.

Most aviculturists keep small numbers of birds and comply fully with existing regulations. **WHAT WE’RE**

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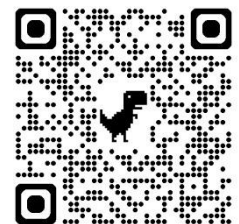
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**Help us ensure that future wildlife laws are fair, balanced, and informed by real experience - not by pressure from groups seeking to restrict or ban bird keeping.**

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**Add your voice.**

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