

Media Release

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ACTION PLAN TO CONSERVE VICTORIA'S WILDLIFE

The Andrews Labor Government is managing the impacts of wildlife on Victorians and protecting and conserving our unique biodiversity.

The *Living with Wildlife Action Plan* aims to safeguard the conservation and protection of wildlife populations and wildlife welfare, and ensure the management of wildlife impacts is effective, sustainable and backed by science.

Victoria's native wildlife are a unique and valued part of our environment. It is critical they are managed in a way that ensures sustainable populations while protecting human health and safety, biodiversity, property and livelihoods.

The plan addresses community concerns relating to wildlife management issues, including wildlife becoming displaced or land-locked due to development and impacts of overabundant wildlife on biodiversity.

Victorians play an important role in conserving and caring for our wildlife, whether it be living alongside wildlife that live on or visit their property, or when they encounter wildlife in need of help.

The plan includes reviewing the Authority to Control Wildlife System (ATCW) to ensure control methods are working effectively for land owners and the environment. Consultation on the ATCW review will start shortly.

For more information about the plan go to wildlife.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"This is about better managing our wildlife to ensure their safety and wellbeing, as well as protecting Victoria's unique biodiversity."

"Native wildlife are a unique and precious – and it's important that Victorians get involved in conserving and caring for our wildlife."