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Hi I am writing to you to voice my concerns that the legislation in the National Parks & Wildlife Act Sect 54 needs a comprehensive update. It is using incorrect terminology & thinking around the protection of venomous snakes.

It is very outdated in terms of protection of Venomous snakes & still heavily favors allowing people to indiscriminately kill the native animals & hide behind the “Fear Factor or “ it was about to attack” to avoid prosecution. Currently many escape prosecution for willing acts of cruelty & unnecessary killing of snakes because of generational fear or disregard for these non furry native animals.

These animals are an integral part of our environment & must be provided the protection that our furry friends receive!

With the ability to have a snake Catcher such as my self provide a service to safely remove them from harm & return safely to the wild negates the reason to kill them.

I unfortunately recently witness an unnecessary cruel act & have reported both to RSPCA & DEW for further investigation. It was also brought to the attention of the Environment Minister.

Pete Best