



Urgent - Wildlife protection Deddington

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Good morning,

I write to ask Council to urgently consider signage ("slow down dusk to dawn" type of thing), and ideally, funding for animal safe fencing and crossings (Wombats will readily use under road culverts to cross) along Deddington Road, between Blessington Rd and Deddington.

Reduced speed limits Dusk to Dawn would also help dramatically to alert 'reasonable' drivers to bloody-well slow down at night.

The attached photo is of a young female Barenosed Wombat killed last night 100m down from our farm gate. Whoever it was did not stop. I happened to find her this morning at 7.30 still laying in the middle of the road where she died ... Heart breaking. She is by my count the 22nd Wombat we have found dead along this section of road in just the last 18 months.

We have lived here for 16 years. The decline in Wombat numbers due to road trauma over those years is obvious, and, if nothing is done soon, populations in this area will soon cease to exist. It is particularly important to protect this local population as best we can as we have not yet seen any evidence of Sarcoptic mange.

My wife and I have been involved in raising (and soft release) of orphaned natives for many years, we are in the process of readying an orphaned male Wombat (raised from 'pinky' to adulthood) for soft release in his home range, however, we agonise over his release here for fear he too will become a road statistic.

After 2.5 years of careful care, we cannot in good conscience prepare a territorial release sight in this area (bush at the back of our property) whilst this ongoing carnage is occurring. We are instead considering enrolling him with Androo Kelly (Trowunna sanctuary) to assist with their breeding programs.

We understand that there are many demands on Councils, and that there are many problems in this day and age to address, but we must not lose sight of our native fauna and the very serious decline occurring in this beautiful part of our natural ecosystems.

I note the road side slasher is out here cutting the road sides ... This is a critical part of giving animals and drivers visibility of each other in time to avoid unnecessary road trauma. Please ensure the road verges out here are slashed regularly and kept low.

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I would be happy to welcome councillors and/or others State and Federal here to show and explain the problems and discuss the possible (and cost effective) remedies.

Yours in anticipation

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WILDLIFE DUSK TO DAWN SIGN (CUSTOM SIZE)



1350mm

600mm

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