

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 19 November 2013

## Game Animal Council Bill

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### *Proposed amendments*

Hon Dr Nick Smith, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Clause 4(1)*

In *clause 4(1)*, definition of **game animal**, replace *paragraphs (b) and (c)* (lines 19 to 23 on page 4) with:

- (b) includes the whole or any part of the carcass of the animal

#### *Clause 7*

After *clause 7(1)(c)* (after line 8 on page 7), insert:

- (ca) to advise private landowners on hunting:
- (cb) to develop, on its own initiative or at the direction of the Minister, voluntary codes of practice for hunting:

In *clause 7(1)(e)*, replace “recreational hunting organisations” (lines 10 and 11 on page 7) with “hunting organisations”.

After *clause 7(1)(g)* (after line 24 on page 7), insert:

- (ga) to operate voluntary certification schemes for professional hunting guides and game estates:
- (gb) to promote minimum standards and codes of conduct for certified hunting guides and game estates:
- (gc) to investigate complaints and take disciplinary action in relation to certified hunting guides and game estates:

#### *Clause 16*

In *clause 16(1)(a)(ii)*, replace “managed for recreational hunting purposes” (lines 23 and 24 on page 12) with “managed for hunting purposes”.

In *clause 16(1)(a)(iii)*, replace “management of the animals for recreational hunting purposes” (lines 25 and 26 on page 12) with “management of the animals for hunting purposes”.

In *clause 16(2)*, replace “managed for recreational hunting purposes” (line 3 on page 13) with “managed for hunting purposes”.

In *clause 16(3)(e)*, replace “managing the animals for recreational hunting purposes” (lines 20 and 21 on page 13) with “managing the animals for hunting purposes”.

*New subpart 5 of Part 1*

After *clause 26* (after line 24 on page 19), insert:

#### Subpart 5—Codes of practice for hunting

##### **26A Compliance with codes of practice condition of concession, permit, or authorisation**

Compliance with codes of practice made by regulations under this Act is a condition of every existing or new—

- (a) concession granted under section 22 of the Wild Animal Control Act;
- (b) hunting permit issued under section 38 of the Conservation Act 1987;
- (c) authorisation to hunt given under—
  - (i) this Act;
  - (ii) section 50 of the Reserves Act 1977;
  - (iii) section 8 of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977.

##### **26B Code of practice for aerial hunting**

- (1) The Council must, by 15 December 2014,—
  - (a) develop an initial code of practice for aerially assisted trophy hunting that addresses the following:
    - (i) hunting and shooting from helicopters; and
    - (ii) hazing of animals during aerially assisted trophy hunting; and
    - (iii) herding of animals for the purpose of aerially assisted trophy hunting; and
    - (iv) any other matter the Council considers appropriate; and
  - (b) present a copy of the code to the Minister.
- (2) In this section, **hazing**, in relation to an animal, includes persecuting, harassing, molesting or mistreating that animal.

*Clause 33*

After *clause 33(1)(b)* (after line 13 on page 23), insert:

- (ba) prescribing codes of practice for hunting game animals for the purpose of **section 26A**;
- (bb) prescribing requirements for voluntary certification schemes for professional hunting guides and game estates:

After *clause 33(2)* (after line 20 on page 23), insert:

- (3) Regulations may be made under **subsection (1)(ba)** only on the recommendation of the Minister, given after —
  - (a) the Minister is satisfied that the code will be consistent with—
    - (i) the purposes of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977; and
    - (ii) the overriding considerations; and
  - (b) the Minister has had regard to—
    - (i) the likely effects of the code on hunting generally or on any group of hunters or any hunting sector specifically; and
    - (ii) New Zealand’s reputation as a hunting destination for international tourists.
- (4) Regulations under **subsection (1)(bb)** may, in relation to certified persons, prescribe—
  - (a) minimum standards:
  - (b) codes of conduct:
  - (c) complaints and disciplinary processes.

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### Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper—

- amends the definition of **game animal** so as to include chamois, deer, tahr, and wild pig that are kept in captivity pursuant to section 12 or 12A of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977:
- increases the functions of the Game Animal Council to include, in relation to game animals,—
  - advice to private landowners on hunting:
  - development of voluntary codes of practice for hunting:
  - operation of voluntary certification schemes for professional hunting guide and game estates:
  - promotion of minimum standards and codes of conduct for professional hunting guides and game estates:
- replaces references in the Bill to “recreational hunting” with references to “hunting”:
- makes compliance with codes of practice that are prescribed in regulations a condition of concessions, permits, and authorisation to hunt game animals.

### Departmental disclosure statement

The Department of Conservation is required to prepare a disclosure statement to assist with the scrutiny of this Supplementary Order Paper. It provides access

to information about any material policy changes to the Bill and identifies any new significant or unusual legislative features of the Bill as amended.

A copy of the statement can be found at <http://legislation.govt.nz/disclosure.aspx?type=sop&subtype=government&year=2013&no=395&>.

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