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re: DCCEEW Proposal to Remove Unassessed Parrots from the Live Import List.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the [Proposal to delete unassessed psittacines from the Live Import List - DCCEEW](#).

WHA acknowledges the department's recognition of unassessed risks for the importation of live parrots, including those relating to disease. WHA considers the recommendation to remove the listed species from the live import list as appropriate risk mitigation step, until further assessment can be undertaken. This aligns with WHA's 2020 submission [2020 submission](#) to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment on the Draft [Import Risk Review for Psittacine Birds from all Countries](#), where we noted the need for a greater emphasis on consequences to endangered species and further consultation with ecologists to strengthen the risk assessment process.

If DAFF were to allow imports, then further assessment of specific risks posed by individual species, including threats from infectious diseases, should be further assessed prior to import, in alignment with international guidance for species imports and translocations.

The risk landscape for importation of animals can change rapidly. We would encourage regular reassessment of the species on the live import list and recommend that a review date is nominated as part of each risk assessment process.

Thank you,

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