



#SnipRingsforWildlife: a new Parliamentary Petition is launched

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Each year, thousands of native wildlife become entangled, obtain significant injuries, and often die horrific deaths from ring-shaped items such as plastic rings, rubber bands, hair ties, the loops of facemasks, and dome-shaped plastic lids. #SnipRingsforWildlife aims to raise awareness and encourage individuals to protect Australia's wildlife by cutting through ring-shaped items before disposing of them.

The **President of the Australian Wildlife Society, Doctor Julie Old**, said "Despite contacting numerous manufacturers, informing them of the danger that ring-shaped items pose to native wildlife, and encouraging them to improve their products, the issue persists. Jars, bottles, and tetra packs now come with a recycled plastic ring that snaps apart from the lid upon opening or a peel-off seal under the cap."

A new [online petition](#) has been launched calling on the New South Wales Parliament to urgently take action to prevent native wildlife from becoming entangled in ring-shaped items and dying preventable deaths. We need as many New South Wales residents as possible to sign the petition that asks the New South Wales Legislative Assembly to: 1. Implement a ban on ring-shaped items to protect native wildlife from the risk of entanglement and death, 2. Encourage companies to change their products to a more wildlife-friendly option (e.g., from plastic rings to a peel-off seal under the cap), and 3. Encourage the community to snip through ring-shaped items before disposing of them.

If we can reach 20,000 signatures by mid-September, it will trigger a debate in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly, and politicians will be forced to openly declare whether they will or will not protect native wildlife from the risk of entanglement from ring-shaped items. Can we count on your support to help us reach 20,000 signatures?



The Australian Wildlife Society, formed in 1909, is a national not-for-profit wildlife conservation organisation. Our mission is to conserve Australia's Wildlife (flora and fauna) through national environmental education, public awareness, advocacy, and community involvement.

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