

A WOMBAT'S RUMP

DID YOU KNOW... the rump of the wombat is made of cartilage covered by a very tough, thick skin? This makes it nearly impossible for a predator to bite it from behind. So, if threatened, it runs to its burrow and uses its tough cartilage-filled bum to block the hole.

With its butt blocking the entrance and the rest of its body safely inside the burrow, the wombat just waits out the attack.

This amazing rear is unique in the animal world (zoologists call it a 'dermal shield'). The wombat is also capable of crushing attackers against the roof of the burrow using this exceptional defence.

