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Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing to you as an active hunter from Western Australia. The benefits from hunting for me are numerous from getting exercise in the bush, healthy eating and a life style. Benefits are then passed on to the community that we are in the of monies spent in these area when out hunting. It is very frustrating that we as a community cannot partake in this activity in the vast WA bush. This is not limited to gun owners, participate in gun hunting and also bow hunting.

WA is the largest state in Australia and has vast areas of land that would support community/public based hunting. The benefits would be felt by the state in the forms management of feral species by volunteers, reduced government spending on feral and even revenue from hunting licenses.

I have previously traveled interstate and paid to go hunting for feral and seasonal species on public land. This was a great experience and was very rewarding for my friends and I. The area was frequented by many hunters and safety was of the highest priority. At no stage did we feel threatened or concerned for the hunting party.

With reasonable regulation this could be a very productive and enriching experience for the community and environment.

I say reasonable regulation because that is something not currently experienced from the licensed WA gun owning population when it comes to gun license additions or importing new rifles. Although that is not part of this term of reference.

Yours sincerely

David Cotter