

Public Administration Committee

From: Gaye Reeves
Sent: Friday, 21 March 2014 4:39 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: No to shooting animals in WA

Dear Ms Mesiti,

Dear Mr Mesiti RE "Recreational Shooting proposal in WA".

I would like to make my views known to the Committee holding an inquiry into allowing recreational shooting in Western Australia.

As a WA resident and VOTER , I am strongly opposed to recreational hunting of any animals, introduced or otherwise.

I am opposed to it because killing animals for fun does not reflect the values of our community in 2014. It is simply BARBARIC to kill an animal for "Sport".

"Recreational" shooting, which is a BARBARIC tern of phrase, will lead to unacceptable animal suffering. It is not feasible to effectively police amateur shooters, and so there are no guarantees that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured. Wildlife and other animals will also be put at greater risk of injury and death by this plan.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community. Shooting endangers public safety, especially because of the difficulty in policing shooting practices and enforcing laws in often remote areas.

Finally, I don't support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's not backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence. Most importantly, there are other, more humane and effective solutions available to address this issue. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, not by amateur shooters.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, without ever wanting to shoot animals. Please don't put people and animals unnecessarily at risk for this unpopular plan.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Gaye Reeves