

Public Administration Committee

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RE: Inquiry in to Recreational Hunting on WA Lands

Dear Ms Mesiti

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

As a WA resident, I am strongly in favour of the recreational hunting of all introduced animals (non native species).

I am in favour of recreational hunting as a cost effective control method as this will reduce the population numbers and the ongoing environmental damage caused by these introduced species. Taking game for the table is still highly valued as a productive use of a readily available resource, no different to fishing or other recreational pursuits aimed towards being more self sufficient. Hunting whether it is simply to control pests or provide food has been a part of ours and many other cultures since their establishment, it is not only accepted but still heavily relied upon in some areas.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting/hunting may also generate funds to assist in the repopulation of native flora and fauna species in the affected areas when these areas become void of the targeted introduced species.

I believe that WA public lands will be kept safe for all members of the community as responsible shooting has been proven to be an effective management tool in other Australian States and is done safely under strict guidelines ensuring public safety.

Finally, I support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence when used in conjunction to other control methods. More importantly trained conservation volunteer shooters are a cost effective resource who provide their time, equipment, ammunition and resources without charge thus freeing up much needed funds that can be used elsewhere.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, there are hundreds of thousands who regularly fish and hunt So please allow this cost effective and result driven proposal to succeed

Thank you for considering my submission.

Kind regards