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To the Public Administration Committee,

I wish to express my concerns regarding the possible extension of recreational hunters into the State Forrest areas.

Our farm is surrounded on three sides by State Forrest, and we have an extensive feral animal problem, pigs and foxes are in plentiful supply, even roo's and emu's are destroying many fences by their invasion onto private property.

It is not uncommon to find numerous unlicensed people wandering around in 4 wheel drives both day and night with up to four pig dogs on the back of the utility. These people have no difficulty entering private property uninvited for a look around, often not only for feral animals but a quick look into sheds and dams is common.

The law seems powerless to control the activities of these feral people. These are the very same people who have in the past released pigs into fresh areas in order that they can go hunting later. Often these pigs are not killed but released for further amusement.

The government could do much more to assist with the extermination of these pests by supporting grower groups who are already working to save their lively hoods in difficult circumstances, against these feral invaders. More aerial baiting for both foxes and pigs would be a very good start.

I will email this and fax a signed copy.

Regards

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