

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** David Brougham  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 March 2014 8:44 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Allowing public lands for hunting

Dear Ms Mesiti,

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, I am strongly support recreational hunting of any animals, introduced or otherwise.

I am support it because hunting of introduced animals has been a right for 200 years for food and protection of crops and property.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to the protection of native species and if allowed will teach future generations of young Australians that this country has some of the most diverse and unusual species of small mammals and bird life in the world.

This needs to be protected and the allowance of recreational shooting is a cost effective way of doing this.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community so if closed seasons were introduced that allow shooters to enter without the fear of tourists being in the wrong place at the wrong time then liabilities will fall upon the people who are ignoring the season timetable.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and should be able to do so in a safe environment where they can see native animals at there rightful glory without an introduced species killing it or destroying its habitat

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

David Brougham