

Public Administration Committee

From: Christopher Warwick Brown
Sent: Wednesday, 26 March 2014 9:20 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Shooting in WA National parks

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I have been a recreational and competitive target rifle marksman for nearly 40 years. When involved in hunting or more rightly named "feral vermin control" i have never wounded animals and left them to die alone. i was taught at a very young age that accurate shooting is important when culling. i have been involved in fox and feral cat culling on the Nullabour for 2 decades. The damage these two introduced species have done to the Australian fauna is irreversible. The SSAA test shooters accuracy prior to giving out a license in other states. I have never met anyone who shoots an animal (even feral) just to watch it die. There should always be a reason. The reason for this proposal is to keep WA as pristine as possible and help to keep what native mammals we have left in their natural environment without introduced meat eating killers like foxes & feral cats. There should be a limit to the number of licenses available and the firearm calibre should also be looked at prior to licensing.

Kind regards
Warwick Brown

Sincerely,

Christopher Warwick Brown