

Public Administration Committee

From: Tim Chester
Sent: Sunday, 23 March 2014 9:34 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Yes to hunting feral and introduced species

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 in favour to recreational hunting of any animals, introduced or otherwise.

I am not opposed to it because culling these species reflects the values of our enviromental concerns in 2014.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to an effective way to control these enviromental destroying vermins. It is feasible to effectively police amateur shooters, by having practical licencing tests so there are guarantees that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured. Wildlife and other animals will flourish back to previous numbers by controlling these species that have been their predators over the years by this plan.

I also believe that WA public lands will still be kept safe for all members of the community. Shooting will not endanger public safety, especially because of the strict guidelines that will be put in place for policing shooting practices and enforcing laws in often remote areas.

Finally, I support recreational shooting as a type of 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence not only here in other states in Australia but in other countries all over the world. Most importantly, the other more less humane and ineffective solutions available to address this issue like poisoning etc. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it can be done effectively and humanely, by amateur shooters.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, and under this plan we can control the feral species and enjoy our natural wildlife as it will breed without predator anymore.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Tim Chester