

Public Administration Committee

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Sent: Sunday, 23 March 2014 1:40 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Hunting on Public Lands

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 agree to recreational hunting of any animals, introduced or otherwise.

I agree to it because harvesting animals for food and recreation reflects the values of a large proportion of our community community in 2014.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to more acceptable feral animal populations. suf It is entirely feasible to effectively police responsible amateur shooters, and so there are guarantees animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured,proper training should be a prerequisite. Wildlife and other animals will then not put at risk risk of injury and death by this plan.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept open for all members of the community.

Finally, I support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence. Most importantly, there are other, effective solutions available that go hand in hand with hunting to address this issue. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it can be done professionally and humanely, by accredited amateur shooters.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, and hunting to put food on the table.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

mike mazza