

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Eric Buehrig  
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**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Yes to 'recreational' shooting in Western Australia

As a WA resident, I strongly support recreational hunting of animals, particularly introduced or overpopulated species.

I support it because terminating over populated, and introduced animals reflect the values we need for sustainability in our delicate ecosystem in 2014. Feral dogs, cats, pigs and foxes cause more destruction to natural habitat and native wildlife every year, as this proposal is held off.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to much more acceptable native animal welfare. Wildlife will be much better off by this plan.

I also believe that WA public lands should be used by all members of the community. Licenced shooters are safe and considerate to others. Shooting, often in remote areas, where no one is at risk, should be promoted.

Finally, I support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It is backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence (i.e. Vermin are terminated). Most importantly, there is no other, more humane and effective solutions available to address this issue. Population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done by shooters. We need members of the public to get involved.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature. Please allow us to participate in this popular plan.

Thank you for considering my submission.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Regards,

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