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Submission to the,

Inquiry into Recreational Hunting on Public Lands.

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I strongly support the introduction of controlled, safe hunting as a legitimate form of feral animal control and recreation for hunters in Western Australia.

Recreational hunting would contribute to the state economy at no cost to tax payers & assist government departments tasked with controlling pest animals in our forests. Local communities will also benefit from money spent by hunters.

It is my firm belief that a strong, safety focused, recreational hunter licensing system, would contribute immensely to a culture of safer firearm practices within the existing Western Australian firearm owners' community. Also proficiency based training would facilitate a more humane despatch of feral pest animals, than the use of poisons or other indiscriminate forms of feral animal control.

The current use of professional shooters is of some benefit however costly & wasteful as the carcass is usually discarded, where some animals could be used by hunters as game meat. Recreational hunters will also compliment the professional hunters, with the added benefit of covering larger areas due to the vastness of our state forest holdings & also benefit the environment

Regards

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