

Public Administration Committee

From: Jodie Parry
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2014 7:16 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: URGENT: Protect animals in WA from 'recreational' shooting

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I believe the State Government is considering a scheme to legalise the shooting of introduced species for 'recreation'.

As a resident of WA, I'm writing to let you know that I'm very strongly opposed to this idea and hence shooting any animals as a sport, introduced or otherwise..

I do not feel comfortable living in a community that would condone such behaviour and would expect that we as adults stand for protecting and looking after animals rather than killing them.

As parents of a young child we are teaching our son how to respect and protect animals and how they feel pain like we do, so it's important to be gentle and respectful of life.

I would also be extremely concerned about people abusing the system and leaving animals to die in suffering. I just can't believe this is even being considered in 2014.

In summary, I don't support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. There are other, more humane and effective solutions available to address this issue. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, not by amateur shooters.

Thank you for considering my submission and please let's move forward in modelling a safe environment for humans and animals.

Sincerely,

Jodie Parry