

Public Administration Committee

From: Lewis Knight
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2014 6:41 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: YES to recreational hunting in WA

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 in favour of recreational hunting of pest animals.

I am in favour of it because I am a lover of nature and a staunch supporter of our NATIVE animals.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will not lead to unacceptable animal suffering as some might have you believe.

Most hunters have MUCH more empathy than the average bleeding heart would have you believe.

They bleat on about animal suffering, and claim it's cruel to kill a rabbit as it's "peacefully eating grass", ask yourself this, what happens in the final 48 hours of the life of a cow/sheep/pig?

I'll tell you what, starvation (for purging) a long cramped ride in a truck, crowded into yards within earshot of, and close enough to smell the deaths of their herd mates.

Who knows what the last 48 hours of a rabbit's life is like? We don't see it, we only see the last few seconds, happily eating grass, suddenly dead, no panic, no pain, no suffering, no knowing something bad is going to happen, just lights out.

People will try to tell you hunting will endanger public safety because hunters and bushwalkers will be in the same areas.

GARBAGE!

Hunters do not want to be anywhere near noisy bushwalkers, picnickers, 4wders etc.

Hunters want to be miles away from them, because they are noisy and frighten the animals.

There is plenty of evidence that hunting provides an effective mechanism for controlling feral animals. Have a look into the very successful "red card for red fox" program.

Hunting is a safe, enjoyable family pursuit, that can go a long way to teaching children to understand and appreciate nature and all that it can provide.

My own children (3 girls, one a vegan) love going hunting, they love the outdoors and all of their friends are lining up to come with us on school holidays.

Kids who hunt and fish don't deal and steal, my kids are outside, enjoying the great outdoors, not inside living on social media and computer games.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Lewis Knight

Sincerely,

Lewis Knight