

Public Administration Committee

From: David Briggs
Sent: Sunday, 23 March 2014 10:19 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Hunting in State forests

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 in favour of recreational hunting of any animals, introduced or otherwise.

It is feasible to effectively police amateur shooters, and I believe that hunters in WA can guarantee that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured. Wildlife and other animals will not be put at greater risk of injury and death by this plan.

I also believe that WA public lands should allow shooting as shooting does not endanger public safety, especially because the Victorian and NSW models have shown that feral animals are controlled well and at little or no cost to the Public.

Finally, I do support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It is backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature and I feel would like to see feral animals controlled more effectively on Public lands and shooting by skilled and trained amateur hunters could achieve this

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

David Briggs