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Submission to the,

Inquiry into Recreational Hunting on Public Lands.

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I would like to make my views known to the Committee holding an inquiry into allowing recreational hunting in Western Australian state forests.

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

I believe that recreational hunting would contribute greatly to the states regional economy with the no cost to tax payer assistance to government departments, tasked with controlling pest animals in our forests, local communities will also benefit from moneys spent by hunters.

It is my firm belief that a strong, safety focused, recreational hunters licensing system, would contribute immensely to a culture of safer fire arms practices within the existing Western Australian fire arms 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 animal control.

I believe 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. Also recreational hunters will compliment the use of professional hunters, with the added benefit of covering larger areas due to the vastness of our state forest holdings.

Yours Faithfully

Mark Antonio Mazza.

