

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Richard Adams ·  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 March 2014 6:39 AM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Reduce feral animals in our state forrests

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 for recreational hunting of introduced animals, pests that are competing with the existance and survival of our native animals

Killing animals for fun is not what recriational shooters are about, we simply want to reduce / control the numbers of vermin in our state forrests. In other states such Victoria sporting shooters and recriational shooters have been allowed in state forrests and have contributed greatly to the control of feral animals. At the same time recriational shooting injects funds / revinue into the state forrest protection programs with shooter paying for hunting licences etc.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will reduce native animal suffering from feral animals such as foxes and feral cats that prey on our fragile native animals.

At present baiting and poisoning feral animals unfortanaty does not just target the pest but also harms our native animals. Shooting feral animals is the most effective way of destroying fast and effectivly without a lingering death otherwise caused from baiting.

As an active member of a shooting program in WA I / we as shooter take pride in killing feral animals with a single well placed shot so that the animal dies instantly and with out pain. All other shooters I have delt with also have very strong feelings to prevent animal suffering at all costs.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community. Shooting in public lands and state forrests has co existed in many other states for decades and is a safe sport and an effective way of controlling feral animals at the same time.

Finally, I do support recreational shooting as a possitive 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by the results of other states were recriational shooting has been adopted. Population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, with the assistance of recriational shooters..

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Richard Adams