

Public Administration Committee

From: Stephen Barrett
Sent: Wednesday, 26 March 2014 3:35 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: yes to shooting animals in WA

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I would like to say that shooting of feral animals is a very good thing for the environment. Feral animals come in three categories. The competitors such as goats that compete with natives for grazing. The predators such as foxes that hunt and kill native animals. The vandals such as pigs that damage and destroy the environment. Pigs do this by their wallowing which they must to to control their body temperature.

Shooting is the most humane way of dealing with all these threats. An animal is literally in its life doing the things it does when its life is suddenly ended. There is no extended suffering, merely a sudden end. Every wild animal understands that its life is at constant risk from predators and the environment. That is life as a wild animal, to be taken quickly and cleanly by a hunter is completely natural.

Sincerely,

Stephen Barrett