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To: [Public Administration Committee](#)
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Hello Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission. I have shot feral species over many years in the UK and Western Australia, mostly on private land because the farmers/ station managers know what a damaging effect feral species have on predated livestock, limited water supplies and lost crops; not to mention the competition for scarce resources between the pests and native flora and fauna. I am advocating for the current donut approach, where a local land owner clears pests in their own area, but has to do so constantly because there is no management of the land around it and so pests simply re-invade the “empty” pest territory. Nature abhors a vacuum and the movement of pests is no exception. This approach has absolutely no chance of clearing pests from WA – only clearing them from pockets of land while the rest of the State is ravaged.

I am a safe and reliable shooter who trains new members at our shooting club where safety is paramount. You have access to thousands of enthusiastic citizens who would relish the opportunity to volunteer for what is effectively community service at their own (considerable in some cases) expense for the pleasure of hunting and interacting positively with the environment.

I sincerely hope that a sensible discussion can take place that reunites the licensed firearm users of WA with the problem of feral pests so that shooters can be part of the answer/ solution and not excluded.

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