

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Gary Traine  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 March 2014 7:43 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Yes to shooting animals in WA

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 feral animals, introduced or otherwise.

I am in favour of it because killing animals that have become feral and are endangering native species; as well as habitat competition; makes sense in our modern sustainable world.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to a reduction of native animal suffering. It is feasible to effectively police amateur shooters, and so there are guarantees that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured. Wildlife and other animals will also be put at less risk of injury and death by this plan as the hunters are not indiscriminate killers and actually target those species doing the most harm.

I believe that WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community. Eradication of dangerous feral animals ensures public safety.

Finally, I do support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, by amateur shooters.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, without ever wanting to shoot animals. Those that do are in the perfect situation to eradicate dangerous feral animals with minimal cost to the public .

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Gary Traine