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Re: Inquiry Into Recreational Hunting on Public Lands.

To: Lauren Mesiti  
Committee Clerk  
Public Administration Committee  
Legislative Council



Hunting in Public Land and Forests is permitted in most countries of the world for introduced as well as native species and hunters contribute both financially and also environmentally whilst pursuing their chosen activity.

It is a fact that all hunters want to preserve their chosen activity and ensure sustainable hunting rather than exterminate everything and as a result are more into conservation than your "Armchair Greenies" who are totally against hunting as a chosen activity. It is also one of the best ways possible to obtain organic free range meat. I understand the majority of people choose to obtain their meat direct from a supermarket freezer with no regard how it got there, I have nothing against that, but I have to ask, why do they discriminate against me because I choose to harvest my own?

Here in Western Australia, we have the opportunity to help control the numerous species of feral animals that have been brought to this country whilst contributing to our economy.

Oblivious to the authorities, illegal hunters are currently accessing public lands anyway shooting feral as well as native animals without anyone being aware of their presence. With a permit system, not only will revenue be generated, but also authorities will be able to manage what areas hunters can and can't access and what species can be targeted and removing the need to hunt illegally. They could introduce a permit system so hunters could perhaps take kangaroo or emu for consumption without fear of prosecution rather than just shoot them and let them rot on the ground in areas where they are in pest numbers. On top of that, it removes the need for Government funded culling programs to control pests.

The general public is already accessing areas of forest legally and illegally for recreational use such as 4w driving, motorbikes, camping etc.

This programme must go ahead as it has a positive outlook both environmentally as well as recreationally.

Thank you for looking into this matter with some positive consideration as it is very important to have some positive changes take place in this great state of ours.

Kind Regards

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