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Lauren Mesiti,
Committee Clerk,
Standing Committee on Public Administration
Legislative Council, Parliament House,
Perth WA 6000

RE: Inquiry in to Recreational Hunting on WA Lands

Dear Ms Mesiti

I am writing to add my views to the debate being considered by the Committee holding an inquiry into allowing recreational hunting on public lands in Western Australia.

Allowing recreational hunters into these areas will help eradicate unwanted species and the associated destruction that they cause to native animals and habitat. It will also be of major cost benefit to the government coffers as hunters will take on the cost of the eradication of targeted species.

There could also be scope to commercialise access to WA lands by opening up areas to hunters pursuing game species as well as feral or introduced animals.

I am a licenced gun owner, a WA resident, a keen recreational hunter and a member of two hunting organisations that are principally driven by the desire to eradicate introduced and feral species.

Hunting has been proven to be an effective and safe form of controlling species within Australia, as well as very commonly overseas and therefore encourage the Committee recommend the opening up of WA lands to recreational hunters.

Yours faithfully

Robin O'Neill