

Public Administration Committee

From: Agatha Prior
Sent: Wednesday, 26 March 2014 9:05 AM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Recreational Shooting in WA

Dear Ms Mesiti,

Good Morning Laura,

I would like to put forward my views on recreational shooting in WA for the purpose of eradicating vermin & introduced species.

I completely agree with the move forward & think that it is a great idea.

If we legalise the shooting of introduced species (vermin) in WA one would hope that this would greatly improve the survival rate of our NATIVE species, which I believe to be more important than the vermin that have been introduced on this land.

As a gun owner & recreational shooter I find it offensive that Animals Australia have written an article & made statements such as; "Stalked, shot and often left wounded to die alone and in pain. This is the reality for victims of hunting for 'sport'."

" Recreational shooting also places wildlife and other animals in the firing line " and presents a danger to the safety of people using public lands."

I believe people who are out there using their firearms for the purpose of vermin eradication on private lands are well aware of the difference between a fox & a bandicoot for example.

We don't just go out there with a gun & a box of bullets and shoot at anything that moves! We have safety rules in place so that people & animals alike are in no way put in the line of fire.

Sincerely,

Agatha Prior