

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Matthew Boots  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 March 2014 9:30 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** URGENT:Do not protect animals in WA from 'recreational' shooting

Dear Ms Mesiti,

Well I'm sorry to say that I am in full support of hunting said animals. I'm afraid, that as usual, these people have got it all wrong and I must protest their position.

Their claim: "This is the reality for victims of hunting for 'sport'. And right now, animals including deer, rabbits, wild pigs, goats and foxes are at risk in Western Australia because the state government is considering a scheme to legalise the shooting of introduced species for 'recreation'".

Deer, wild Rabbits, wild Pigs, Goats & Foxes are pests in Australia.

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

No shooter, recreation or otherwise, that is affiliated with the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia would ever place anyone else in danger. We are taught at a very young age that you never fire a shot unless you know where the projectile (bullet) will end up, therefore if we aim at a fox, we hit a fox and nothing else.

"Stalked, shot and often left wounded to die alone and in pain. This is the reality for victims of hunting for 'sport'". We eat everything we shoot or everything we shoot is a pest. We do not ever leave an animal wounded and dying, they are shot and killed as humanely as is possible. If we wound an animal; then we will spend the rest of our time there if necessary to make sure it is dead. We will never leave an animal in pain, EVER!

The poison '1080' is used widely in Australia and is slower and more painful a death than one of our bullets.

Rabbits are a pest problem in Australia, Foxes are also a pest problem, I have personally seen what a Fox does to a Lamb in Lambing season and it is definitely not 'humane' as they would put it.

We kill Cattle and other animals for food by electrocution and that is even slower than a bullet so I have to question where these people get their motives and information from because it certainly isn't education.

Do myself and everyone else a favour and stop these idiots having a say about anything.

I'm happy to respond to any retorts that these or any other people have and am happy for you to contact me, however, I ask that you do it at a reasonable hour as I work at a Children's Hospital as an Anaesthesia Technologist and am an active member of the State Emergency Service and SSAA(WA).

Sincerely,

Matthew Boots