

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Barbara Mills  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 March 2014 12:19 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Hunting in State Forests

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 in this State.

I am in favour of it because killing feral animals by barbaric methods such as traps and poison leads to a slow lingering, painful death - often the death is starvation caused by the side effects of such methods.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to feral animals being killed quickly and humanely. All recreational shooters who wish to pursue this form of hunting should be trained by a reputable organization such as the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia.

Currently it is not feasible to effectively guarantee that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured by Wildlife and conservationists who opt for traps and poisons.

Feral or introduced species of animals do huge amounts of damage to our native fauna and flora including spreading diseases and decimating native animal populations and their habitat.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept safe and pristine for all members of the community.

Finally, I support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It is backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence and current practises.

Most importantly, there are very few, more humane and effective solutions available to address this issue. Population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, by licensed recreational shooters.

Most Western Australian recreational hunters enjoy the outdoors and nature, and believe in conservation and land management.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Regards  
Barbara Mills

Sincerely,

Barbara Mills