

Public Administration Committee

From: Robert Fraser
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2014 6:01 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: No to shooting animals in WA

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I wish to make my views known to the Committee holding an inquiry into allowing so-called recreational shooting in Western Australia.

I am opposed to recreational hunting of any animals, introduced or otherwise.

Killing animals for fun is an obscenity. There is no reason for it.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to animal suffering on an unacceptable level. Effectively policing amateur shooters is not possible or practical, and there are no guarantees that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured. Wildlife and other animals will also be put at greater risk of injury and death.

WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community. Shooting endangers public safety.

Shooting is not a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's not backed up as effective by scientific evidence. Most importantly, there are other, more humane solutions available to address this issue.

If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, not by amateur shooters.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, without ever wanting to shoot animals. Please don't put people and animals unnecessarily at risk for this unpopular plan.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Robert Fraser