

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Kingsley Highet  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 March 2014 7:00 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** SUPPORT LETTER FOR VERMIN CONTROL MEASURES

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 supportive of recreational hunting of any animals, introduced or otherwise.

I am supportive of it because killing animals for environmental control supports our farmers in the reduction of vermin in our state.

Opening up WA to approved recreational shooting will lead to a significant improvement and environmental approach to this states, and other states environment.

It is feasible to effectively police amateur shooters, and so there are guarantees that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured.

I also believe that WA public lands should be included in the areas of access by recreational shooter from approved Sporting Shooters Clubs.

Finally, I do support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence in many other states of Australia. It is recognised that there are other, humane and effective solutions available to address this issue but at a significantly higher cost to our community. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, by approved and licensed recreational hunters and shooters.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, and would appreciate the benefits of approved hunting to control vermin in our environment.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Kingsley Highet