

Public Administration Committee

From: nesbit anderson
Sent: Tuesday, 25 March 2014 7:51 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Allow shooting of feral and pest animals in WA parks

Dear Ms Mesiti,

The allowance of recreational shooting for the control of feral and pest animals in Western Australian National Parks and State Reserves should be allowed. For many years these areas have been a safe haven from whence these animals can severely damage crops and stock and then retreat to breed and proliferate. Feral animals are responsible for the extinction of untold species of small NATIVE animals and their habitat. Save The Animals, the WWF, Greenpeace and many other Green organisations need to realise that without effective control (culling and eradication) our native wildlife will cease to exist. I am a Conservationist first and a hunter (not shooter, that is for the range) secondly. I attempt to maximise the use of the animals I shoot, whether for my consumption, skins or pet food and prefer not to shoot an animal if it can be avoided.

One only has to see the damage done to the bush, stock and infrastructure by feral animals throughout the State to realise the Government Departments need all the help they can get and a lot of people like me do it for free and do it well.

WE ARE NOT "SHOOT EM UP COWBOYS". In the majority we are extremely safe and responsible.

Sincerely,

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