

Public Administration Committee

From: Nicholas Reed
Sent: Sunday, 23 March 2014 9:43 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Recreational hunting in WA

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 strongly support recreational hunting of animals, introduced or otherwise in a managed strategy.

I support it because feral animals kill native populations and can if not managed carefully, feral and native populations can starve to death or die of thirst under certain conditions.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will not lead to unacceptable animal suffering. The potential of a brief moment of pain is far better than a slow death over a number of days resulting from poisoning and there is no chance of poisoning the food chain.

I believe that WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community. Shooting feral dogs can improve the safety of public land. If a qualification system is used, public access to lands for shooters will be safe.

The only difference between an amateur shooter and a professional is an ABN and an invoice. All our Olympic shooters are amateurs.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Reed