

Public Administration Committee

From: Siobhan Paget <
Sent: Friday, 21 March 2014 10:08 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Recreational Shooting

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I am writing today to express my opinion about the inquiry in recreational shooting in Western Australia.

As a young member of WA I am strongly against all form of hunting, introduced or otherwise, a life is a life. Killing animals for fun does not reflect my attitudes nor the attitudes of our modern society.

You are opening a pathway to yet more animal suffering which is unacceptable. There is no way to control standards and prevent the suffering, injury and prolonged deaths of innocent creatures, particularly when dealing with amateur hunters. Wildlife and other animals will also be put at greater risk of injury and death by this plan.

Safety of the public is also a huge concern. I don't believe we should be encouraging a violent firearm culture. Shooting endangers public safety, particularly in remote areas in which laws are hard to police and enforce.

Finally, recreational shooting is not a suitable solution for dealing with introduced species. Animals should not have to pay for our mistakes. There is no scientific evidence to back up this method, and there are more humane, effective and longterm solutions to the issue. If action is necessary I highly advice an alternate solution that is dealt with professionally and humanely.

Please don't change the positive relationship most West Australians have with nature, the outdoors and animals, or our stand on violent weapons as the norm in our modern culture.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Siobhan Paget