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Hunting on public lands

Terms of reference

That the Council -

- (a) acknowledges the use in other States of regulated, licensed recreation hunting systems and the potential environmental contribution made in controlling pest animals on public lands, together with the possible economic, cultural and recreational benefits to the community; and
- (b) directs that -
 - (i) the Public Administration Committee inquire into the benefits or otherwise of a similar system being adopted in Western Australia and report back to the House by 4 December 2014; and
 - (ii) Hon Rick Mazza be co-opted as a member to the Public Administration Committee for the purposes of the foregoing inquiry.

As a personal opinion

I personally would ask that the above should be considered for a number of reasons

- 1 the cost of vermin control not would be carried by the government
- 2 The organisation of the actual vermin control would not be the responsibility of the government
- 3 the environment (both flora and fauna) itself would be a benefactor with the increased removal of these introduced species
- 4 farmers would be also a benefactor ie less pressure on their pastures, stock and infrastructure such as fencing damages
- 5 there could also be feed back to the scientific community ie samples of tissue and blood to monitor potential diseases in feral species
- 6 and on a very personal note as a hunter i enjoy being in the bush and harvesting of game meats is just another positive aspect

I understand and positively endorse that all legal and safety aspects need to be considered

I hope my thoughts will be taken into positive consideration

Regards

