

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** William Dickson .....  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 March 2014 9:24 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** No to shooting animals 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 the recreational hunting of any introduced and feral animals.

I support this activity to protect natural Australian flora and fauna and prevent it's decimation by introduced species e.g. Camels, Goats, Donkeys. Dogs, Cats, etc. This is not the case of killing animals for fun but rather the use of sporting abilities and tools to protect the natural environment i.e. flora and fauna. In this age where approx 50 million feral pigs across Australia ravage the environment, we must take action to rectify the damage caused by our forbears introducing these animals. This matter can't be postponed, we must act in 2014.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to acceptable management of feral species and enhance the improved environmental circumstances for Australian flora and fauna.

SSAA shooters are certified, trained and tested to hunt, shoot and effectively exterminate feral animals.

Certified licensed shooters in WA are obliged by state rules, regulations and gun laws to shoot safely and protect the general public by basic and commonsense guide lines. Shooting feral animals on public land will not endanger public safety.

Finally, recreational shooting is the most economic and practical 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species.

Most Western Australians would be more than happy to see the eradication of the "Cane Toad" and if they truly understood the damage cause by all the other feral animals in Australia they would genuinely support their eradication by all means possible.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

William Dickson