

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Greg Jack  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 March 2014 4:54 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** I support shooting on public land.

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 feral animals by recreational shooters.

I believe hunting is a legitimate outdoor activity that offers wider benefits to the environment by reducing the impact of feral species.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will reduce the financial burden of pest control on the state of WA. Amateur shooter can assist with feral animal control on public lands at no cost to the tax payer and further benefit local regional communities through hunting tourism.

I support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. Feral species control is best done as a multiple method approach of which shooting is one method. This is supported by scientific evidence. Shooting is the most labour intensive but also the most humane and selective method available to address this issue. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done utilising the huge, untapped resource of sporting shooters. The state could not face each summer fire season and survive without the help of thousands of volunteer fire fighters. The same approach should be adopted for feral animal control.

Most sporting shooters enjoy the outdoors and nature and do so while conducting pest control by shooting. Please don't let emotive, unsubstantiated argument get in the way of this tried and tested plan.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Greg Jack