

Public Administration Committee

From: Keith Mills
Sent: Tuesday, 25 March 2014 4:13 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Hunting on Crown 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 am NOT opposed to recreational hunting of feral animals, introduced or otherwise.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will allow humane destruction of vermin and other feral pests. It is feasible to effectively police amateur shooters by means of accuracy testing and the introduction of a Shooters Licence which could very easily be run by the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia.

Wildlife and other animals will NOT be put at greater risk of injury and death by this plan

The current method of poisoning is inhuman and there is a guarantee that animals will suffer prolonged deaths. I have seen first hand the effects of 1080 poison, it is barbaric.

Controlled shooting does not endanger public safety. It is practised in all other States and territories without problem.

As population management of introduced species is necessary, it can and should be done professionally and humanely, by licenced accredited amateur shooters.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

Keith Mills

Sincerely,

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