From:

To: <u>Public Administration Committee</u>
Subject: Hunting on public lands

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 March 2014 9:31:01 AM

Hello. My name is Jack Rooney. I am a legal firearm owner and a recreational shooter. I was told to voice my thoughts here when I heard about the hunting systems inquiry.

First and foremost id like to say that I think western australias laws are much too restricting for the average man trying to do his bit by hunting ferals. The government/DEC should be taking advantage of citizens who enjoy hunting. Provided the person has done a competency test and are a SSAA member, they should be able to contact their local shire and get a permit to hunt for a certain date in a certain forest/crown land.

Another suggestion is re-introducing the bounty system on fox's, cats and dogs. I personally would take advantage of that system as often as I could. I also wish government departments would encourage farmers/land owners to get in touch with responsible hunters who would enjoy a weekend away and prove beneficial to both parties.

I would like to make one last suggestion and that is perhaps introducing a recreational kangaroo harvesting license. This could be enforced by not allowing more than one kangaroo carcass in a vehicle at any time.

Thank you for considering my comments.