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The Benefits

Regulated, licensed, recreational hunting on public lands within Western Australia

Environmental Benefits

A huge number of feral pests actually breed within the protection of forest covered public lands, travelling to easier hunting/grazing areas such as private agricultural land. Hunting only on private property limits the volume of vermin destroyed. Gaining access to areas of vermin refuge and breeding will greatly increase vermin destruction. The collective numbers of feral pests taken by eastern state recreational hunters on public land is enormous. The cost of employing professionals to remove these numbers would be prohibitive- it already costs tens of millions now. While perhaps never completely eradicating some pest species, it is a proven fact that recreational hunting on public land does contribute to the reduction of pests to more manageable levels.

Economic Benefits

Regulated licensed recreational hunting actually works very well all around the world, with license fees adding to government revenues. National parks etc. cost money to run and license fees can contribute to many other projects.

Hunters like all sports people spend money on their sport. More opportunities to hunt equates to more money spent. Equipment, clothing, footwear, travel to isolated locations, fuel, food in small country towns etc. Another proven fact- getting people out and about spending money is always better for the economy- especially smaller regional economies (where most hunters travel to).

Cultural

Hunting actually formed the basis for all successful culture right across the world, because although mankind transitioned to domesticated livestock and farming (accelerating cultural momentum), continuing successful outcomes throughout this transition were as a direct result of the traits and skills developed from hunting. Intelligence, tenacity, common sense, determination, courage, confidence, strength and fitness, hand-eye coordination, capacity for good fast decisions under duress (both physical and mental), working together as well organised groups etc, are only some of the qualities early mankind honed from hunting. Even the 'arts'-visual performing, literary all have roots in the hunt. Earliest rock art and cave paintings celebrate 'the hunt' songs and dance celebrating the successful return of loved ones and stories told to wide eyed children instilled tribal values and kept isolated groups strong.

Our success as hunters defined our species, and recreational hunting still exists today because it is an essential aspect of our very nature and many people, both men and women, (but especially boys transitioning into manhood) are better community members for it.

Recreational hunting is a positive expression of mankind's ancient heritage and it should be encouraged

Thankyou

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