

Public Administration Committee

From: Bevan Steele
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2014 7:22 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Public enquiry into shooting

Dear Ms Mesiti,

Good morning, I hope this letter finds you well.

I wish to add a voice to those who support the idea of some form of sustainable hunting in our government held lands and believe it will bring a huge amount of benefit to people who are not just hunters.

All communities are seeking to expand revenue streams as the city divide draws more people from rural areas. Sustainable hunting is one way to bring people back to the rural areas, and with that cash flow for supplies, petrol, food ect ect. Tourist dollars flow to provide sustainable jobs and growth to regional areas.

Hunting is enjoyed by all ages and a family activity. It is the only time I personally have been involved with 3 generations of my family at the same time.

The thought that hunters are bloodthirsty callous people couldn't be further from the truth. We seek to humanely dispatch our game as quick as possible and often spend countless hours and thousands of dollars setting up rifles and practicing to get that shot "just right".

Hunters care for the environment and wish to be part of the solution to humanely rid our natural ecosystem of introduced predators.

The fact that native animals will suffer is unresearched and unfounded. I have shot for numerous years on a private property and have enjoyed and delighted in regularly sighting an increase in such animals as Brush Tail possums and brush tail wallabies.

I ask if any of the aposers of this proposal have spent time in the bush to see what they think they are trying to protect.

Please allow the tax payers of the state to access the very lands they are paying for to assist the up keep and vermin control on there and allow them and their families to enjoy the great Australian tradition of "going bush".

Regards
Bevan Steele

Sincerely,

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