

Public Administration Committee

From: RICHARD PALMER
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2014 11:33 AM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: No to shooting animals in WA

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I would like to express my views to the Committee holding an inquiry into allowing recreational shooting in Western Australia.

As a WA resident, I strongly support recreational hunting of introduced feral animals.

I support this because these feral animals are killing native animals and destroying habitats and should be seen as a necessary process to protect our native animals and their habitat before it's too late.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to a better control of these feral animals.

I don't believe that WA Public lands will be any less safe for other users if the feral animal shooters are allowed to shoot.

Finally, I fully support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It is a very effective approach and is a very cost effective and appropriate method to help control these pests which the Governments do not have the monies to fund this program.

We do not want to wait until we have the same problems as we do with camels, donkeys etc where they have multiplied so much that they have created dust bowls of the habitat. Foxes, pigs and cats kill millions of native animals weekly, we have to stop it now!

If we can eradicate or at least control these feral animals in Western Australia then there will be natural bush and native animals for future West Australians to enjoy, otherwise it will be gone, or very depleted and unsafe if the wild pigs are allowed to keep breeding their numbers up.

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Sincerely,

RICHARD PALMER