

Public Administration Committee

From: Scott Hill
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2014 7:28 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Allow shooting on public lands.

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 strongly on board with recreational hunting of any animals, introduced or otherwise.

I am for it because the controlling of animals for good reasons such as helping sustain native species that are in danger from pest and vermin will benefit our community in 2014 and beyond.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to a decrease in the suffering of our beloved natives. It is feasible that amateur shooters could be effectively policed, as there are no guarantees that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, with inter-club training such as the SSAA's farmer assist program this could be kept to a minimum. Wildlife and other animals will benefit by this plan.

I also believe that WA public lands will be kept safe for all members of the community. Controlled shoots will not endanger public safety.

Finally, I support recreational shooting as a solution for the management of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by its use in other states in Australia. Most importantly, The population management of introduced species is necessary and it can be done professionally and humanely and at less cost to the government by utilising amateur shooters.

Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, the shooting of vermin and introduced animals on public land will help keep this favoured past-time alive for future generations.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Scott Hill