

Public Administration Committee

From: Malcolm Jenkinson
Sent: Thursday, 27 March 2014 11:04 AM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Support for recreational hunting and pest control

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 in favour of properly approved and regulated recreational hunting of problematic animals, introduced or otherwise.

I am supportive because culling problematic animals is a valid and responsible option which absolutely reflects the values of the vast majority of our community in 2014.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to reduced animal based native flora and fauna degradation. Responsible shooters would be approved to shoot in approved locations, in much the same way as they are on private land currently.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept healthy for all members of the community and there is no reason why recreational shooters cannot do this.

Finally, I strongly support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's an effective approach used around the world and avoids the use of pesticides which could be ingested by accident by non-problematic animals directly or from carrion.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, camping, fishing, shooting and trekking. Please be open to the great advantages that recreational hunting and properly managed pest control can achieve.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Jenkinson