



## Branch J – Western Australia AUSTRALIAN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION



Submission - Recreational hunting systems in Western Australia.

To Ms Lauren Mesiti

My name is Troy Morris, I am writing on behalf of the Australian Bowhunters Association of Western Australian. I hold the position of Field Representative for Western Australian, in this position I am responsible for the training, education and management of our bowhunters in Western Australian. I am on the National Committee for Trophy Bowhunters of Australia that oversees the bowhunting for the Australian Bowhunters Association.

I personally have been an active bowhunter for 26 years and hunt regularly all over different parts Australia. I am a very dedicated conservationist and believe that hunters play a major role in reducing feral and pest animal numbers in Australia.

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Western Australian Government needs to utilize the experience and well tested system of the Victoria DEPI, Game Management system. Victoria has 46,000 licensed game hunters that pay a yearly fee to hunt game in Victoria. This creates revenue to fund Ranges, vehicles and maintenance of State forest, Crown Land and National Parks. Victoria is using hunters to remove high numbers of feral game which has huge environmental and financial benefits to Victoria.

NSW Government in 2013 disbanded the NSW Game Council that was introduced for recreational hunters to remove feral animal from National Parks, State Forest and Crown land in 2006. They have now adopted a similar system as the Game Management system of the Victoria Government, which is managed by DPI of NSW under a Game License system.

By utilizing the experience of Victoria DEPI Game Management system, Western Australia Government could swiftly introduce a simpler system and use recreational hunters to remove feral and pest animals in our state. Having hunter's regisited and paying a fee to hunt in Western Australia would create income to manage recreational hunting and build a data base of hunters and game numbers being removed in WA.

The Australian Bowhunters Association offer our services and support wherever we can help in this process and fully support recreational hunting in Western Australia.

Yours Sincerely

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