

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Earl White  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 March 2014 8:38 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Time to stop being a nanny state and trust your citizens

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 support recreational hunting of animals which are introduced .

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will not lead to unacceptable animal suffering. It is feasible to effectively police amateur shooters, just like other jurisdictions and so there are guarantees that animals will not suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured. Wildlife and other animals will not be put at greater risk of injury and death by this plan.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community. Shooting, when properly managed does not endanger public safety, especially because WA is capable of managing the difficulty in policing shooting practices and enforcing laws in often remote areas. Why should Eastern Staters be better than us. It is time to discard our " WA Second Class Cringe"

Finally, I support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence as shown by other state jurisdiction. Most importantly, poisoning is not a more humane and effective solution that is available to address this issue. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, by amateur shooters.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, without ever wanting to see native animals destroyed by introduced feral animals.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Earl White