

Public Administration Committee

From: Garry Starcevich
Sent: Tuesday, 25 March 2014 8:15 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Recreational 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 in favour of recreational hunting of animals, particularly introduced species.

I am in favour of it because culling feral animals does reflect the values of our community in 2014. Care for the environment is a topic all good minded people in our society hold as a strong ideal. The conservation of our endangered native species is in no doubt benefited by the help of recreational hunters.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will lead to reduced animal suffering. Wildlife and other animals will be kept from risk of injury and death by this plan from the reduced number of introduced species that currently attack and destroy countless numbers.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community. Shooting performed by competent individuals does not endanger public safety,

Finally, I do support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. Most importantly, there are other, solutions available to address this issue, those however can be very costly and actually harm these feral animals. Poisons and traps are touted as being humane and effective, though in my experience this can be more distressing for the animal and the people completing the task. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done humanely, this is very much a job to be competently done by amateur shooters.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Garry Starcevich