

Public Administration Committee

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RE: Inquiry in to Recreational Hunting on WA Lands

Dear Ms Mesiti

I would like to make my views known to the Committee holding an inquiry into allowing recreational hunting on public lands in Western Australia.

As a WA resident who works in the field of Natural Resource Management, I am strongly in favour of the recreational hunting of all introduced animals (non native species).

I am in favour of recreational hunting as a cost effective control method as this will reduce the population numbers and the ongoing environmental damage caused by these introduced species. In Western Australia severe ecological damage is resulting from the activities of feral animals, at a huge cost to our own struggling native species.

In those areas where concerted efforts are now being made to control invasive animals such as cats and foxes, it is critically important that no place of refuge be available to them. Even after huge efforts have been made to clear areas of these menaces, they can simply re-invade from their place of safety as soon as the pressure on them abates.

I believe that WA public lands will be kept safe for all members of the community as responsible shooting has been proven to be an effective management tool in other Australian States and is done safely under strict guidelines ensuring public safety.

Finally, I support recreational shooting as part of a solution for management of introduced species. It is backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence when used in conjunction to other control methods. More importantly trained conservation volunteer shooters are a cost effective resource who provide their time, equipment, ammunition and resources without charge thus freeing up much needed funds that can be used elsewhere.

Please allow this cost effective and result driven proposal to succeed.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Kind regards,
Glen Buder