

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Dana Tonello-Scott ·  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 March 2014 3:07 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Regulated hunting in state forests

Dear Ms Mesiti,

As a sporting (club only at this stage) shooter, I would like to add my APPROVAL for this necessary step - we are so far behind the Eastern states, no wonder they think we are all backward out west!

Allowing FERAL ANIMALS to be shot cleanly and removed from the environment will go a long way to saving our NATIVE ANIMALS FROM EXTINCTION. I fully support the introduction of regulated hunting in WA state forests, as the people I shoot with are responsible, licenced and law abiding citizens. Cats, pigs, goats, foxes, rabbits and other 'introduced species' do not belong in our state forests (neither do some tree-huggers by the sound of it...LOL)

The only humane way to dispose of feral pests in the forests is the 'one shot, one kill' way - 1080 poison is a horrible and cruel death for any animal, and there is no evidence proving that native animals & birds don't ingest it as well! If the 'greenies' are so concerned about animal welfare, they should look into the 1080 issue first. If shooters must provide evidence of being capable of producing consistent 'kill shots' then, as a keen environmentalist, I would heartily support their involvement in eradicating feral pests from our forests.

Please don't make the mistake of labeling all shooters as 'rednecks' or 'trigger-happy morons'...most of us are professional, hardworking, diligent, law-abiding citizens. We are not the caricature American 'hunters' satirised in movies and television.

Additionally, I would also like to see specially licenced shooters (preferably on the government payroll to make sure only professional marksmen are employed to do this) gain approval for shooting feral animals in NATIONAL PARKS (as I'm sure foxes & other beasts can't read the signs identifying the difference between a national park & state forest)...in order to save our rare and endangered native birds and animals, I am happy to do my bit to remove feral animals (especially cats, thanks to their formerly 'doting owners' irresponsible breeding/dumping!) and my preference is for qualified shooters over poisoned baits ANY DAY.

Sincerely,

Dana Tonello-Scott