

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Martin Mach  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 March 2014 8:59 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** recreational hunting on public land

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I fully support recreational hunting by approved, licensed shooters to assist in the removal of feral vertebrates from public, corporate and private lands. This provides the community with an effective method of native wildlife conservation and at no cost to the public purse. Skilled hunters are well able to humanely destroy feral vertebrates. Groups exist for this very purpose such as SSAA Hunting for Conservation groups in Bunbury, Albany, Geraldton, Perth etc. These groups engage high levels of internal discipline when undertaking hunting activities. All state laws are abided by and risk to adjoining properties minimised and managed. Adjoining landowners are notified prior to hunting activities. Native vertebrates are not engaged unless under appropriate destruction permits as issued by Dept of Parks and Wildlife. The impact of hunting goats in the SA Flinders ranges is well documented and the success of hunting has been significant in eliminating this feral pest.

Sincerely,

Martin Mach