

Public Administration Committee

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 March 2014 10:53 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: shooting on public land submission

Dear Ms Mesiti,

Good morning Ms Mesiti

I would like to make a short submission to the council in regards to shooting on public land.

As a keen outdoorsman I like to travel the countryside, 4wding, camping, fishing etc... my girlfriend and i enjoy visiting national parks and nature reserves regularly to escape the city life. More and more over the years we have noticed an increase in feral animal activity. Mainly pigs that have been doing alot of damage to the environment in and around crown lands. As a part time worker on a broad acre cropping and sheep farm. My job sometimes entails pest control which includes controlling foxes, rabbits and occasionally kangaroos. I have noticed, over the years, these animals regularly travel from public lands/nature reserves into farms bordering them. And for me, this can be frustrating because of laws controlling shooting on public lands. The foxes especially, slipping back into nature reserves after taking a lamb only minutes old. Pigs have been seen, more and more in the areas I work and also rest/play. And I think pigs could be a rising threat over the next decade around the wheatbelt and south west areas. Shooting is a small way we can contribute to controlling pest species. It isnt the most effective way, unlike ariel baiting. (In which the government would have to organise and foot the bill.) But its a step forward for the protection of our unique environment.

I hope this gives a little bit of perspective of my point of view, as keen visitor of our parks, lover of our aussie land and also a productive farmer. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

brendan karow