

## Public Administration Committee

---

**From:** steve downey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 March 2014 8:22 AM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Recreational shooting

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 to recreational hunting of any animals.

Opening up WA to recreational shooting will not lead to unacceptable animal suffering. It is feasible to effectively police amateur shooters, and the SSAA can guarantee that these shooters will not let animals suffer prolonged deaths, or be left behind injured. Wildlife and no other animals will be put at greater risk of injury and death by this plan.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept safe for all members of the community. Responsible shooters do not endanger public safety.

Finally, I do support recreational shooting as a 'solution' for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by the farming community. And it is an effective solution available to address this issue. If population management of introduced species is necessary, it should be done professionally and humanely, by shooters.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, including shooters.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

steve downey