

Public Administration Committee

From: Stephen Dear
Sent: Tuesday, 25 March 2014 10:02 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Yes to shooting pest animals in WA

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I am writing in support of recreational shooting in Western Australia, to control or eliminate destructive introduced pest animal species. Public Lands such as State Forests are being ecologically damaged because these areas are ideal habitats for many destructive species. Licensed shooters with the pre requisite skills to safely, humanely dispatch these animals are at present prohibited from helping to preserve our precious native environment in Public Lands. Firearm ownership is highly regulated and Policed, owners are under legal obligation to behave safely and responsibly. Management of our WA Public Lands is of interest to a diverse section of the Public, recreational shooters have a significant role to play. Land owners have long had a beneficial relationship with sporting recreational shooters , in controlling introduced pest animal species. I live I WA and am an active shooter, thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Stephen Dear