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Lauren Mesiti,
Committee Clerk,
Standing Committee on Public Administration
Legislative Council, Parliament House, Perth WA 6000

RE: Inquiry in to Recreational Hunting on WA Lands

Dear Ms Mesiti

I wish make my views known to the Committee holding an inquiry into allowing recreational hunting on public lands in Western Australia.

As a WA resident, and life long hunter, I am strongly in favour of the recreational hunting of all introduced feral animals (non native species).

I am totally in favour of recreational hunting as a cost effective control method as this will reduce the population numbers and the ongoing environmental damage caused by these introduced species. Taking game for the table is still highly valued as a productive use of a readily available resource, no different to fishing or other recreational pursuits aimed towards being more self sufficient. Hunting whether it is simply to control pests or provide food has been a part of ours and many other cultures since their establishment, it is not only accepted but still heavily relied upon in some areas.

I believe that WA public lands will be kept safe for all members of the community as responsible shooting has been proven to be an effective management tool in other Australian States and is done safely under strict guidelines ensuring public safety.

Finally, I support recreational shooting as a 'solution' and cost effective for 'management' of introduced species. It's backed up as an effective approach by scientific evidence when used in conjunction to other control methods. and recently Queensland Government has announced the consideration of further use of recreational hunters in feral control. More importantly experienced volunteer shooters are a cost effective resource who provide their time, equipment, ammunition and resources without charge thus freeing up much needed funds that can be used elsewhere.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, there are hundreds of thousands who regularly fish and hunt. So please allow this cost effective and result driven proposal to succeed.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Kind regards

25 March 14.