Public Administration Committee

From:

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Sent: To: Friday, 21 March 2014 8:54 AM Public Administration Committee

Subject:

Recreational Shooting in WA

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I am opposed to any form of recreational shooting in WA. The fact that other States may do this is not a forerunner for WA to take their lead. I originate from Africa and although I have lived in WA for 30 years, have seen the devastation hunting (and more recently caged hunting of enormous cruelty) has had on that continent. If animals are to be culled on our country, it should be done humanely under the guidance of qualified animal control officers, not handed over to hoodlums running around with bright lights on their 'utes' and guns in hand killing for the utter enjoyment of it and leaving animals to suffer slow agonising deaths. I lived in the north west and saw much of this mentality and this group can't wait to get back out there and kill.

If you wish to sit on a panel and create killing fields, this is you and your colleagues moment in the sun.

I pay taxes to have my government control pests, not put guns in the hands of citizens and go the way of the US.

I have children and hope that WA can remain a humane, civilised state for them and their future. If animals are to be killed, it must be carried out humanely and have some form of control.

Let's not go backwards in our humane evolution in WA.

Sincerely,

Julie Rogers