

Public Administration Committee

From: David Finnie
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2014 6:16 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Yes to recreational shooting of feral animals in WA

Dear Ms Mesiti,

I would like to register my views to the Committee holding an inquiry into allowing recreational shooting in Western Australia.

As a WA resident, I totally support the recreational hunting of introduced feral animals.

Currently various government agencies use poisoning as a method of control this can be indiscriminate (targeting specific species doesn't always work, native animals can be affected) hunting and shooting is target specific. Agencies have used sporting shooters in the past particularly with goat control after aerial shoots (this was done in SA and WA in the past).

Aerial work is expensive, if hunting was allowed year round the cost benefits would be good (the money could be better spent).

Permits were once available to hunt pigs in the water catchment areas around Perth in the past. (This has been revoked a couple of years ago) trapping and poisoning now takes place. Hunting should be allowed.

Different countries around the world allow hunting on public land, with provisions that the animal is utilised.

I believe that WA public lands should be opened up for responsible recreational shooting and that sporting shooters can work with agencies to the benefit of our natural species and reduce also the burden on tax payers.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

David Finnie