

## Public Administration Committee

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**From:** Steve Borley  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 March 2014 2:50 PM  
**To:** Public Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Shooting in WA to remove feral animals

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) and leaves the animals to die an agonising death..

I've shot and poisoned in NZ and have seen the death of native animals which are poisoned accidentally, they then are able to be eaten by other native animals which also die..

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 is the reallocation of money to other proprieties.

Permits were once available to hunt pigs in the water catchment areas around Perth in the past. This was revoked a couple of years ago and now trapping and poisoning takes place instead. Clearly hunting should be allowed.

Different countries around the world allow hunting on public land, 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.

Steve Borley