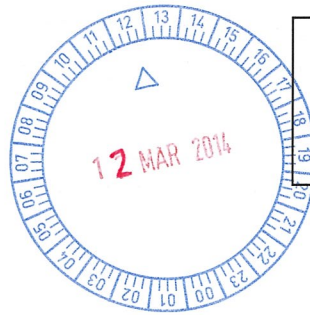


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**"Inquiry into Potential environmental contribution of recreational hunting systems"**

Dear Chairman

I wish to express my support for allowing recreational hunting of Feral Animals on public land, the WA State Govt has the perfect opportunity to address environmental issues such as controlling Feral animals on Public land, while minimizing the costs to the Public.

There are a host of experienced shooters who would love the opportunity to hunt in areas that are currently forbidden to them, these days conservation of natural fauna is a major focus for hunters. The way I view it, is the State and Federal Govt spend millions of Dollars on baiting and trying to control feral animals with minimal resources and effect.

Obviously certain guidelines would need to be in place, but the benefits far out way any administrative cost the Govt may expend on managing such a system.

**Guidelines and Advantages**

- Shooters must be accredited by the SSAAWA or similar organization, this will allow them to safely operate within a zoned area and abide by regulations set down by Govt organisations, ie Pig hunting in Water Catchment Areas, the Water Corporation may have rules to comply with, while in that area so as to avoid any potential pollution or die back issues.
- Shooters could register and pay a fee to hunt in a specific area at a specific time, this eliminates the risk of multiple shooting groups in the same area at the same time which makes it safer for all. Local Rangers or Police could administer the permits to shoot
- Shooters could provide feedback to Govt / conservation groups on a range of issues such as, number of species shot, damage caused to the environment, water samples, pest weeds, etc .

In summary the Govt could wisely use recreational shooters to do their job, saving the tax payer funds while persevering conservation. The shooting fraternity has the ability to put many people on the ground throughout the state and using their own funds for a mutually beneficial scheme.

Yours Faithfully  
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