

The Chair,
 Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Government has abused, disdained, and insulted hard-working, law-abiding firearms users by egregious increases in license fees.

Over just two weekends last March WA gun-owner volunteers removed a total of 9500 feral pests in our own time and at our own fully tax-paid expense.

http://redcard.net.au/doc/Media_release_2013-03-26_9500_Ferals_given_the_red_card.pdf

That means 4950 fewer feral foxes are out there hunting wildlife in the WA bush.

That means 4950 wheely-bins-full of little native critters may now live a long enough to have babies this year.

Volunteer shooters pay full tax on the tyres large heavy fuel costs, as well as consumables and every other item used for wildlife preservation.

What would have been the cost to Government to have paid officers go out and remove that number of wildlife-destructive pest animals?

Yet all licensed firearms users are suddenly penalized with fee increases so large as to inhibit and curtail our successful volunteer wildlife conservation endeavours.

For example the noting fee simply to add a firearm to an existing license has soared an egregious 134 per cent to \$169.50.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/wa/17876586/mp-has-a-shot-at-high-gun-fees/>

I sincerely request that this Government take note of the economic, ecological, and sociological benefit flow-on from our sport.

I request that the Government encourage, rather inhibit, our beneficial endeavours by reverting all fees to previous, already inhibiting level.

I furthermore request that existing Pensioner Concessions on their vehicle registration be extended to the licensing of their firearms.

Sincerely yours,
 Kevin Thomas,

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