

Public Administration Committee

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Sent: Monday, 24 March 2014 9:53 AM
To: Public Administration Committee
Subject: Recreational shooting on Public Lands

Dear Ms Mesiti,

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

As a WA resident, I am strongly in favour of recreational hunting of any introduced ,feral animals.

I am in favour of it because the government department charged with the care and wellbeing of our forests in hopelessly under-manned and resourced - as evidenced by recent wildfires in the state forests. Those people are doing the best they can, with the resources provided and they need help. Help in the form of UNPAID hours volunteered by ethical hunters.

By all means, it should be regulated and not just "Open Slather", carried out by trained, accredited people who also carry Public liability Insurance.

I also believe that WA public lands should be kept open for all members of the community.

Most Western Australians enjoy the outdoors and nature, without ever being aware that many of the plants, animals and birds that they think are native, are, in fact, introduced feral pest species.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

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