

Committee Clerk
Public Administration Committee
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Perth W.A. 6000



Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Inquiry into the potential environmental contribution of Recreational Hunting.

My name is Corinne Van Burgel. I reside at 8 Price Street, Kulin, W.A., 6365.

I continually use the W.A. Parks for hiking and camping, so am writing to your committee to voice my objection to Recreational Hunting.

- 1) In W.A. hunting is limited to taking feral animals on private property with landowners permission. A current firearms licence is required to hunt.
- Generally hunts are organised with farmers and government controlling bodies. This seems to work

well. Shoots are advertised with dates and areas.

- We already have the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia which also organise hunts for feral animals
- 2) On the 16th March 2007, the ABC News posted a story That the W.A. Dept. of Environment & Conversation said It had strong evidence hunters were releasing pigs into the Near the southwest town of Nannup, to hunt for them for sport.

(REF. <u>www.abc.net.au/news/2007-03-16/govt-dept-airs-south-west-pig-hunt-fears/2218288)</u>

- Thus recreational hunting would create more animals being released in our bushlands and forests
- 3) Tourism and Hunters DON'T MIX.
 - Our walking tracks are generating economic and Recreational benefits. Tourists and general public Like to know they are safe while experiencing our Natural wonders.

Shouldn't we be promoting passive activities?

Please consider my concerns and thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully

Corinne Van Burgel

P.s Please forward a copy of the report to my postal address