

NRC NSW Gov Submission Form

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What are your reasons for support of the recommendations?

I support none of them except that I believe cats need to be desexed if not a licensed breeder, cats should have a collar with a bell on them and they should be kept indoors at night.

If any, what are your reasons for non-support of the recommendations?

First of all deer are a GAME species. They have a great monetary value, especially to the Government in no less than taxes on products bought in the pursuit of them. The Game Licenses are income for the Government.

In Victoria you are allowed to hunt in the National Parks. The income is reported to be over \$200,000,000 for hunting in Victoria, which is more than the estimated \$175,000,000 cost of reducing overpopulated species in New South Wales. It is also reported that over population of some animal species are in the National Parks and some that boarder farms.

I have spoken to farmers and property owners and they do not want the risk of baits being on their land or near them nor shooting from helicopters as this is a great risk to livestock losses. Farmers and property owners should be encourage to have hunters on their places.

Bait poisoning animals to death is a slow painful and agonising death of which I'm sure that the RSPCA would not be supportive of such activity either.

What are your suggestions for improvement in pest animal management?

HUNTERS-RECREATIONAL HUNTERS. Game licenses and hunting in State Forests have been a success. Recreational hunters are able to control over populations of animals in National Parks and should be utilised-not only will the Government save an expense but, will have an income.

In Victoria the National Parks have all shared activities at the same time and it works well.

I believe that there should be a bounty on foxes, cats and wild dogs.

Any other comments?

It is noted that New Zealand have taken other measures for over population of animals but New Zealand has inhospitable and inaccessible terrain which inhibits most normal activities. In America it is well known that recreational hunting is a successful way of controlling over populated animal species.

Recently I completed a course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison USA in The Land Ethic Reclaimed: Aldo Leopold, and Conservation. It was a resounding result that recreational hunters kept animals populations in check.

The Game Council NSW has successfully been operating and should be granted to expand into the National Parks-all be it, the concerned National Parks of over population of some animals.