

## Submission to the National Rescores Commission Pest Management

We do not support the recommendation that deer be made a pest species for several reasons.

I am a hunter ( Steve) and my wife ( Karen) enjoys accompanying me on hunts for deer for meat which is much loved by my family and friends.

We believe that deer are an asset to most farmers and that if they get too thick that they can be culled by the farmers and the hunters that are available.

We are very strongly against the use of poison as a control measure as it is not specific enough to only kill the deer as there would be by kills of other animals as well.

The majority of farmers that we have talked to do not mind seeing deer on their properties.

We believe that efforts should be made to improve access to properties for hunters to help control pest species which will be cheaper than if they had to get professionals in to do the job.

We also believe that a lot of the problem areas where deer may be too thick border onto National Parks, Reserves or State Forests that are restricted to hunters and that the managers of the areas cannot control the problems themselves and it then spreads to adjoining rural properties.

We believe that Kangaroos are a bigger problem than Deer are and know for a fact that farmers do agree with this. They are a real problem in rural areas as well and account for more vehicle accidents than deer ever do and are attacking people as well.

Thanks

Steve & Karen Graham

