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Natural Resources Commission

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Dear Sir

I would like to submit the following in relation to the review of the status of deer in NSW in the draft document "Shared Problem, Shared Solutions".

I must say from the outset that I am totally opposed to any reclassification of Deer species in NSW.

I must also state that as a member of SSAA I am totally against the submission tabled by SSAA. This submission does not represent the views of the vast majority of the members of SSAA but the view of a couple of misguided officials. There was zero consultation with the members on this subject, and the SSAA does not represent my views or speak on my behalf.

If there are areas where deer numbers are a problem they can be successfully managed without the need to reclassify them as pests. I was personally involved in a Rusa culling program in the Illawarra that was established by the NSW Game Council prior to it being shafted by the biased review by the O'Farrell Govt. That program ran on two sites for a five year period. During this time a small group of volunteer R licence hunters culled a total of 900 Rusa deer, this was achieved without one single safety incident. One of the programs was run on an operating mine site and was subject to stringent safety protocols where the hunters involved were subjected to random drug and alcohol testing as part of the site entry conditions. All of this was achieved at zero cost to the tax payers and all venison was removed from site and consumed. Wollongong City Council recently attempted to do a similar program on their lands using commercial shooters,

spent \$340,000 of ratepayers money and did not have as successful outcome as we had.

It is time that deer were seen as a resource and not a pest. There are numerous examples in countries like the USA and across Europe where meat and trophy hunting can be established on private and public land to manage the deer as a renewable resource, and make money for the land owners.

As a result I encourage you to look at these options instead of reclassifying the deer as pests so they can be killed using spotlights at night or poisoned using 1080 poison.

Yours Faithfully

Wayne Hogan