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To: NRC

Subject: Pest animal control review

Being primary Producers with beef cattle on 300 acres in the Southern Tablelands are becoming concerned with the number of paddocks badly disrupted by the wild pigs that seem to follow the Abercrombie river that travels behind us and come onto our pastures during the night and day to root up huge areas with their nose leaving a lot of pasture turned and dying! If that isn't enough each afternoon on almost the whole of the pasture area there will be large mobs of Kangaroos feeding as well! The effort and cost to maintain the feed for our stock is considerable as is the repairs to the fences that are damaged with this invasion! While the Kangaroo is a wonderful animal in so many ways it is also in almost plague proportions these days! If it is good enough to cull them in Canberra can we not have the right to do so on our farms as well? The lean meat from them is a valuable commodity and should be utilised as most other game meats are!

Recently there has been more laws proposed against the ownership of lever action Shotguns and Rifles, as they are quick reloading they are invaluable when hunting wild pigs as when cornered they can become quite dangerous and the same with a large grey that feels threatened! So might this farmer suggest the Government leave the law abiding citizens alone and concentrate on the Islamic radicals and criminals instead!

The SSAA farmer assist program is an excellent venue for containing so many of the feral pests in Australia, but also needs the cooperation of governments, both state and federal as they control most of the public land that is along places like the Abercrombie river and can allow hunting and control in these areas! The foxes and wild cats are also in abundance! People in the cities are whipped into a frenzy by organisations such as PETA about what "they" consider bad and cruel in this country and yet do nothing about animal cruelty in any of the countries [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] With regard John

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