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Shooting in National parks seems to me, an accident waiting to happen. Every national park contains individual ecosystems, feral animals and exotic problems. Who will police the shooters and streamline wildlife management in individual parks? Rangers are stretched enough without becoming babysitters to neandathals. Whilst doing my Environmental Science Degree I realised that many things look grand on paper. A plethora of Plans of Management exist, however we are dealing with human beings and diligence to detail is known to wane, and when it does someone will get hurt. Wildlife management (native and exotic) needs to be monitored so culling of a species can increase or decrease annually in order to reach an asymptote. It also helps if the people involved have Scientific backgrounds. The desire to scratch the primitive urge of being the hunter should not be the basis for individuals to hunt in these areas. What next? National Parks SHOULD NOT be a pawn in Australia's political agenda. National Parks SHOULD NOT be open for negotiation for the Shooter's hidden agendas. Don't sell our souls. If wildlife management is to occur, let our capaple, knowleadgable people who are already on the ground, handle it.