

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Committee

I oppose the plan to allow recreational hunting in State Forests and national parks. I live adjacent Ellis SF one of the areas to be opened to hunting. Please consider the issues I will raise in point form.

- 1) Gun related crimes are on the increase.
- 2) Ellis SF contains over 30 threatened fauna species including koalas a vulnerable species to hunting.
- 3) I have working with NPWS shooters in the past and respect there professional ethics and humane treatment of animals to be culled. They have no interest in sustaining target species for future hunting. Recreational hunters want to sustain their prey even if feral species.
- 4) Recent hunting accidents in the USA demonstrate that recreational hunting endangers innocent people.
- 5) Hunting in national parks and state forests will marginalise persons that enjoy and have for many years traditionally used these areas for undertaking passive recreational activity.
- 6) I don't want the place I live and enjoy to be subjected to riflefire that upsets me and my pets.
- 7) I wouldn't like to visit areas where I could be accidently shot or intimidated by hunters in camping areas where alcohol is part of the mix of activities.
- 8) Recreational shooters don't represent mainstream values and have little meaningful place in conservation areas.
- 9) State forests are important areas for conservation of threatenend species.
- 10) More guns will make it easier for criminals to access guns.
- 11) Many animals would be subject to painful slow deaths after being wounded mortally.
- 12) The remains of animals left by hunters as is common in the US will attract wild and domesticated dogs negating any conservation value promoted by the hunting lobby.
- 13 Unskilled hunters will shoot protected species as a last resort as seen in duck hunting.
- 14) One single human death will make this proposition of hunting in public spaces poorly conceived and reckless.

Please consider the number of people that will be disaffected if a minority of our population determine our quality of life.

Thank you for considering the above issues.

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