

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO GAME AND FERAL ANIMAL
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSERVATION
HUNTING) BILL 2025**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong endorsement of the Game and Feral Animal Control Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025. As a conservation-focused hunter living in rural New South Wales, I see this proposed legislation as an important and long-overdue recognition of the crucial contribution responsible hunters make in protecting and restoring our native environment.

Why I Support This Bill

The establishment of a dedicated Conservation Hunting Authority, expanded opportunities for hunters to access public land, and the official recognition of conservation hunting as a legitimate and vital management practice are all significant and welcome developments. I am especially supportive of the bill's measures allowing licensed use of suppressors and the legalisation of modern equipment such as thermal scopes and night vision for controlling pest species.

Suppressors, in particular, are an essential piece of equipment for humane and responsible hunting. They reduce noise impacts on surrounding communities and wildlife, lower stress for animals not being targeted, and protect hunters' hearing in the field. Many other countries already acknowledge their value — it's time New South Wales did the same.

The Importance of Conservation Hunters

Through my own involvement in ethical hunting, I have seen just how devastating invasive species — like feral pigs, deer, and foxes — can be for native plants and animals. Volunteer conservation hunters help contain these threats where government resources alone fall short. We invest our own time and money, acting with care and respect for the environment we're working to protect.

This bill rightly recognises the practical, on-the-ground role that community hunters play, and creates a framework for more effective and coordinated pest control that draws on local knowledge and commitment.

In Closing

Passing the Conservation Hunting Bill 2025 will strengthen biodiversity protection across the state, while also giving ethical hunters the tools, support, and respect they deserve for the contribution they make. I strongly encourage the committee to recommend that this bill proceed without delay.

Thank you for considering my submission.