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

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Submission – Opposing the “Conservation Hunting” Bill 2025

As someone who deeply loves both the outdoors and animals, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025.

Nature is my refuge. I spend countless hours hiking through forests, breathing in the silence, and hoping for a glimpse of the wild animals who call these places home. The thought of these peaceful lands being opened to recreational hunting—especially with silencers—is terrifying. It undermines not only the safety of bushwalkers, families and pets, but also the sanctuary these animals deserve.

This bill does not reflect true conservation. Bounty schemes and expanded access for hunters are not supported by science. They promote cruelty, often causing slow, painful deaths and leaving orphaned animals to suffer alone. I’ve seen how much animals want to live, how they feel fear and trust, and how easily that trust is broken by human violence.

Labeling hunting as “conservation” is deeply misleading. Conservation should mean protecting life, restoring habitats, and coexisting with wildlife—not killing for recreation under a false name.

Creating a Minister for Hunting and Fishing sends a dangerous message: that cruelty can be institutionalised and prioritised over compassion, safety, and science-based policy. This is not the future we should be heading toward.

Please reject this bill. Our land deserves better. Our animals deserve better. And so do the people who want to walk these paths in peace, not with the fear of hidden gunfire or witnessing unnecessary suffering.

I urge you to stand for a kinder, more thoughtful approach—one that truly protects life, not ends it.