

# Invasive animals control or harvest

Harvesting is an industry.

Rubber jawed traps are not as cruel as  
poison.



Shooting is humane and effective.



Most hunters will trap or shoot.



# Fox fur. Why not?



A good trapper catches vermin without discrimination.



Populations need to be corrected from time to time.



Hunters are ethical and well educated.





# Meat.



More meat.



# Trophy's. Another business.



A good shot.



More meat.



# The recreational side.



# School shoot at Bendigo.







# Olympic material.





At he chook house.



# Marking the lambs



Foxes like lamb.

- Foxes account for between 5% and 10% of lamb deaths in the first 3 weeks of lambs.

# Wild dogs like lamb too

- The last wild dog we had problems with, it killed 29 lambs in 5 weeks. We caught it in a trap and I destroyed it. This particular dog only ate the liver, from what I could tell..... While the sheep was still alive. I had no trouble destroying the dog after seeing the destruction, cruelty and suffering it caused.

# Whos dog killed my sheep?

- I was not compensated for my stock losses.
- I was not paid for fixing “someone elses” problem.
- **The problem still exists.**

# Caught on camera





# Owners have to register their dogs

- Owners of dogs have responsibilities.
- **Wild dogs** belong to the state government of Victoria.
- **Wild dogs** live in Government state forests.
- The government is hypocritical in all aspects regarding wild dogs.
- The government is irresponsible in all aspects regarding wild dogs.

Dog tied up.





















6km from the bush. On road.



Very cruel.





This dog had a following of foxes.

- While the dog was killing, the number of foxes in the area was quite significant. They were feeding after the dog had killed. I trapped 13 foxes during the 5 weeks I had traps set for the dog. I had 23 traps set.



We use trail cameras to do surveillance.



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# Solutions to our problems.

- Foxes are easy. Revitalise the fur trade and let the hunters bring them in. Harvesting is quite easy with traps and shooting in wider areas. The only problem is the green minority making huge noises and government listening to the misguided and uninformed city dwellers.

# Deer.

- The most valuable resource the government has in the bush. A huge industry only barely getting off the ground.
- The meat is organic in every sense.
- The trophies are a prize with taxidermy a recognised profession.
- A world wide sport with sambar deer highly prized.

# Harvesting.

- Harvesting deer is an easy and effective method to reduce numbers in the Great Dividing Range.
- Harvesting of the deer in controlled numbers will not deplete animals from amateur hunters.
- Harvesting deer will improve amateur or recreational hunting.

# Harvesting.

- Only harvesting female deer, will leave all the trophies for the recreational hunters and the industry supporting them.
- Deer numbers need only be harvested at rates comparable to natural attrition in all areas.
- The meat will be more valuable if the production or processing is kept at a serviceable level.

# Harvesting Control.

- To maintain control of all aspects of harvesting and processing, licenses must be a very valuable and tradeable investment.
- I would use the abalone license system to base a model on.
- An abalone license is worth over one million dollars.

# Processing.

- Several processing plants will be required.
- No abattoir as carcasses will be delivered dead and gutted.
- I would envisage employment for fifteen people at each plant initially.
- Easily sustainable for many years to come.
- Venison marketed as organic and high end product direct to end users.

# Processing plants.

- These need to be built in areas close to deer populated areas and manned by local people.
- Licenses to shoot deer must be few enough to make them valuable, but enough to keep constant throughput for processing plants.
- Processing of farm killed carcasses to be explored to create more jobs at plant.



# My estimates.

- A deer dressed weighs in at about 80kg.
- Pay the hunter \$5/kg with tags issued as per area and population density.
- Three deer per day will be sufficient at \$400 each to maintain integrity and control.
- Four shooters covering a local area of 60km radius for supply of average 12 bodies a day.
- Equates to just under 1000kgm of meat a day.

## Sales.

- 1000kgm of venison packaged in cryvac bags at average \$30 kgm is a massive THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS A DAY.

The problem.

Government regulations.

# Fixing the regulations....or creating them.

- If there was some way to create an industry then there is no other “ready to go” than the deer harvest.
- Stop the waste and save the environmentally sensitive areas of the bush being destroyed.
- Create jobs, sustainable jobs. Well paid jobs.
- Create licenses of value to maintain integrity and control over the whole process.

# Who can do it???????

- If the whole processing plant is ran properly I would envisage it being both very profitable and a valuable piece of property inside of five years.
- I would be happy to discuss this further.

# Wild dogs

- I'm at wits end how to make a dead dog valuable.
- I see a bounty of \$1000 per dog as a fair and reasonable starting point.
- Boundaries for farmers having dog attacks should be abolished and trapping by farmers permitted on government land.

# Farmers have rights.

- Farmers who have dog attacks on their sheep should be allowed to trap anywhere within a ten kilometre radius of the attack site.
- Current regulations prevent any trapping on crown land.
- Baiting and shooting is allowed.

# The main points

- Bring back the fur trade to lower fox populations.
- Create the venison industry to lower the deer population and create highly paid jobs for those participating to maintain control and integrity.
- Put a bounty of \$1000 on wild dogs, to be reviewed annually as the population is managed.



# Stop the waste.

- The waste in agriculture is enormous due to government regulations. Kangaroos are permitted to be shot but not processed. Deer are getting overpopulated and if not harvested, a disease will naturally occur and devastate the herd. Good fox skins are left to rot. And wild dogs are killing sheep just trying to exist where there are too many of them.

# Government

- Where I sit, most regulations are legislated by people who clearly do not have a full understanding of their actions, or inaction.
- Who ever thought agriculture..... Australia's biggest, cleanest and greenest industry, could be so bastardised by the government.
- Please read this over and make the right decisions regarding the wild animals control.

# My details.

- If you want any further opinion please feel free to contact me by any of the below details.

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