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## Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"

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Description:

I was bemused to see hunting classified with "extractive" activities in the draft report - I would consider that it more closely aligns with activities such as bushwalking, camping and picnicking and be similarly benign in its impacts. In my youth I spent many years exploring, hunting, fishing, walking and prospecting in the study area, but particularly in and around the Wombat Forest. I can see no valid reason why hunting should not be allowed to continue in most of the areas under review, irrespective of whether they are to be reclassified as national park. There are populations of deer, goats, foxes and rabbits in all or most of the public land areas under review and this situation is unlikely to change in the future. Allowing hunting of introduced animals to continue would help to control their numbers, would be an important recreational outlet for a growing local population and would have no negative impacts on the environment or other forest users.

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