



**CONNORVILLE DEN  
GAME MANAGEMENT GROUP INC**

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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached our submission for the Fallow Deer Inquiry in Tasmania from the Connorville Den Game Management Group Inc.

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Kind Regards

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### **CDGMG Inc.Legislative Council Submission**

The Connorville Den Game Management Group Inc. consists of fifty deer hunters operating under a Property Based Game Management Plan. The property is 4500 hectares and is situated in the Western Tiers 40 km south of Cressy. Our group has an excellent relationship with the landowner providing a number of benefits in return for the access to hunt trophy fallow deer. We wish to make comment on the terms of reference regarding the inquiry into the wild population of fallow deer in Tasmania.

**Environmental impacts on public and private land;** Fallow deer have been a part of the Tasmanian landscape for many years and in moderate numbers have a minor environmental impact. The secret is to keep numbers under control, which is currently being achieved by groups such as ours in the traditional fallow deer range. However as fallow deer spread into other areas problems will arise and increased hunter access will need to be addressed.

**Any impact on commercial activities on private land;** With the recent implementation of many irrigation schemes combined with drought conditions, farmers tolerance of large deer numbers is very low. This is confirmed by the record amount of crop protection permits issued in the last twelve months. We view these results as a system that is flexible and working extremely well. Crop protection permits are easy to get and the Game Management Unit are very helpful. Our members shot an extra 150 antlerless and immature male deer under permit over the last year because of the drought conditions. The crop protection permit system should allow farmers to keep deer numbers to whatever level that suits their operation.

**The partly protected status of fallow deer under the Wildlife (General) Regulations 2010;** The Connorville Den Game Management Group believes the partly protected status of fallow deer in Tasmania is key to our success. Our members priority each year is to take a trophy stag under "fair chase" conditions and without a regulated season this would become unlikely due to poaching. This could make our property based game management plan unworkable. A trophy fallow stag needs to be a minimum of five and a half years old and March is the only time of the year they are in hard antler **and** challenging to hunt. A deregulated season would encourage poaching from February through to November with only the trespass laws to deter them. The last thing farmers need is unknown hunters on their property who offer nothing in return.

**Commercial opportunities for the use of wild population stocks:** The financial benefits of taking wild Tasmanian deer commercially requires close scrutiny. We believe the gains to farmers would be minimal and could potentially displace recreational hunters. Hunter groups such as ours control the deer and offer landowners pest control, working bees, security and property fees.

Fallow deer have been in Tasmania for well over one hundred years. Their management has evolved over that time culminating with the State Governments recommendation to employ through the TDAC US game biologist Brian Murphy in 1993 for two years. Variations to deer management on individual properties continues to occur each year and the TDAC initiated this years season changes which have been well received. Looking forward the Connorville Den Game Management Group wants the State Government to continue with a regulated season but acknowledges the spread of fallow deer in non traditional areas will require further management.

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Good afternoon

please find attached our fallow deer submission

Kind Regards  
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