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Legislative Council Inquiry into the Wild Fallow Deer Population in Tasmania

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Please find attached our presentation.

Regards Andrew

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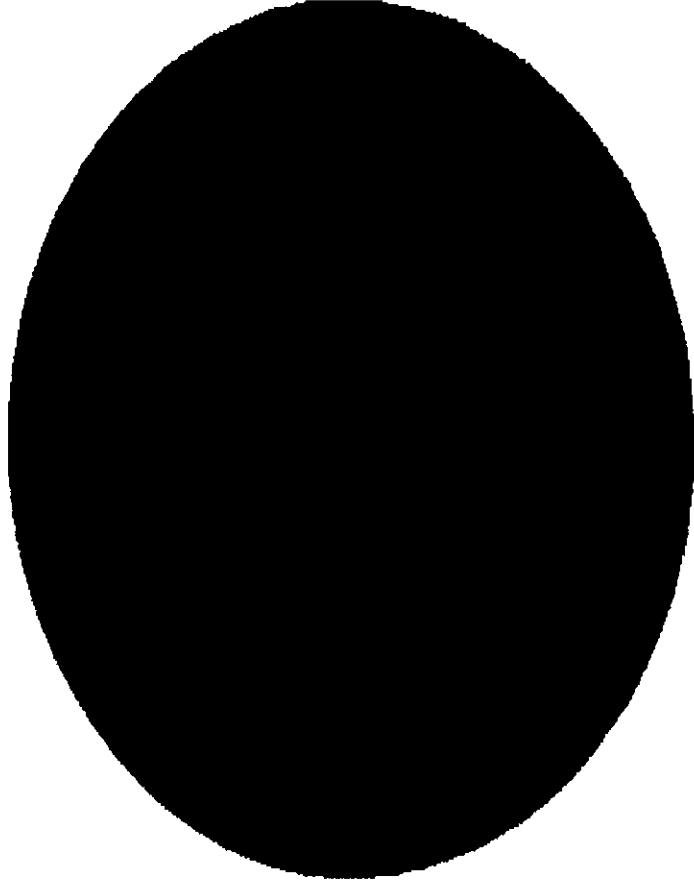


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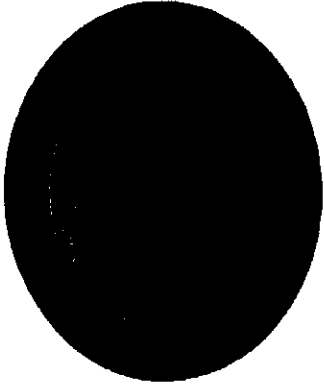




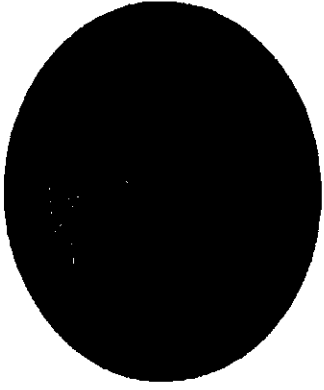
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- **Legislative Council Inquiry into the Wild Fallow Deer Population in Tasmania**
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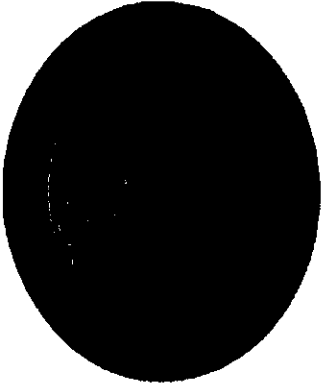


- "Charlton Estate" is a 9,887ha property located 8 km south of Ross at 696 Tooms Lake Road.
- The property consists of native eucalypt forest, improved pasture, agriculture and mixed light bush (not cleared). Both cattle and sheep are grazed on the property.
- Rainfall averages 406 mm per year. Approximately 80% of the property is not cleared with the remaining 20% used for poppies, grazing and the production of fodder crops under centre pivots.



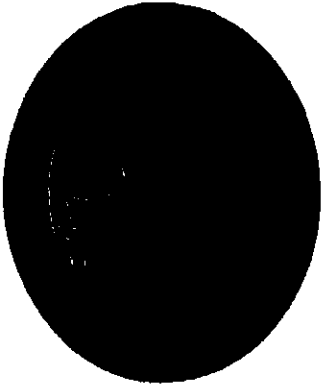
Primary Land Owner Objectives:

- **To manage a sustainable population of wild deer on the property as a business enterprise.**
- **To maximise the potential quality of the wild deer herd, whilst maintaining the wild deer herd within the carrying capacity of the property.**
- **To retain property control and who is present on the property by restricting access to authorised personnel only.**
- **To maintain a viable farming, grazing and forestry operation by reducing wildlife damage and numbers to acceptable levels.**
- **To maintain a close working relationship with the Charlton Hunters Club by a development and implementation property based Wildlife Management Plan.**
- **To reduce poaching and illegal trespassing.**



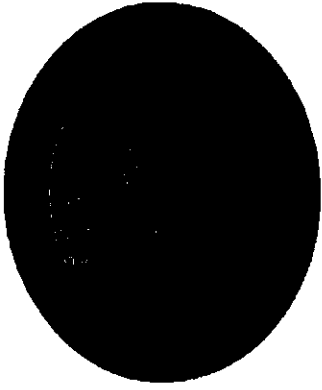
Primary Hunters Club Objectives:

- **The Charlton Hunters Club Inc. was formed by property owners and hunters to both improve the management of wildlife on the property, particularly fallow deer, and to reduce damage caused by browsing wildlife.**
- **To promote, organise and foster hunting and game management on the Charlton property.**
- **Assist property owners to implement and maintain a Property Based Wildlife Management Plan that promotes tangible benefits to both the land owner and hunters.**
- **Control of browsing wildlife species on the property.**
- **The CHC will benefit from the formalised management of the fallow deer herd on the property under the principles of quality deer management in return for the control of browsing wildlife on the property.**



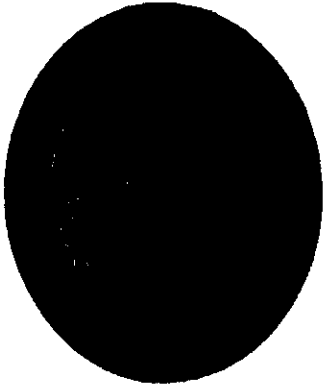
The Charlton Hunters Club Inc. is formed by:

- **80 members**
- **We perform 5000 + hours per year; these hours are a combination of illegal hunter protection, browsing wildlife control and deer hunting.**
- **We pay \$30,000 per year directly to property owners for exclusive access for our hunting club.**
- **We spend another \$ 5,000 - \$ 8,000 on improvements to facilities on the property.**



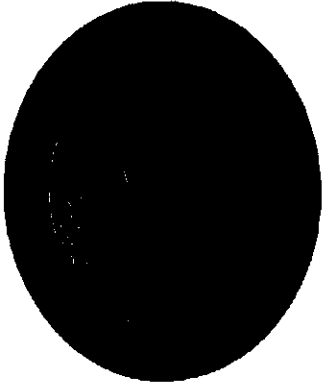
The Charlton Hunters Club Inc. works by:

- **Having a committee that coordinates the hunters.**
- **Holding club committee meetings with property owners ever 2-3 months to review game management on the property.**
- **Arranging for all hunters to book hunting trips via the club booking system and this is relayed to property owners weekly.**
- **Collection of fees by the club then forwarded to owners.**

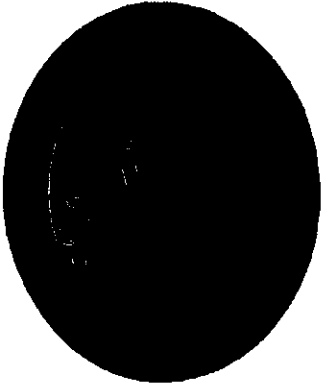


Our journey:

- **We started with 183 members hunting Charlton.**
- **No game plan.**
- **No clear rules for hunting or harvest.**
- **183 hunters returned the property around \$6,000.**
- **Hunters were using Charlton to gain access to neighbouring properties because of low stag numbers.**
- **Illegal harvesting was causing serious issues for both hunters and property owners.**

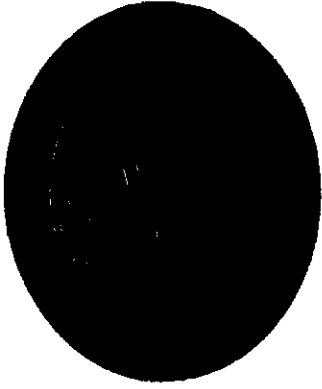


- **Charlton Hunters Club Inc. was formed in 1996.**
- **In the first few years the Game Management plan was drawn up and agreed upon.**
- **The club started to manage game and browsing wildlife control.**
- **Possum, wallaby and female deer were out of control.**
- **In our clubs first year we harvested 3,000 wallaby, 2,500 possum and over 1,500 female deer. Harvest data from 2015 consisted of 1,000 wallaby, 250 possum and around 280 deer**
- **Clear rules and property expectations were introduced to hunters.**
- **As the quality of deer improved, so did the quality of hunters.**
- **The relationship with our land owner, government department and neighbouring properties has improved to a point where Charlton Estate offers one of the best regulated game hunting experiences in Tasmania.**



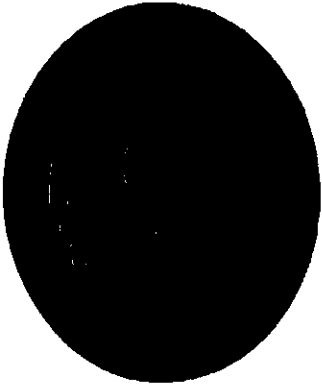
Benefits include:

- **Charlton Estate now has a self managed group of hunters.**
- **Guaranteed income each year to the farmer.**
- **Controlled browsing wildlife.**
- **A sustainable fallow deer herd.**



MLC's review and its affect on our members and hunters in general:

- **The partly protected status - Wildlife Regs 2010.**
- **Wild fallow can be hunted during two seasons; one for both male and female and a second season solely for females. The majority of fallow deer are on private property and the partly protected status allows both property owner and government departments to regulate both who and what can be harvested on their land. Forestry Tasmania, with the help of the GMSU changed hunting in the Woods Lake area of the Western Tiers by increasing regulations not reducing them. Removing the partly protect status could result in a return to the days of illegal hunting and subsequent property owner and illegal hunter disputes resulting in a need for police intervention.**
- **Additional crop protection tags are available for most other months of the year, the only exception being April during the rut, when males are both vulnerable and not considered for eating.**
- **Land Owners that wish to have lower numbers of deer only need to apply for tags. I do not agree with a need to change history to reduce a well managed resource to please a few.**
- **Firearm control strongly promotes gun laws and regulations for their ownership. To deregulate, how and where we use them would seem contradictory by many.**

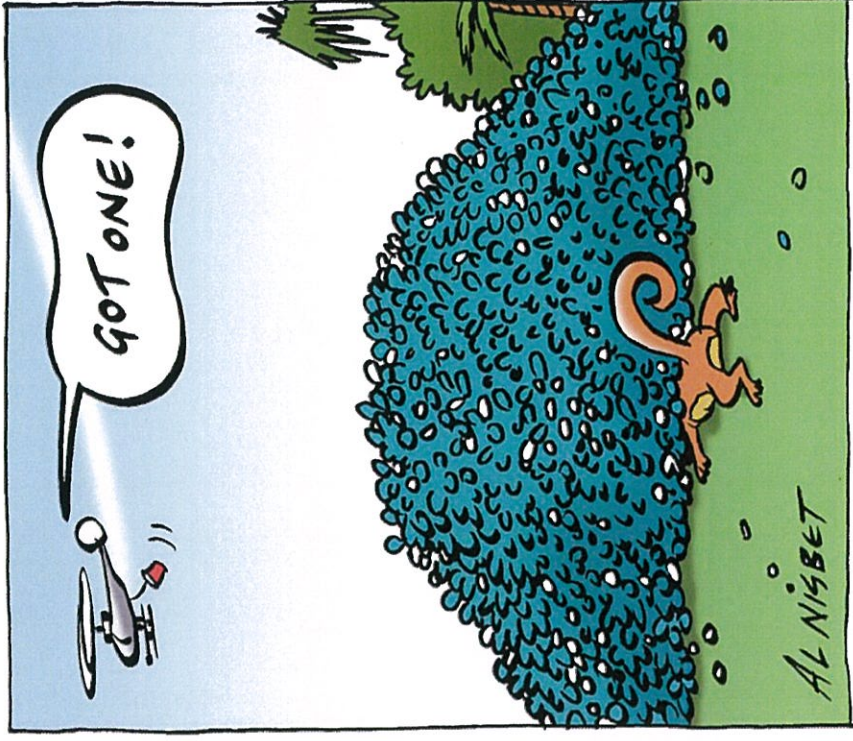


Commercial Opportunities:

- **What commercial opportunities? There are no commercial opportunities as the meat cannot be harvested and sold in Tasmania without changing the meat hygiene act for human consumption.**
- **Why don't commercial operators purchase from deer farms already established in Tasmania.**
- **Game management is set up for a sustainable harvest and we have proven this works.**
- **Do Commercial operators have a business plan they have put forward, that would not leave our herds unbalanced and decrease its value.**
- **They have not changed our meat hygiene act, so any commercial harvest will end up illegally sold or as pet meat. Not a great outcome for the thousands of hunters and a world class fallow herd.**

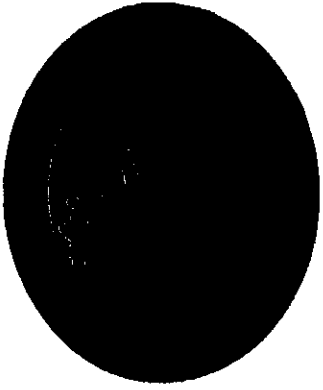


VS



Hunter and land owner agreements vs 1080 poison

Which would your conscience prefer?



Have we considered changes to regulations?

- Deregulating deer!!
- Deer can be poisoned.
- Deer can be harvested with a bow.
- Deer can be harvested with low calibre.
- Deer can be harvested all year round.

**There is nothing that can't be achieved with the current regulations as they are !!
Game Management Plans offer regulated and humane control and use of this world class resource.**