

Uluwstone

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Two whom it may concern

LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY INTO FALLOW
DEER.

① IMPACT ON PRIVATE & CROWN LAND.

The impact of deer on private land in Tasmania is huge and a continuing financial burden on landowners whose properties carry deer. As for crown lands deer are browsing feeders & mostly only use crown lands for cover as there is very little feed on crown land. The boundary fences in these cases cost a lot of damage which falls back on the farmer ~~by~~ getting government. The Government has a very poor track record on fencing or paying their share. All problems left to farmers to contend with.

PARTLY PROTECTED STATUS

For these reasons we now have season ~~for~~ and crop protection permits to control this problem.

This system works very well.

One major problem with this system is the fact that for the first two weeks of the season shooters are forced to carry a rifle and can't shoot a doe for the sake of the so called HEAD HUNTERS and to appease the greens who think the fawns left motherless can't fend for themselves.

This system has worked quite well and appears to be getting the problem under control.

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

For years WoodBE SHOOTERS have tried to commercialise mature game mostly unsuccessful. If there was a market for deer the deer farms would not have gone broke. Any intrusion by these get rich quick con artists would not sit well with other shooters or land owners. Large landowners charge very big money for Deer runs plus expect some shooters to a range of jobs such as fencing, post splitting, Road maintenance etc. It would cause a lot of ill feeling if these shooters discovered their runs had been shot prior to their arrival by such persons.

OTHER MATTERS.

The system as it is consumes a huge amount of time by landowners to organize men & shooters. These people deserve every thing ^{they} receive to organize this huge job and repair damage done by deer.

The season for both stags & Does should start together and not be ~~dictated~~ dictated to by TROPHY OR HEAD hunters as a shooter with fifty years experience I would like to front the committee and tell how I see the system works.

I believe this inquiry stems from a problem on the east coast where deer have escaped from a farm and are crossing the main road to feed on improved pasture Parks & Wildlife should have identified this problem during their inspection

of this peticular farm.

Yours

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