

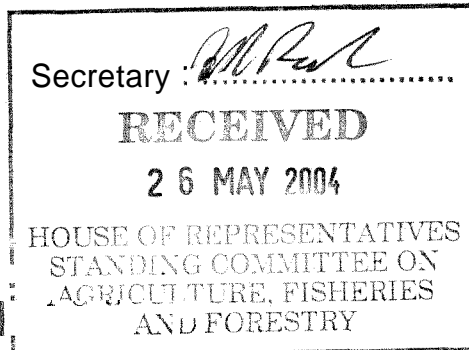


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Mrs Kay Elson MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mrs Elson

Thank you for letter of 6 April 2004 inviting a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry inquiry into the impact of pest animals on agriculture.

As you will be aware, primary industry in the ACT is small by national standards. It is primarily directed at sheep and cattle production. However, it is a vibrant industry and landholders have a keen interest in ensuring that their management programs are cost-effective and that productivity is sustainable. Management of pest animals are a significant issue.

As a major land manager in its own right, the ACT Government has a direct interest in pest animal management and commits significant resources to the task. The development of pest animal management programs in collaboration with the rural sector is a keystone of our approach to ensuring outcomes that are efficient and effective.

I have attached, for the information of the Committee, the ACT Government's vertebrate pest management strategy. It addresses most of the elements of the Committee's terms of reference. In particular, it promotes a strategic and coordinated approach to the management of pest animal impact rather than pest control as an end in itself.

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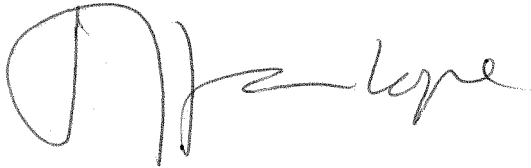
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Our contact officer for further Committee liaison is Mr Bill Logan of Environment ACT, telephone number 62072336, email [billlogan@actgov.au](mailto:billlogan@actgov.au).

I look forward to the findings of the Committee in this important area of agriculture.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Stanhope'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'J' being a large, rounded loop.

Jon Stanhope MLA  
Minister for the Environment

20 MAY 2004

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HELD BY THE COMMITTEE**

**ATTACHMENT TO SUBMISSION NO. 63**

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