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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 7 March 2019 regarding Parliamentary Petition No. 3061-18 and opposition to recreational hunting and the use of firearms.

The Queensland Government does not support recreational hunting in State forests and has no plans to open these areas for hunting as it is inconsistent with long standing management arrangements for State forests in Queensland.

Landowners in Queensland, including lessees of State forest, have a responsibility under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risks associated with declared pest animals on their lands. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships (QPWS&P) pest control programs are undertaken in a strategic manner to address the negative impacts of pest species and a range of control techniques are used, depending on the species, situation and program goals. Shooting on QPWS&P estate is only undertaken when it is an effective and humane control option, in strict accordance with relevant legislation, policy and protocols.

I would be pleased if you would arrange for the tabling of this letter in response to the Petition in accordance with Standing Order 32.

I trust that this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely



Leeanne Enoch MP

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