

## **Wildlife Act 1975 - Review**

### **SUBMISSION TO EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL**

This submission is made for and on behalf of the Executive and  
**1012 Members of:-**

## **Sale Field & Game Association Inc.**

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### **PREAMBLE**

#### **Field and Game Association of Australia Inc.**

This submission is generally consistent with and supportive of the submission lodged by Field and Game Association of Australia Inc.

#### **Australian Deer Association Inc.**

This submission does not address matters specifically related to deer and deer hunting. Sale Field & Game Association Inc., supports the submission of the Australian Deer Association Inc., in relation to these specific matters.

In response to the Scope of Review and the various matters which the Panel will consider, together with the extremely tight time frame for facilitating community and stakeholder input, the following key statements are submitted:

1. The traditional and cultural rights of all people to hunt wildlife shall be preserved and enshrined in the new Act.
2. Game species be removed from the Wildlife Act and incorporated under its own Act.
3. Hunting is a valuable social and economic contributor to Victorian society. The economic value of hunting is in excess of \$400 million annually, the majority of which accrues to regional communities.
4. Wildlife is a natural resource, which if responsibly, effectively and sustainably managed can provide benefit to all Victorians.
5. In this regard, no species of wildlife should be managed in such a way as to allow waste, pain or suffering to occur. In particular culling of animals on environmental grounds should require all culled animals to be recovered and not left to rot.
6. To do so will only produce further natural imbalance within our wildlife.
7. Ethical hunting can play a major role in maintaining populations of particular species.
8. Ethical and sustainable hunting is an historical and legitimate means of collecting food.