

New details of a program to hunt in our National Park are about to be released. Nothing proposed can get around one simple evidence-based fact: **allowing amateur hunters, some as young as 12, to control feral animal populations is not worth the risk to human lives.**

A Broken Promise:

Before the election, Barry O'Farrell assured Australians that there would never be shooting in NSW National Parks. For good reason; the purpose of National Parks is to provide a protected place for recreation and conservation. He broke that promise when he made a deal with the Shooters and Fishers Party allowing hunting in some of our most popular National Parks in exchange for the passage of a piece of energy legislation.

Who's Calling the Shots?

The NSW Government is bargaining with lives by caving to the agenda of the Shooters and Fishers Party, a party with a pro-gun agenda that advocates for loosening regulations on owning and operating guns. Hunters represent less than one percent of the population and already have access to 2.2 million hectares of State Forest land to hunt in, but are campaigning for access to almost all of our National Parks in the future. The majority of Australians, park rangers, bushwalkers and community groups have spoken in opposition of hunting in National Parks.

Who do you trust to look out for the best interests of our wildlife, Parks and recreation?

Overwhelming Evidence:

Recreation and Guns Don't Mix. The NSW government's own Draft Risk Assessment report clearly outlines that opening National Parks up to hunting poses a major risk for park users.¹ In New Zealand there have already been 4 deaths since 2010 when hunting was allowed in National Parks, with one amateur hunter mistaking a woman for a deer. Research shows that using amateur hunters to control feral animal populations is not a safe nor effective way of managing pests - a practice that should be left to the experts.²

Why is O'Farrell letting the Shooters Party call the shots?

NOT WORTH THE RISK

Enough is enough.

Let's reverse this dangerous deal before any lives are lost. Tell Barry O'Farrell to make good on his pre-election promise: **No hunting in our National Parks.**

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[1] Leaked report warns against national park hunting, ABC News, 23 December 2012.
[2] Invasive Species Council, "Is Hunting Conservation?", Invasive Species Council Website, accessed 14 February 2013.

