



# HUNTING POLICY



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

We reject the anti-hunting ideology infecting government policy.

Hunting is long standing tradition and past time stemming from tens of thousands of years to Indigenous hunting which is just as relevant in the modern world for all Australians.

Hunting is not a privilege handed out by government. It is an ancient Australian practice, conservation tool and a fundamental freedom.

In recent decades, governments and inner-city activists have treated lawful hunters like criminals while locking them out of public land and attacking the very culture that built regional Australia.

Australians hunt for food, conservation, pest control and self-reliance. Hunters remain some of the country's strongest conservationists, controlling invasive species, supporting regional economies and putting sustainable wild food on the table.

While governments waste millions of dollars on brutal pest control programs and green bureaucracy, hunters are the people willing to do the job properly.

We reject radical activist campaigns designed to ban traditional hunting methods, erase regional culture and regulate hunting out of existence through endless restrictions and lockouts.

NSW must stop attacking lawful hunters and start recognising hunting as a protected and essential part of conservation, regional life and our way of life.



## OUR ACTION PLAN

### Protect the Right to Hunt

- Legislate a permanent Right to Hunt in NSW law so no future government, activist bureaucracy or court challenge can strip Australians of their hunting freedoms through stealth regulation or political ideology.
- Embed hunting rights across all relevant NSW legislation to override future anti-hunting policy creep, land lockouts and bureaucratic restrictions targeting lawful hunters.
- Legislate explicit legal protections for traditional hunting methods including firearms, archery and hunting with dogs to stop activist-driven bans designed to phase hunting out of existence.
- Ban governments from using “green tape”, departmental policy changes or regulatory loopholes as backdoor mechanisms to shut down lawful hunting access.
- Protect the rights of parents and grandparents to teach future generations how to hunt, harvest wild food and safely use firearms without government interference or anti-hunting indoctrination.

### Smash Public Land Lockouts

- Force all State Forests, Crown Land and suitable public land to be assessed for hunting access as a default land use instead of automatically excluding hunters through bureaucratic planning processes.
- Launch a full independent review into National Park hunting bans, exclusion zones and anti-hunting lockouts with the objective of opening suitable areas to regulated conservation hunting.



## OUR ACTION PLAN - Continued

- Mandate that all public land management plans formally include hunting access opportunities alongside camping, hiking and other recreational uses.

### Put Hunters Back in Charge of Conservation

- Legislate hunting as a primary wildlife and feral animal management tool ahead of failed fertility control schemes, barbaric poisoning programs and wasteful contractor culls.
- Force government pest control agencies to prioritise licensed hunters and local landholders before outsourcing feral animal control to expensive contractors and brutal helicopter shooting operations.
- Expand government-backed conservation hunting programs targeting pigs, wild deer, foxes, wild dogs and invasive species devastating farmland, native wildlife and regional ecosystems including the establishment of bounties and other incentives.
- Ban the wasteful destruction of harvested animals in government culling operations by mandating carcass utilisation, meat recovery and practical field harvesting wherever possible.
- Create a NSW Wild Game Recovery Network allowing legally harvested venison and wild game meat to be processed and distributed to food charities, regional communities and struggling Australian families.
- Force wildlife agencies to publicly justify any decision to reject hunting as a management tool where invasive species are damaging farmland, waterways or native habitat.

### Crush Anti-Hunting Activism



## OUR ACTION PLAN - Continued

- Strip anti-hunting activist organisations of their influence over wildlife policy, public land management and conservation decision-making.
- Mandate hunter representation on all wildlife, conservation, forestry and public land advisory bodies to stop anti-hunting activists dominating policy behind closed doors.
- Legislate protections preventing activist organisations from using strategic litigation, green lawfare and bureaucratic appeals to shut down lawful hunting access and conservation programs.
- Block taxpayer funding, grants or government partnerships for activist organisations engaged in anti-hunting campaigns targeting lawful firearm owners, hunters and regional communities.
- Launch an independent inquiry into activist influence inside public land agencies, conservation bodies and wildlife management departments.

### **Backing Regional Communities**

- Protect and expand hunting tourism by investing in camping access, public land infrastructure, regional accommodation and hunting-related tourism opportunities supporting local jobs and businesses.
- Formally recognise hunting as part of NSW's cultural heritage through support for hunting festivals, wild game events, conservation education and regional field days.