

Dear Stakeholder

The Liberal Government recognises recreational deer hunting is an important tradition for many Tasmanians. Our focus is on maintaining a sensible balance between managing the impact of deer on our important primary industries and natural environment, and maintaining a deer herd as a hunting resource.

The Liberal Government established Games Services Tasmania to better support landholders, farmers and hunters to effectively manage wild fallow deer and all issues relating to game and browsing animals. We also established the Tasmanian Game Council as an independent advisory body with wide skills and experience on game and browsing management.

A re-elected Majority Liberal Government will seek to continue the same structures, given the effectiveness of the current arrangements, and will also seek to continue the important advisory relationship with the Tasmanian Deer Advisory Committee.

A re-elected Majority Liberal Government will also:

- Continue to protect the Tasmanian tradition of recreational hunting and sporting shooting which is a way of life for many Tasmanian families.
- Maintain the hunting system in Tasmania for game species including wild fallow deer, wallaby, duck, quail, muttonbird and pheasant.
- Support improved collaboration between recreational hunters and landholders to manage the impacts of wild fallow deer and browsing animals on farmland, reserves and sensitive environmental areas.
- Invest \$50,000 towards a study into the economic and social value of recreational hunting and sporting shooting to Tasmania.
- Invest \$250,000 over 2 years to implement a new Wild Fallow Deer Management Plan for Tasmania, reinvigorate Property-based Game Management Plans, and expand deer and wildlife population monitoring.
- Assist in developing a new Wildlife Impact Action Plan in conjunction with the TFGA.
- Provide \$50,000 to subsidise training through TasTAFE for hunters to obtain the safe harvesting and meat handling certification to enable wild shot deer to be processed for personal use at accredited facilities.
- A Re-elected Liberal Government will not consider the potential wider commercial use and sale of wild shot deer products until the impacts of the many other deer management strategies currently being deployed are evaluated through the implementation of the new Wild Fallow Deer Management Plan.

A copy of our release and policy can be viewed [here](#).

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Kind regards
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