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The Tasmanian Deer Advisory Committee responds:

Stillwater restaurant Co-owner and Chef Craig Will teaming up with John Kelly from Lenah Game meats calling for the Commercialisation of wild fallow Deer meat.

The TDAC and its member groups support the current government's position on Deer and Deer management in Tasmania.

This included conducting a feasibility study that has recently been completed and made public, however the TDAC does not agree this report has been successful in delivering on outcomes that it had been asked to provide.

The feasibility of a trial:

Concluded the trial would require a sizeable financial input from the state government.

It also failed to consider restaurants collaborating with current Deer farming enterprises to supply the quality meat required for restaurants such as Stillwater.

In a recent newspaper article it has reported, Guy Barnett and the current liberal Government had made promises to recreational hunters and that this was Guy Barnett's basis for not allowing the changes required by John Kelly's Business Lenah Game meats access to our wild deer population, this is incorrect and should be withdrawn.

As Chair of TDAC, no promise has been received by, hunters or hunting groups.

The TDAC have request several meetings with Guy Barnett and the Premier Peter Gutwein to discuss the Governments position post the report into the ***feasibility of a trial*** and have been unable to secure time with the Premier or the Minister.

The TDAC position has remained unchanged and our member groups ***do not support*** the Commercialisation of Wild fallow Deer in Tasmania for pet food or human consumption.

From a TDAC position, the ***feasibility study*** into a ***possible trial*** has concluded that without a government workforce and financial support over a period of five years this would not be successful.

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