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Mr Andrew Winwood
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Dear Mr Winwood

Thank you for your recent correspondence on behalf of the Tasmanian Deer Advisory Committee Inc. seeking responses to a number of issues.

Only a Tasmanian Liberal Government is committed to protecting our traditions and supporting the Tasmanian way of life. 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.

In response to the specific questions you raise, I can provide you with the following information:

Will a re-elected Liberal Government continue to support Recreational hunting in its entirety as promised prior to the last election?

If re-elected, we will maintain the hunting system in the state for game species including wild fallow deer, wallaby, duck, quail, mutton-bird and pheasant.

We recently announced our Hunting policy which seeks 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.

To review our Hunting policy please see - [Protecting Tasmanian traditions | Tasmanian Liberals](#)

Will a re-elected Liberal Government commit to the funding of \$90,000 for an independent report into the economic benefit that hunting and shooting provide to our state?

As part of our Hunting policy we have committed to invest \$50,000 towards a study into the economic and social value of recreational hunting and sporting shooting to Tasmania.

The study will assess the contribution that thousands of Tasmanians, hunting and shooting clubs, support organisations, retailers and suppliers make to regional Tasmania. It will help inform future policy and management directions.

A re-elected Majority Liberal Government will work closely with all relevant stakeholders, including the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Tasmania), Australian Deer Association (Tasmania) and the Tasmania Deer Advisory Council in undertaking the study.

Will a re-elected Liberal Party continue to support the current hunting season for all Game and browsing wildlife in Tasmania?

A re-elected Majority Liberal Government will maintain the sustainable hunting system in Tasmania for game species including wild fallow deer, wallaby, duck, quail, muttonbird, and pheasant.

Will a re-elected Liberal Party continue to support the TDAC as a leading advisory group to the Government?

If re-elected, we will continue to recognise and work with TDAC as a key stakeholder representing Tasmanian hunters.

Will a re-elected Liberal Party continue to support the game council in its current format?

The Tasmanian Liberals established the Tasmanian Game Council as an independent advisory body with wide skills and experience on game and browsing management. The Council is providing advice on a number of game related matters and there is no intention to adjust the current arrangements.

I trust these answers are of assistance to you.

Only a re-elected Majority Gutwein Liberal Government has the clear Plan to secure Tasmania's future and support our way of life.

For further information on our positive Plan to Secure Tasmania's Future, please see [Election Policies | Tasmanian Liberals](#)

Yours sincerely

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Peter Gutwein MP
Premier

