

Request for information

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Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I want to access the following document/s (*required field):

I wrote to Minister Rebecca Vassarotti on 16 June for an urgent investigation into an incident that occurred on Tuesday Night 11 June at Red Hill Nature Reserve during the annual kangaroo slaughter. Reserve watchers report the Government's hired guns were shooting kangaroos in rain and strong winds. According to the Bureau of Meteorology the temperature was 9 degrees and the wind gusts measured up to 48kph. The Code for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies Chapter 2- Technical specifications and Procedures, Page 6 states that : "Across Australia, there are large differences in the terrain and prevailing weather conditions that might exist at the time of shooting. Commonsense is required to see the prevailing conditions. Where the conditions are such as to raise doubts about achieving a sudden and humane death, shooting must not be attempted." The reason for this alert is that gusty winds will cause bullets to go off centre, affecting the speed and direction resulting in a higher wounding rate. In addition, it is critical to obtain an accurate wind direction reading the farther the bullet travels. So how does the ACT Government use "commonsense" to determine: • Suitable weather conditions rather than simply relying on guesswork; • What tools are used to do this; • How to incorporate vegetation and tree cover for each individual reserve; • The impact of cold weather on the shooters themselves. For example cold hands affects trigger control and could result in accidental discharge; and • Stop shooters from driving off track and trampling rare plants. Not only was it bitterly cold, raining accompanied by strong winds, this shooting took place in pitch black light and close to houses. When would shooting close to houses not be considered reckless and how does it comply with ACT firearm safety legislation? Taking account of the issues I have raised, how do the climate conditions on Tuesday night "not raise doubts about achieving a sudden and a humane death.

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator