

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to take the opportunity of making a submission to the draft Eastern Grey Kangaroo Management Plan.

As both a long term resident of the ACT of some 50 years, and a conservationist I would like to strongly state my support for the above draft Plan.

In brief:

- I am sick to death of minority, outspoken and emotional animal protectionist groups dominating and controlling sensible and scientific debate on this and other animal control issues (including that on feral animals when any issue of their control arises);
- I overwhelming support that ACT Parks and Conservation will no longer need to apply for a licence to cull under the new POM. Past costs to the taxpayer have been unreasonable and excessive while these groups and the individuals within them, bring about Court injunctures and use other physical methods to stop the proposed culls. In another instance the Dept. of Defence have been piss-weak in their negotiations with these same groups and further complicated the processes.
- When I first moved to Weston Creek the Golden Sun Moth was common, and I suspect the legless lizard and other small reptiles and animals were too. There is a need to protect those that are left from high level over grazing from the Eastern Grey Kangaroo (EGK) in particular.
- Examination of the numbers of Eastern Greys culled over many years, p.45 your Report, clearly show that numbers are not reducing over time, and certainly are not endangered as claimed by some. I have, many years ago, worked in a very limited capacity with Dr Don Fletcher (probably on feral horse control), and support his long time work and scientific monitoring of EGK's and other large animal species. I am aware he is ably assisted in the past and present by a committed group of workers and scientists.
- I support the ecological work and understanding of the population dynamics that

has gone into this control program and current draft report.

- I do not support the high cost and inefficiencies of the many other fertility control methods proposed by other self-interest protection groups. Shooting is effective, efficient and cost effective. Many years of experience has gone into how to conduct this program for the best outcome.
- I believe we have taken humanness too far with respect to any form of animal control. It is suggested that we should deal with relative humaneness and get the job done. A bit of realism would go a long way on just how much money can be spent in dealing with animal problems. The ACT Government does not have a 'magic money tree' to source its land management practices from and must continue to find and use ways of best managing its lands for environmental and other purposes.
- I am sorry that it is an Australian native animal that has to be controlled, but unfortunately we have changed their habitat so that their exponential growth is enabled, ie by creating artificial water sources (though these are minimised and reduced) and taken away predators (including man).

I wish you well with the finalisation and future implementation of this Plan.

Can you acknowledge receipt of this submission please?

