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Conservation Goes Beyond Partisan Politics

New South Wales Greens MLC Ian Cohen's allegations that hunting jeopardises wilderness areas show he is "out of touch" with conservation techniques, according to the International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH).

"The role of hunting in conservation is recognised internationally, and has been adopted very successfully in other parts of Australia. With environmental protection resources desperately overstretched, the contribution of volunteers to species-specific feral animal mitigation strategies is vital," said WiSH Chairwoman Ms Samara McPhedran.

"The New South Wales Government has taken a positive, proactive approach to environmental management, and should be congratulated. Conservation goes beyond partisan politics, and conservation is certainly the winner today."

Accredited hunters will be permitted access to selected areas of public land to reduce numbers of feral animals, under an innovative management program controlled by the Game Council of New South Wales.

"Standing by and letting introduced animals damage our ecosystems and threaten our native wildlife is not an option. It is shocking that any politician who promotes environmental responsibility would place personal distaste for the concept of hunting ahead of viable conservation techniques," Ms McPhedran finished.

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