



**RIGHT TO HUNT AND
GATHER**



WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party asserts the right of law-abiding citizens to hunt and gather in NSW.

Successive governments have tried to desensitise and disconnect the general population from the realities of food production and our hunting and gathering cultures.

We believe that sustainable recreational and conservation hunting and gathering can reconnect people with nature and contribute to our state's health, wealth, and happiness.

Whether it be harvesting a few rabbits for the table, pursuing one of our majestic species of deer or foraging for native and non native wild fruits, berries or mushrooms, hunting and gathering is about the connection with the natural environment, and the conservation of it.

Recreational and conservation hunting and gathering are safe, responsible human activities. It puts food on the table of tens of thousands of Australian families.

It injects billions into our economy, and particularly regional communities who have been forgotten about by the major parties.

It gives millions of Australians the chance to reflect, unwind and destress while connecting with our natural environment.

Hunters and gatherers are the original conservationists. Unlike Government run culling programs, where animals are shot and left to waste, hunters have the utmost respect for their quarry and make sure nothing goes to waste.

We believe that hunting and gathering should be an inalienable human right!



OUR ACTION PLAN

Australian Governments are not known for giving its citizens more rights and liberties. They are more inclined to take them away and then sell them back to us as limited privileges and licences.

As the party of freedoms, we believe that this trend must stop.

That is why we will seek to introduce legislative protection for all cultural heritage values, including:

- Legislative recognition and protection of hunting and gathering traditions;
- Declaration of species-specific hunting seasons to ensure sustainable resource management;
- Recognition of the economic, social and environmental contribution of hunting and gathering;
- Declaration of public lands for hunting and gathering above and beyond existing opportunities;
- Establishment of an autonomous statutory authority to regulate recreational and conservation hunting;
- Make it a requirement of Government culling and control programs that harvested animals are utilised to the fullest extent;
- Establish a food bank program where hunters can donate meat to those less fortunate; and
- Public recognition and celebration of hunting and gathering at designated festivals and government sponsored events and included in government publications, campaigns and websites on tourism and recreational opportunities in NSW.