

In Defence of Deer

We are concerned taxpayers from all walks of life in the CRD. We are professionals, labourers, business owners, civil servants, students, health care workers, service industry workers, and retired individuals who believe the deer have a place with us in our communities.

We all share a common belief that the deer shouldn't die because some consider them inconvenient.

As long as there is a threat to the deer's lives, we will defend them.



DeerSafe Victoria

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Who we are

Through research, dedication, and passion we have been able to create an informed and educated counter perspective to the "anecdotal" understanding of the deer issue that has arisen in our communities. It is with this alternative understanding of the cruel and inefficient practices of a deer cull that we engage in debate and dissent with the CRD who, in our perspective, is acting only to meet the interests of private property owners and special interest groups who see the deer as a nuisance.

Our goal is to inform the public and the CRD of the benefits, both short and long term, of the non-lethal means of deer co-habitation. We believe that accommodation of a multiplicity of interests is possible, without a need to resort to violence.

We are dedicated to making sure that the deer's lives are given adequate consideration to the interests of people who take issue with their presence. We are supportive and inclusive in our deliberations, and encourage people from all backgrounds to engage with us to find a way of meeting the needs of all involved.

Without a voice to represent them, the deer would have no standing to present their interest in living, raising their offspring, or objection to cruel treatment. It is our position that this is unacceptable. Please look through our website to gain a greater understanding of the issues, politics, and evidence that surrounds the deer. We will be regularly updating our site, so please be patient as we continue to develop it. If you have feedback for us please feel free to contact us!

Sincerely,
DeerSafe Victoria



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We are committed to an ethic co-habitation with the deer that share our communities and non-lethal approaches to "conflict."

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Why We Oppose A Cull

No Research

Currently, the CRD does not have valid or reliable population statistics as to how many deer there actually are. They also have no real stats on the deer population or know the cause of deer being in the area, the threat deer pose to human safety, or the extent of any economic loss they may have caused.

Anecdotal Evidence

The CRD has used complaints from a small group of community members and word of mouth as their main platform for spending taxpayer dollars on this project, while having no empirical evidence to support their claim that there is a deer overpopulation.

Cull=More Culls

There is substantial evidence that a full or partial cull of the deer population will only lead to a rebound in the population soon after, as nature abhors a vacuum, which would only lead to more culls. This may serve hunters' interests, but certainly not that of the community at large. It teaches our children poor environmental stewardship practices and can be a very emotionally traumatic experience to witness.

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Our Goals

Expose the CRD

By attending CRD and CAG meetings we bear witness to the process that was promised to be transparent and unbiased, and reveal the agenda of the CRD to make sure a cull happens to suite the ideals of a few small interest groups at the taxpayers expense.

Report to the Public

Through our website and blog we are able to communicate to the public the facts; whether it is the CRD's bias of appointing a bow-hunter to the CAG, citing anecdotal evidence as proof that a deer issue exists, or their complete lack of engagement with DeerSafe to promote education and non-lethal options to the public.

Defend the Deer

We have no self-interest in this matter, it is all about the deer. We are committed to using all available resources and political opportunities to prove that not only is there not a deer overpopulation, but that a cull is an ineffective and traumatic option for our communities that expect more from our politicians than "quick fixes."

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How You Can Help!

We are always looking for passionate, committed, and talented people with a genuine interest for protecting all life, including deer.

If you feel that you have ideas, feedback, or skills to offer in a positive and constructive way please contact us, we would love to hear from you!



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You can make a difference!