

National WARO Land Schedule Review - Jun-Jul 2018 Submissions

Number	Name	Email	Group Representing	WARO Operator	NZ Hunting Guides / NZDA	Concession Holder	Recreational Hunter	Member of RMA WDA	Comprehensive Review to happen	Closure Periods / Christmas	GPS / waypoints / flight	Area Specific	Term	Sex biasing	Tahr and Chamois	Access	Limited Supply	other	Panel			
1			Canterbury Tahr Hunting									Rakasa, Hokitika and Wangaihi rivers in the south island become hinds only catchments for Waro operators		Rakasa, Hokitika and Wangaihi rivers in the south island become hinds only hunting for recreational trophy hunters.	Reduce the areas that Waro operators can conduct hell hunting for Tahr and chamois there are perhaps 3 hunting outfitters that do 90% of the hell hunts, often these hunts are conducted in areas that are easily access by foot hunters				Very little is done by DOC as far as setting areas aside for the sport of trophy hunting. Separate the areas hell hunts can be conducted from areas of high ground pressure.			
2														A hind only policy for WARO operations					There is no doubt that we need WARO to help control wild animal numbers in certain high population areas. However, many hunters including myself spend loads of amounts of money on hunting associated equipment as well as spending years chasing the greatest hunting challenge of them all, shooting a mature red stag. This ultimate challenge is made almost impossible when WARO is in full swing, due to high venison prices. To see these magnificent red stags, of amazing bloodlines flying out underneath a chopper is absolutely heart breaking and makes me feel like I'm wasting so much time and money chasing these animals. You tube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXHK0CmJyMUWkUjlpG57w/videos?view_as=subscriber">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXHK0CmJyMUWkUjlpG57w/videos?view_as=subscriber</a> Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/bendb_wildaboutnz/?h=ien">https://www.instagram.com/bendb_wildaboutnz/?h=ien</a>			
3										Please keep WARO from shooting stags during the Summer and Roar				Keep WARO from shooting stags during the summer and roar		Enforce RMA as it is disappointing when the WARO shooters poach these areas without fear of conviction.			RMA's should be closed to WARO	Recreational hunters have killed A LOT more deer than WARO in the last 20 years or so, no matter the venison price. Working with us recreational hunters, not against us will be the best BENEFIT for conservation		
4										Extended closure periods over Christmas/Summer/Public Holidays	WARO operators need GPS track logs to ensure deer are not taken illegally, and for recreational hunters to see which areas have been affected by WARO		2 year term only for the new permit period, we are insisting that the cancelled review is reinstated.	Target hinds, not stags as WARO are doing						Recreational hunters have killed A LOT more deer than WARO in the last 20 years or so, no matter the venison price. Working with us recreational hunters, not against us will be the best BENEFIT for conservation		
5														In an effective management regime, hinds should be targeted, as the two far one rule can apply reducing a hind's ability to breed. Mate 1 do not condone shooting hinds during the calving period!					Like to see better communication between DOC and recreational hunters, where recreational hunters are told of areas of high deer population and are given the opportunity to reduce numbers prior to being shot by the helicopters. This snark and tough control method does not compare to the effect that recreational hunters can have on wild game management. At present, recreational hunters consistently shoot deer year round, killing at least 10x more deer in total, than WARO has accounted for, particularly hinds. The current culling via WARO means that it is an overall lose/lose scenario for all parties, recreational hunters are less likely to concentrate on hunting in an area which has been under WARO control, as a high proportion of stags will have been shot. Whereas, if there are stags in the area, this will encourage recreational hunters into the area, who will also actively shoot hinds.			
6												I believe WARO has its place in keeping wild populations of animals under control, especially in remote places like Fiordland and Westland, but would like to see it happen in a more regulated manner with emphasis on control rather than open slather type system that is in place now. Like to see the Rakasa north coastal block excluded from WARO		Happen in a more regulated manner with emphasis on control rather than open slather type system that is in place now. With a mandate to target hinds rather than stags especially in trophy areas like the Rakasa catchments and other parts of the Southern alps for example.					I believe WARO has its place in keeping wild populations of animals under control, but would like to see it happen in a more regulated manner with emphasis on control rather than open slather type system that is in place now. This resource is supposed to be for the public and public land is supposed to be about recreation not just for a handful of operators to plunder at will.			
7			Outthere Southern Adventurers Ltd							Restricted time over the roar period the dates be changed from mid March to the end of April and that it be a uniformed time period throughout New Zealand. Perhaps the 15th March through to the 30th April. Also the times period from 15th Dec through to 31st Jan bringing both North and South Islands into the same periods of time/dates	The Nevis is to get a not permitted WARO status, this is good. The current green area which allows WARO access 365 days a year to the chaotic conservation block we want the entire block red for no WARO operations. Timaru creek area is currently yellow so again WARO operations can do this area 90% of the time, we would like this area red so no WARO operations in this area. The new block which is to be part of the Ruatanwha conservation area... we are proposing that the block be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National Park which is red NO WARO operations. Timaru Creek and Laidler basin areas, we would like to see these areas red so no WARO operations in this area.	Would like the current system of byrns to stay so that timely reviews can be implemented when area changes through tenure review etc NOT in ten years time										
8												People live at Castle Hill. Changing it to a place where WARO can operate could be disastrous.										
9										A uniformed time period throughout New Zealand. Perhaps the 15th March through to the 30th April. The time frame over Christmas and the roar are too short and ground based hunters need to have more surety that WARO won't be operating in the same areas as ground based hunters	submit that DOC should increase the fees for WARO significantly and install some form of monitoring and controls so that DOC know where and when WARO are operating.		I submit that DOC should not grant licenses for longer than 2 years for WARO, and I submit that should WARO operators slow down that taking of animals due to the price of venison falling, then the license should be	I submit that WARO should be mandated to take a variety of animal, not just stags. I submit that DOC should mandate that certain areas are hinds only areas for WARO operators and let the recreational hunters take the trophy stags			All of the areas that have recently been added by Tenure Review and or up for reviews should be excluded from WARO		I submit that the priority given to the handful of WARO operators balanced against the numbers of recreational hunters is not fair. Land based hunters should be advised where WARO has not or has operated to make the allocation of number more fair to both sides. As a ground based hunter I have on a number of occasions had my time in the mountains destroyed by WARO operations coming in and shooting in front of me after I have spent half a day to get to there.			
10																				Please consider that those animals mean more to Hunters than dollars and cents. It doesn't make sense that hunters are not considered a vital part of the community. I believe that Waro has a place in the game animals have a place as well		
11										The shutdown period over the roar is too short as in some areas the peak of the roar is not until the 10th of April. I think extending it until about the 15th of April would be fairer on recreational hunters	Look at the Fiordland Wharri Foundation, similar things could be done with high value areas such as the Rakasa herd			Strong believer of having a hind only take which would not destroy the stag populations. Also like to see areas of significance (trophy potential or areas of access) closed down to hind only operations or a similar regime					There is a severe lack of information for recreational hunters to know if certain areas have been cleaned out recently, or if there are WARO operations being planned while a party is hunting in a certain area. On several occasions I've had helicopters hunting in the exact place I've been hunting including having mds of deer shot out from in front of me.			
12										The intention to allow WARO in the Kaimanawa Forest Park should be removed from the offer		It is my view that any concessions issued for WARO should be limited to a maximum period of 3 years	The current WARO approach does not require (or even attempt to require) targeting of female animals, which is presumably fundamental to effective population control? The approach of allowing any deer to be removed from any permitted place suggests this is more about providing business opportunities to WARO operators than it is about managing impacts of wild animals?				It is my view that all areas currently closed to WARO (or with restrictions as to times) should remain so		Under the existing model there is no apparent attempt to target WARO activity to places where the biodiversity condition is unacceptably impacted by wild animals. WARO operators will logically focus on those areas that provide the greatest return (i.e. lowest operating cost, biggest and most animals) which will almost always not be where the greatest need for removal of animals arises			
13			Reporter for the Stage Daily News																	Is consideration given to whether an area is well used by average NZ hunters before it is considered as WARO permitted?		
14												Would like to see a WARO free area in the Leathern Branch and Nelson lakes areas								Please look at the big picture while doing your review on WARO and think maybe what the users and tax payers want in these areas of interest, not what a handful of hell operators want.		
15										The WARO restricted times around Christmas/new years and the Roar period are too short. The exclusion should extend through January at least. In my experience, the main roar period in the South Island often continues on past April 9th - why not give the dedicated stag hunters another week shut down period of all of April											If it was up to me, shooting hinds/ does etc would be stopped on ALL hunting permits from approximately 1st June until waning	
16														Why can we not just shoot females, leave our stags alone			limit the amount of deer	Think about us - what's your favourite hobby? How would you feel if that was taken away from you... Not very pleasant is it				
17										Extending the shutdown period over the roar				Excluding some high value trophy areas for hinds only taken during certain times of year (e.g. summer)					It would be great to see some effort and management so that recreation and foot hunters get a fair go as there is increasing number of hinds especially in areas that hold large animals. Lack of communication between DOC and/or WARO operators and the public on where and when WARO is happening			

18						Support the current proposal which seeks a rear closure periods of 20 March to 20 April for all North Canterbury public conservation lands, Support the Christmas closure period continued and ask that this be extended for another week or so into January.	WARD should be a secondary control tool in much of the Canterbury region Support the total closure to WARD in the St James Conservation Area easy access I don't support the Castle Hill/Torlesse Range from not permitted to restricted - easy access Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park, including those green permitted areas should be changed to "not permitted" All possible administrative measures are put in place to ensure that WARD is not allowed to access Moleworth in the event that the lease ends in 2020 - easy access and highly popular Close to WARD: Haakere CP - Mt Potts CA (easy access) Double Hill CA (easy access) Mt Hutt CA (easy access) Hunter Hills CA (easy access) Kirkstoun Range CA (easy access) Lands West of Mt Lyford (deer numbers are low, area is relatively small) Hosack CA Tintine Downs CA	Requested that all new public conservation lands are set to a default status of "not permitted" for WARD for a period of say 5-10 years to allow the public, including recreational hunters, to access these lands first as a priority.			All new public conservation lands are set to a default status of "not permitted" for WARD for a period of say 5-10 years to allow the public, including recreational hunters, access these lands first as a priority.		
19			✓			No WARD operations from November to May (inclusive) because of fawns born in late November and mothered for next several months	I note DOC seems determined to mount WARD operations in the Bushline; for example when all evidence points to erosion having been there for centuries.					personally find management levels in DOC are tainted with the "anti-introduced" phobia. There are a good number especially in field staff who see things realistically but cannot speak out.	
20				✓	✓	I would submit that these periods should be extended to cover the entire period of 1st Nov- 30th April. This allows Recreational hunters far access to our animal herds over the main months of hunting without being disadvantaged or coming into conflict with aerial operators	The entire Bushline range should be gazetted as a recreational hunting area with WARD not permitted unless concise survey/study and investigation indicates there is a need for additional control methods. Due to high population and use, all areas of the North Island that are readily accessible and frequently hunted by Recreational hunters should be closed to WARD. This includes much of the Taranaki, Rimitika, Kawika, and Kaimanawa. More areas of easy access and close to human populations with high recreational hunter use should be closed to WARD. Examples: Areas in proximity to Canterbury plains, Arthur's pass, Ota, Taranaki river Lewis pass, etc.	A 3 year permit for this round of WARD permit renewals to allow the review to be undertaken in a proper and concise manner with proper consultation with Recreational hunters	It is recognized that females are the key to managing animal numbers. Conditions too be placed on any allowed WARD activity to restrict the harvest of male animals while promoting the harvest of female animals		No land handed over to DOC through Tenure Review Process should be introduced to WARD Land Schedule.		
21				✓		I believe for all South Island hunting areas where WARD is currently permitted a no WARD period of 15 Jan to 30 June should apply each year	These areas of the Rakaiwa River, should be managed for their unique trophy red stag and therefore WARD operators should be restricted to the harvested of red hands only. True left River tributary catchments including those between and including the Lauper River, Catta Stream, Totara Stream, Mathias River, Wilberforce River and Harper River. Maintain the excellent hunting resource of the Lake Sumner RHA by continuing a WARD not permitted policy	In areas of unique trophy hunting potential, those with a history of producing large and high scoring stags, I believe a hands only policy should apply. These areas of the Rakaiwa River, should be managed for their unique trophy red stag and therefore WARD operators should be restricted to the harvested of red hands only. True left River tributary catchments including those between and including the Lauper River, Catta Stream, Totara Stream, Mathias River, Wilberforce River and Harper River.	introduce "no WARD" periods in popular chamois hunting areas from 15 April to 30 June, example areas are: the Victoria and Brunner Ranges near the township of Reefton on the West Coast and the mountains area to the is mainly drained by the North Ashburton River and the Mt Huat range.	The maintenance of not permitted WARD areas including Recreational Hunting Areas (RHAs) must be a priority and ultimately new RHAs should be established in areas of unique trophy hunting potential and exclude any WARD activities			
22				✓	✓	WARD Closure periods - increase South Island minimum closures Currently WARD permit excludes operations between 22 December - 15 January and 15 March - 30 April (North Island) 22 December - 5 January and 23 March - 6 April (South Island) I can see no reason why the South Island should not have the same closure periods as the North Island, and would not support any reduction in either Island in this review. Also change summer closure period for South Island permit so that it is consistent with North Island permit (22	Helicopter Free areas like the Cobb Valley and Tabularlands, Moleworth and managed closure periods in areas like Nelson Lakes and the Fiordland Wapiti area where specific rules apply. That the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation managed area remains under that group control, and that no commercial activity other than that managed by that organization be allowed in that area. Support the addition of the Branch Leatham Conservation Area being added to the areas of control, where no WARD activity is allowed during the period 1 November to 31 May. Free of WARD is the area immediately to the south and east of Nelson and within 20 to 30 minutes drive of Nelson city, the Western faces of the Mount Richmond Forest park (Hackett, Waioa Gorge, Ben Nevis, and Beebys Knob).	A 3 Year Permit Period, for this round of WARD Permit Renewals to allow review to be undertaken ideally 1+ 1+ 1 so that it can be reviewed annually	Conditions should be placed on WARD Operators to reduce the targeting of stags. Target Hinds, not stags. Removing stags does virtually nothing for deer control and only removes potential for improving antler quality. Removal of hinds only would see a significantly increased control of deer, above that the current Stag harvest does.	Tahr. While not currently covered in the existing plans, I would insist that if you allow in this current review, that mature bulls specifically be excluded in any review permits issued.	All existing areas where controls on WARD activity are in place, retain those controls and that there be no reduction. No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARD Land schedule without consultation	Would like to see the Game Animal Council being able to manage and appoint herds of special interest, and set policy on what if any commercial recovery should occur in those areas.	
23				✓			Clause 17 indicates that WARD operations are permitted, subject to the constraint specified, in "not permitted" areas. Areas subject or potentially subject to clause 17 include (but are not limited to) the area to the north of Lake Rakaiwa, in the Rangitara River catchment on its true right side; inland, west of Geraldine, the Caples and Greenstone Valleys, underbush to be Recreational Hunting Areas in terms of the Wild Animal Control Act (1977); the southern side of the Otiake CA, parts of the Waianakia CA; portions of the Rock and Pillar Range, northern portions of the Garvie Mountains; the Hector Mountains; portions of the former Catlin Forest Park; the Blue Mountains (immediately adjacent to the blue Mountains RHA); the Silver Peaks CA; the Taieri View, Maungatua and Mill Creek CAs; and the Longwoods.	The terms for a concession of three years (Schedule 1, clause 4) is one to which I have no objection.				South Island Schedule: I have concerns with the ability to enforce the requirements as set out in clauses 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 in Schedule 2. This is because the demonstrated inability of the Department to manage similar operations, perhaps because of resource limitations. I discovered apparent difficulties in managing staff in airborne operations in its southern area late in 2007 while I and my party was undertaking recreational hunting in the same area. Subsequent enquiry revealed the aerial operation was unaware of the presence of permitted recreational hunters. Clause 7 then will pose similar difficulties of detection and enforcement particularly for the department. Clauses 13.6, to 15.10 are hereby commented. Turning now to Schedule 3, I note with concern that the storing of flight path data (clause 7 refers) is only for the duration of the concession. This immediately creates an enforcement problem if a complaint is laid, time elapses between putative detection and the receipt of the complaint, because if the concession ends, there is no lawful requirement for the retention of evidential material such as these data. I have a similar concern to clause 8 of Schedule 3, for similar reasons. I am disappointed that clause 10 of schedule 3 does not provide for research purposes, being a requirement, "... for compliance and/or conservation management purposes only" (p.18). Research data on the recorded productivity of WARD and similar operations is scarce and will remain so if such a measure is not changed. Considerations of commercial sensitivity may be overcome by instituting a delay period between the gathering and recording of such data, and the supply of these to bona fide (genuine) researchers. The provisions of clause 11 will be more readily complied with if clause 10 is altered accordingly. Clause 12 appears to exclude the provision of data (as urged in my #11 above) for research purposes. I again recommend that it be changed to permit same, under the conditions I set in my #11 above.	
24				✓		Also I would like to ask that the Yellow period evaluation be extended from mid March to 1 May.	The current green area which allows WARD access 365 days a year to the Otiake conservation block we want the entire block red for no WARD operations - easy access. Timaru creek area is currently yellow so again WARD operations can go this area 90% of the time, we would like to see this area red no WARD operations in this area - easy access. The new block which is to be part of the Ruataniwha conservation area (this is the new areas taken over by DOC which was Glenelg and Fernside stations, so include Bush stream/Freds stream/Whales stream/Twits stream. These are the areas you can hunt off the main Mount Cook road. DOC proposal is that all this area be WARD approved so WARD can operate in there 365. This area is surrounded by Green and yellow so WARD can operate in and around this block at present. If its allowed to be opened up to WARD we will lose all that area. So we are proposing that that block of land be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National park which is red NO WARD operations - This area is easily accessible for every one and is an area completely surrounded by green and yellow would be great to have something for hunters.						

25	NZ Forest Managers Ltd (NZFM)									While the map attached clearly shows the land ownership boundaries, these are indistinguishable on the ground. This makes trespass on private land a likely issue from the proposed WARD activities. In particular, where the adjacent land is classified as 'permitted' for WARD concession permits the likely incidence of trespass is high as the concession permits will not be restricted to a particular timeframe throughout the year (other than the Christmas and roar closure periods). The terrain and vegetation in these areas also means that the ownership boundaries are near impossible to define on the ground. (Map shows Rotorua Forest, Lake Taupo Forest, Hautu-Rangipo)					While the map attached clearly shows the land ownership boundaries, these are indistinguishable on the ground. This makes trespass on private land a likely issue from the proposed WARD activities. In particular, where the adjacent land is classified as 'permitted' for WARD concession permits the likely incidence of trespass is high as the concession permits will not be restricted to a particular timeframe throughout the year (other than the Christmas and roar closure periods). The terrain and vegetation in these areas also means that the ownership boundaries are near impossible to define on the ground. (Map shows Rotorua Forest, Lake Taupo Forest, Hautu-Rangipo)	
26						There should be no WARD operations from November to May inclusive because of fawns born in late November and mothered for next several months. Close to WARD over 150m New Year is for the school holiday period, and during the Roar when Recreationists including families and hunters can have a peaceful time.	WARD GPS data should compulsory, be analysed and breaches WARD areas and falsification prosecuted heavily, without exception.	I note DOC seems determined to mount WARD operations in the hushes: for example when all evidence points to erosion having been there for centuries. No new areas should be opened, including in the Tararua and Rimutakas	Permits should be for 3 years only with no right of renewal. This then allows for a complete review publicly of the process and be fully open to public scrutiny.				2009 WARD areas should only be opened to WARD for the upcoming permits/concessions. No new areas should be opened, including in the Tararua and Rimutakas. Families and kids also use these areas, and easily accessible areas should be excluded from any WARD to avoid conflict with recreational use. Parks are for recreation use first, commercial activities are secondary.	Wild deer are of no problem conservation wise, they participate in a healthy natural environment and are self regulated by mother nature. Left alone they will establish a natural order and balance without degradation to the environment long term. Numerous scientists most notably eminent ecologist the late Dr Graham Caughley outlined the reality that NZ's vegetation is well adapted to browsing. For millions of years vegetation moa and other birds and even insects browsed on NZ flora. Deer have simply replaced the browsing feature that moa's performed.		
27						These should be increased minimum closure periods, especially around Christmas (15th of December to the 15th Jan) and the roar period (early March - Mid April)	WARD GPS data should be analysed and made public (anonymously). That will give hunters data to target hot spots. DOC stated that an "assessment" of all conservation land would be made, in order to determine areas offered to WARD. This must be published publicly to ensure future WARD land proposals are justified.	No new areas should be opened, including in the Tararua and Rimutakas.	Implement promised National review of WARD, implement a 3 Year Permit Period, for this round of WARD Permit Renewals, to allow review to be undertaken				No land handed over to DOC through the tenure review process should ever be introduced to the WARD land schedule.	To have significant trophy herds decimated with no concern to their recreational value is wrong, especially when DOC is supposed to take into account the needs of all user groups. Recreational hunting is a valid park use and recreational hunting must be factored in. Parks are for recreation use first, commercial activities are secondary.		
28													Aircraft including helicopters must not be used to permit with in National Parks except for	National parks have been created to protect the native flora & fauna in our beautiful country to be enjoyed by all will respecting all stakeholders. No to commercialisation of our public lands).		
29														Ground hunters have little to no impact on the environment given reasonable access versus allowing helicopters to randomly, and in some cases dangerously shoot animals from the air, then drop hunters to retrieve shot animals.		
30	South Canterbury Branch NZFA					We submit that access dates should be the same for the North and South Islands to avoid confusion. 14th of December to the 31st of January for the Christmas period and 15th of March to the 30th of April for the Roar		Glenfanner area - We would want this zoned Red. No WARD in Bush Stream and Mt Brabazon faces following agreement of tenure review. Strongly support this area identified (Doubtful range, Two Thumb range through to Havelock river) as red zone excluding WARD activities. We would like to see this area zoned Red, this area encompasses the Te Araroa Trail and Hakaterere Conservation Park. We see this whole high use zone as a continuation North and East of the Mt Somers Red zone. We request that the Timaru Creek & Dingle catchments go from being restricted (Orange) to zoned Red	South Canterbury Branch NZFA (We) request DOC carry out a full review of the WARD permit system (High Court Ruling). Until such time as that occurs, we request that any permit renewal be limited to a further 3 year term renewal expiring June 2023, on the grounds that the timeframe allocated to the current review will not provide a thorough and robust process and is in breach of assurances				As regards the tenure review process, we take the view that land already in the process of review should be classified "not permitted", as it would be inappropriate until the completion of that statutory process for the valued game animal resource to be compromised by commercial hunting activity. Support the principle of 2km buffers around estate land.	The process and time available for hunter input, does not comply with DOC's consultation guideline, and that day time meetings, rather than evenings, are not conducive to enabling interested parties to attend.	Maps supplied with more detail	
31						All currently closed zones (RMA etc) and restricted time periods need to be kept closed and those time periods of restriction need to be lengthened. The areas of WARD open zones need longer closure periods to ensure that the animals are able to recover before the Roar.		Ensure that the permits issued and short term (2 years maximum) to allow the Deer Plans and the review to take place	The key to population control is to target the females. Only shooting females, this will actually lower overall numbers which is the intention of the concession in the first place.	The creation of WARD exclusion areas for our more significant herds, or the more (RMA's) (Recreational Hunting Area's)		Assign certain areas to certain operators, this will remove the competition between operators and make them more likely to be viable	We need WARD that is certain. The issue is the current and proposed open slather only benefits a small few operators and not the larger recreational hunter population			
32						I believe that in any current WARD areas there needs to be longer closure periods especially around Christmas and the Roar		Any permits issued to WARD in the meantime are to be very short term 2 years at the maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place.	WARD should be restricted only to hinds			Support current closed areas and restricted time periods	I believe that prioritising a handful of WARD operators over a huge number of recreational hunters is not fair, antagonistic and counterproductive to the so called "conservation" of our countries wildlife and land.			
33						WARD restrictions extended over the Christmas period and the Roar		Any WARD permits should be for a maximum of 3 years	WARD should be restricting stags when in velvet on the tops				Support current closed areas and restrictions. Any new land that becomes available via reviews or leases ending should be available to recreational hunters to control before being opened to WARD no matter where or what species	DOC should be working alongside recreational hunters not against them		
34								WARD permits should be reviewed annually	WARD should be hunting hinds to decrease deer numbers			Keep all closed areas, closed to WARD. Easily accessible areas with huts and tracks should be off limits to WARD. Ground hunters are able to maintain deer at low numbers and should be	Financial penalties for operator caught breaking the rules and permits reviewed. As is it WARD are necessary BUT they need to be closely controlled			
35						WARD should be closed throughout the South Island during Roar period of 20th of March to 20th of April, WARD also should be prohibited from the start of December to the end of January		A period of 3 years or a maximum of 5 years				All new public conservation land should be closed to WARD for at least 10 years				
36						It is not possible to stop WARD hunting during Christmas Break and the Roar		2 year terms with monitoring	Target hinds or a limited number of splitters					We recreational hunters are so lucky to have these type of grounds all around NZ, but seeing deer after deer especially big stags, frown over our heads is brutal.		
37									Hinds only should be the policy					Work together with recreational hunters, in certain hard to reach areas understand WARD is needed to keep deer and taht populations in check. Recreational hunters are the backbone of this however, they will always be there even when there is no venison industry for the helicopters. And we hunters cost you nothing. We do it for free out of our own love of our land and its animals. Take a leaf out of the Fiordland National Park situation with regards to the Wapiti herd, conservation and hunters, helicopters and DOC working together for the greater		
38						High quality and historical areas such as the Rakia and surrounding areas should be considered for closure to WARD.		2 years maximum until such things as deer plans and WARD reviews have taken place	Restriction or ban on taking stags and focusing on taking hinds			In support of current closed areas to WARD				
39														\$200 penalty for any stag shot over 8pts. Operators need to notify when they are conducting operations. I am all for WARD and keeping the numbers down but there has to be a balance to keep both parties happy		

40											Areas such as the Rakaiia, Pouler and certain areas of Otago which have a long history of producing large antlered stags would definitely benefit from having some form of protection compared to the open slather system we have today	Main issue I would like to see changed from the current model is granting protection of male red deer in high value genetic areas	Larger areas of exemption would also create less conflict between the small number of WARD operators and large number of recreational hunters. I believe a great example is the Recreational Hunting Areas (RHAs) we already have in place	Living in a predator free country I believe there is definitely a need for population management of introduced species with recreational hunting being the most effective method of this but also WARD playing another key role			
41											In open WARD areas there needs to be longer closure periods, particularly around Christmas and the rear	Until the review has been completed any WARD permits that are issued must be short	All current restrictions and closures need to be maintained	Working with the large numbers of recreational hunters in this country will be far more productive for conservation than try to walk over them for the sake of a few WARD operators			
42											Standard closure periods for New Year should be 16th December - 31st January inclusive	The permit period need to be put at 2 years to allow the National review of WARD that was promised by DOC last year	Areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters - should be closed to WARD. All existing closures to WARD areas to be kept as such with no increases to available areas for WARD	A well managed WARD industry in conjunction with DOC, the GAC and other stakeholders would be beneficial for all concerned in the long run			
43											WARD closure periods - retained or enhanced, not reduced. North Island closure period 1st September to 31st May. It should be at least from 16th December to 31st January to align with school holidays	Seek a 3 year permit period, for this round of WARD permit renewals	Conditions should be placed on WARD operators to reduce the targeting of stags. Shooting stags does little or nothing for population management whereas targeting hinds does	No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule	under a system with restricted numbers of operators		
44											WARD closure periods in the Tararua, Remutaka and the Wairarapa reserves - reinstated, retained or enhanced, not reduced. Increased closure times in the Tararua and complete closure of the Rimutaka and Wairarapa reserves	Believe that the concessions need reviewing on a more frequent time frame (1-2 years) and needs to include all parties that are affected by WARD	If deer control is the purpose for WARD, targeting hinds is better option for control and helps the potential hinds/trophy potential by not shooting trophy stags	Do not agree with the new proposed areas to be opened up to WARD concessions in the following years	The different WARD areas need to be controlled under a set animal to be taken by WARD with conditions on what animals are taken	Every year recreational hunting is a major contributor to venison control and it's a real kick in the pants seeing potential and actual trophy animals being slung out on the back for no real gain while the recreational hunter stags around the hills hoping for one of those trophies of a lifetime	
45											The WARD operator is supposed to GPS the spots that they shot the deer but are not required to GPS their flight tracks which allows the operator to misrepresent the actual locations of their activities	Feel that the current acceptable license times should not exceed the current 3 years	WARD licenses should be restricted to hinds	Strong opposition to any extension of WARD areas to helicopter operations, especially into any areas that are normally accessible to the everyday weekend hunter such as	I can see the point of having them operating in inaccessible areas but to extend them to easily accessible areas where hunters can get a feed for their families is a violation of the right of Kiwis to enjoy our conservation estate		
46											Extend WARD closed periods around Christmas and wild animal rutting seasons where recreational hunters concentrate their efforts	Consider reducing the number of WARD permits issued and the duration of the permit, so changes can be made more easily to how WARD is used in the future	Consider implementing a policy that focuses WARD on only removing female wild animals	Consider moving WARD areas to places that aren't hunted extensively by recreational hunters	Consider developing and implementing quota systems to ensure the wild animal populations are controlled correctly without undue influence by meat prices	accept that WARD is a key tool in managing the NZ wild animal asset. However, there are a number of issues/risks with its current operation. Policies need to be put in place to mitigate and strike the right balance between conservation of the environment, recreational and commercial users of the conservation estate and the wild animal asset that inhabit it	
47											No WARD between Dec - May when most deer hunters are actively hunting deer	Taking hinds only	Extra RHAs or larger areas of existing RHAs would also be great	Some sort of notification system or mapping software that allows the foot hunter to see what area has been WARD's within the last month or two online. I'm sure you've heard the figure of how many deer are taken by recreational hunters vs WARD so maybe working with the average rec hunter rather than against him could go a long way			
48	Heiropk Limited										Happy with the Christmas period, if it was to change would prefer several days extended 22nd Dec - 7th Jan. The current rear closure does not reflect what is happening in Southland with recreational hunters. There is very few hunters in the bush until the 28th March but they extend out till the 15th. Closure period from the 26th March - 15th April would better reflect what does happen	Already supply DOC with all our track logs and waypoints, this is done when we email our data through to the factory. Can understand the benefits for DOC when linked into the live 3 data. This should be compulsory for all operators and done within 96hrs. DOC would need to give some commitment that this data is sensitive and not released publicly in it's raw form.	Remonables Conservation Area does have a high population of deer living in pockets that are not being controlled at present. Kogawau, Old Woman Range Conservation Area has a high population of deer throughout it, not being controlled at present. Oteake Conservation park does have deer throughout it, due to the extremely high numbers on some of the private land that borders it there is potential for the numbers to quickly increase. North Canterbury is an area where there is a larger recreational presence. With the failure of the recreational hunters there to control the numbers of deer in the Lake Sumner RHA, there can be no justifications to close more land in the area	Would like to get a 10 year or 5+5 year concession, when we are investing into our business a bit of security would be reassuring	With the failure of the recreational hunters to control the numbers of deer in the Lake Sumner RHA, there can be no justifications to close more land in the area	Concessions should be removed from any operator that has not recovered minimum 200 animals a year to approved processor from DOC land	
49	NZDA Ashburton										Extend exclusion dates at Christmas/new year Dec/Jan and the Rear Mar/Apr to protect the public and recreational hunting interests		Hinds only policy in our area - concentrate on hinds and reduce the ability to reoperate. Leave the stags for recreational hunters	Consider having a 1 operator policy in each area, to manage it and work in with recreational hunters	WARD decimates the animal population in our open areas and we would respectfully request that you consider our submission so that when we make the time and effort to take a kid hunting or go after a trophy on these DOC estates that there is something there and not just a pile of gut bags		
50											Extended WARD closure periods from Christmas to after the rear when recreational use is at it's highest	The current 3 year period or even 2 years would be more adequate to allow for more regular adjustments to the permits to better manage the sector	Closer management where hinds are the key target not stags as is the current format	Wish to see the current WARD exclusion kept in place. Please keep the WARD restricted area and exclusion periods. More WARD restrictions to be	I hope that DOC can move forward to work with recreational hunters. As a core we have the same values regarding our public conservation land and working together to manage it will be beneficial to every recreational user in the future rather than a handful of helicopter operators right now		
51											WARD should be restricted in the time in which they can hunt (namely breaks over the summer holidays and the rear)	Future WARD should provide information to hunters on where operations have occurred	WARD should be restricted to hinds in most areas	WARD should be restricted to a per hectare quota which is divided among	Allow the development of more recreational hunting areas where there are herds of special interest. There is no denying that high numbers of introduced ungulates negatively impact native vegetation and that some level of WARD is necessary to preserve native biota. I would argue that the biggest issue surrounding WARD is a lack of regard for the value of red deer to		
52															I am far from an expert on this issue but a few people I know are and from what I hear the system DOC have in place doesn't work for conservation, the tax paying recreational hunters, I suppose it's working for someone but definitely not for the tax paying foot hunters who are the most passionate and effective in terms of wild deer management		
53															Please take more time to consult with the public and look into the best option for conservation and recreation		
54															I support the work done by helicopters. I understand the necessity to keep animal numbers at a manageable level, and the helicopter is a cost efficient way of doing this		
55											WARD closure periods - retained or enhanced, not reduced. Closed to stags in November, 31st January. Standard North Island closure period should be copied for South Island, at a minimum the xmas/new year closure should be 16th December to 31st January	GPS monitoring data of where animals are recovered from to be made public within 14 days of recovery, in my view this would help to reduce the friction between WARD operators and ground based hunters	As a general principle, conditions should be placed on WARD operators to reduce the targeting of stags particularly in areas with high trophy potential such as the Rakaiia and Otago bloodlines	A 3 year permit period, for this round of WARD permit renewals to allow reviews to be undertaken	Targeting of hinds only. Removing stags does virtually nothing for deer control and only removes potential for improving antler quality. Removal of hinds would see a significantly increased control of the breeding population that the current stag harvest does not	Areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters - should be closed to WARD particularly the Hakarewa, Oteake, Ahuriri and Rautawhā areas. No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule	I support the work done by helicopters. I understand the necessity to keep animal numbers at a manageable level, and the helicopter is a cost efficient way of doing this

56						✓			The allowable WARD areas should be closed over a longer period when the hunters are most likely to be on the roan, like x-mas holidays from around mid December through to May after the roan and out for game animals		would love to see a few more areas WARD free, especially those areas that have a high number of hunters already like the Branch and Leatham in Marlborough		Hinds are the breeders, I believe to effectively lower animal numbers to an acceptable level for both DOC, WARD and rec hunters the best way is to allow the WARD to only gather hinds and leave the stags/bucks		I would love to see a few more areas WARD free, especially those areas that have a high number of hunters already like the Branch and Leatham in Marlborough and believe the current WARD areas should be at the minimum remain closed to WARD as they are set		The WARD play a significant role in controlling game numbers but better consulting with the GAC and Rec hunters can only enhance the numbers taken which it is clear to see that is what DOC are trying to achieve
57	Yes																
58						✓	✓		More/longer closure periods eg Christmas/Summer period, roan period, weekends, public holidays				WARD should be restricted to hinds only		Keep the RHAs free from WARD. Restricted to certain areas.		Recreational hunters have killed MANY, MANY more deer than WARD operators have in the last 20 or so years ... no matter what the venison price. It's not fair to us recreational hunters that a handful of WARD operators, who only remove deer when prices suit are prioritised over a vast number of recreational hunters.
59						✓							Keeping harvestable animals restricted to hinds will give young stags a chance to grow to potential		Please keep as many WARD free areas as possible and trust hunters keep the population down		The demise of wild game population would be at the demise of a lot of recreation in our NZ wilderness
60						✓							Removing stags is ineffective for population control, and these are the animals that motivate most recreational hunters.		The currently designated Recreational Hunting Areas and Herds of Special Interest should be excluded from WARD		Quota systems for WARD operators are one option for effective management that could account for actual ungulate population levels and demographics
61						✓	✓								Support current restrictions on WARD - please extend as is until proper consultation has been had		Rec hunters play a pivotal part in the control of deer and other wild game in NZ
62	NZDA Rakiaa Branch	✓				✓		WARD closure periods should be aligned between North Island and South Island. In the absence of ideally a complete 1st December to 30th April closure - it should be at minimum from 16th December to 31st January		Mr Hutt Conservation Area should be given WARD status "Not Permitted" Hakarua Conservation Park should be given WARD status "Not Permitted" Hakarua Conservation Park (Proposed Addition) should be given WARD status "Not Permitted" Effectively submitting that the entire, rough or approximate triangle of PCL between Claret Hills (taking in Mt Barrow), the Mt Hutt Range (taking in Mt Hutt), and the Palmer Range (taking in Godley Peak) should be given WARD status "Not Permitted"	A maximum 3 year permit period for this round of WARD permit renewals	It is numbers of hinds that need to be reduced - to effect wild animal population management. It makes more sense to have mechanisms to ensure WARD operators focus on harvesting hinds		No land retired from Pastoral Lease under Tenure Review - and handed back to DOC as PCL - should be added to the WARD Land Schedule. The need for WARD closed or suitably restricted areas in hunting grounds demonstrably frequently and successfully hunted by recreational hunters. At least a 1 Km "Not Permitted" buffer should be established on the front faces / front country of all significantly large areas of PCL where the WARD status is otherwise "Permitted"		Creating more easily accessible country, public vehicle access to "the bottom of the hill". WARD operators could work in with recreational hunters - drop them off in agreed locations - and then stay away from those locations. Recreation of the WARD permit clauses that prevent the carriage of Recreational Hunters ONLY - to allow such carriage specifically on a "By in, fly out" basis	
63	South Island Combined Regional Access Group (CRAG)	✓				✓		WARD closure periods should be aligned between North Island and South Island. In the absence of ideally a complete 1st December to 30th April closure - it should be at minimum from 16th December to 31st January			A maximum 3 year permit period for this round of WARD permit renewals	It is numbers of hinds that need to be reduced - to effect wild animal population management. It makes more sense to have mechanisms to ensure WARD operators focus on harvesting hinds		No land retired from Pastoral Lease under Tenure Review - and handed back to DOC as PCL - should be added to the WARD Land Schedule. The need for WARD closed or suitably restricted areas in hunting grounds demonstrably frequently and successfully hunted by recreational hunters. At least a 1 Km "Not Permitted" buffer should be established on the front faces / front country of all significantly large areas of PCL where the WARD status is otherwise "Permitted"		Rec hunters & WARD are both valuable tools in wild animal management & should be complementary but DOC needs to recognise rec hunter contribution better. Creating more easily accessible country, public vehicle access to "the bottom of the hill". WARD operators could work in with recreational hunters - drop them off in agreed locations - and then stay away from those locations	
64		✓						I think that the closure periods should be standardised across all WARD areas but for each island individually, as climatic differences result in a different onset of deer rut activity between the North and the South. Recommend a change of the roan closure period in the South Island, from the 23rd of March to the 20th of April, and the end of the closure from the 9th of April to the 15th of April. Any closure period should be no longer than a maximum of 20 days	DOC brought up the subject of the requirement to supply entire Track Logs as well as the GPS waypoints data of deer kills. I oppose the requirement to supply this said data. This data is commercially sensitive. The entire Track Log will show where and how operators hunt. This knowledge and skill of how, where and when to hunt has been acquired over years of successful (and unsuccessful) operations - it is the very stuff that makes the operation viable or otherwise, just like the famous 11 herbs and spices, it is the secret to success. I am concerned that by passing over this intimate information, it will no longer remain confidential and knowledge of successful operators will be passed on, intentionally or unintentionally, to other competing WARD participants. If this unwanted requirement is forced upon operators, I recommend a minimum 14 day period before GPS data is required, retaining a similar theme already running with DOC in Areas. This 14 day minimum period will allow those operators who do not have the benefits of office staff sufficient time to submit data while negotiating the variables of hunting - weather, remote operations without internet access, long driving days, early mornings and late nights, etc, etc. It will also mean that the information about a particular successful hunt will remain confidential for a sufficient period to allow the particular team an uninterrupted run.	Agree with opening the new lands around the Castle Hill Conservation Area Tenure Range for WARD	Current period of 3 years is unacceptable. The validity period needs to be extended from the current 3 years to be representative of a normal DOC concession period of up to 10 years		The action of allowing run holders who undergo Tenure Review to dictate whether or not WARD Op's are allowed on the land purchased by the public for conservation. Those who give up their pastoral lease should not be able to effect the activities on public land post land use change agreements. Making these new areas of public land open for WARD will help mitigate the immediate issues around land closures and create more opportunities for WARD		A long term and cost effective solution, which will benefit New Zealand, will only be achieved, if the DOC together with recreational hunters and commercial hunters combine to work out a strategy		
65								With the increase in recreational activities on public land it is important to extend the time when no WARD operations should be allowed eg beginning of March - till end of April/Christmas period. There must be longer exclusion times for WARD.				It is important that WARD is only allowed to take juvenile and female animals					A long term and cost effective solution, which will benefit New Zealand, will only be achieved, if the DOC together with recreational hunters and commercial hunters combine to work out a strategy
66						✓		Support longer closed WARD seasons, especially around holidays and the roan			All WARD permits must be short term until the promised review has taken place	Restrict WARD to hinds only - out of favouring period		Support to continue closed and restricted areas from WARD		Deer numbers are not out of control and has been proven that recreational hunters are the best and most reliable form of control year round, year on year - not dependant on venison prices like WARD	
67						✓		WARD operators should not be allowed to shoot stags from November until the end of the roan as the stags are in velvet or mating. Stags could be harvested after the roan when they have bred and passed on their genetic potential.	Herds of historical significance should be protected with quotas such as the Rakiaa red deer herd	WARD should be reviewed at 3 year intervals rather than the proposed 10 year intervals. WARD permits should be 2 years or less until there is a proper investigation into the issue	Hinds should be targeted to control populations as targeting stags does not significantly reduce the population		No land handed over to DOC through the tenure review process should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule		Recreational hunters should have more of a say in the issue because we represent the largest stakeholder in the deer management situation		
68						✓		Closures throughout the roan and other peak times				Hinds only policy would make the playing field a lot more fair		Keep the RHAs going. Do not allow WARD in these areas, otherwise it would defeat the purpose of creating them in the first place	Weight limit per operator per year could keep things more fair between operators and animal numbers as a healthy level rather than kill and destroy	Hunters play a huge part in conservation and form a huge percentage of the country, we are recreational hunters	



86	Dunedon Clay Target Club						20th December to 15th April (South Island) main period for recreational hunter access	Department of Conservation should allocate resources to monitoring WARD operator's compliance to permit conditions through operator reporting of areas hunted (GIS records) verifying kill returns and periodic random inspection of operations			Greatest concern. Targeting velvet stags in early summer, significantly reducing trophy potential of game herds, taking high quality trophy stags. WARD should be restricted to targeting hinds and immature stags or stags of no trophy potential		Hunting close to or on areas commonly accessed by recreation hunters immediately prior to roar baited periods. Increased separation of aerial operations from blocks subject to hunter ballots			
87	WARD					✓	Closure dates for roar need to be extended to 1st March to 15th May. Hunters invest a huge amount of money and time into the roar period. Social impact: getting out and about in the great outdoors. Christmas closure period to be extended to 1st December to 15th February, school holidays/Christmas leave taken. Standard North Island Closure period 1st December to 15th February	There should be a lot more areas in the North Island subject to Restricted Zones. These would include Tongararo National Park, Raimona and Kawaka, Ruahine, Tararua, Whangarei National Park, Purua, Mōkōwhiri Station to remain as a No Access area	3 year permit period, renewals to allow review to be undertaken	Target hinds, not stags. Removing stags does virtually nothing for deer control and only removes potential for improving antler quality. Removal of hinds only would see a significantly increased control of deer, that the current stag harvest does		Restricted zones should include North Island areas that have high recreational hunting value and/or hunter usage from a sporting and social aspect. Areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters - should be closed to WARD. No land handed over to DOC through the hours review process should be introduced to the WARD land schedule	Recreational hunters to have input as to what are rated as high value recreational hunting areas			
88						✓										
89	Ahaura Helicopters Ltd	✓					Strongly oppose any increase in the closed periods, as this has a detrimental effect on the processing plant.	If we have to supply GPS data of our tracks and waypoints, 96 hours would suit us best as a timeline to supply the information as that fits in with our 96 hours timeframe of holding animals at Game Depots. If we supplied GPS data, we would want the information kept confidential, and if any data got leaked then the Department would've had responsibility.	5 year permit with a right to renewal of another 5 years	Oppose shooting hinds only, as this would make WARD unprofitable	Would like to see DOC support about rule changes around the 2km buffer and sharing of poison declarations	Oppose the loss of any more public land, due to increased areas being 100% a lot of areas are now unprofitable to carry WARD out on. We would like to see Tahr on our WARD license as there is now a market for tahr, and it would be easier for us and the Department rather than having to apply for separate permits. Last year I took 3 months to get the permit by which time we had lost our window of opportunity with the weather and the market. Our biggest worry is if we have any more constraints, then WARD would be commercially unviable on DOC lands for our business				
90	South Island WARD Association	✓					Increase roar closure dates or other hunter ballot dates to they built up against the winter period and effectively include WARD from land for seven months of the year. Shutting down all of NZ for one month for the roar period is not supported. A roar period of six weeks to cover all deer species autumn run for a region is not supported. Moving regional roar dates to better align with seasonal differences when the roar is in full swing is supported but in the shorter time frame. The impact on processing factories and costs is significant. The impact on operators, financial impact is not significant. Opposed any suggestion that Christmas closure time should be increased beyond the statutory public holiday period. Closure for this length of time, and at this time of year would jeopardise jobs at processing plants and limit the total harvest WARD operators could achieve over a whole season. This would impact on their viability and reduce conservation benefits severely	DOC has no legal jurisdiction over airspace so I question the reasoning for wanting this data. It can only be to assess effects. DOC has no other legal avenue and even though this justification is dubious. In the High Court and the last two concession permits DOC has stated the effects were well understood, and that is the basis of it being a non notified concession. There is no legal basis or reasoning for DOC to collect flight path records, and would be 180 degree turn around from the last 10 years and its legal position in the High Court, which would have to be challenged because of inconsistency. It is noted that not all processing factories are prepared to pass on data. There is a very good reason for this and it is cost, liability, and security. Most raw GPS data files will contain both DOC estate and private land hunting information. We are also not allowed under the Privacy Act to share private land information with the crown without the permission of the land owner. This means it will fall on all operators to open up GPS files, snip data back to just DOC estate then send it to DOC. Most operators would not hold this technical expertise and will have to purchase the expertise, and will incur additional administrative costs. I have completed the analysis and it would cost on average \$11 per head to supply DOC with all waypoints and flight path data because of new administration systems, staff time, and training in new programming. This is a \$300,000 cost to our industry on top of all of our other costs. We recreational hunters get all their hunting permits for free. DOC has said "send us all the data and we will sanitise it and it will be kept secure. It will only be used for monitoring purposes for 'Tier one monitoring'". DOC staff cannot make that promise. I look at MRI and the fishing industry. The data can be used for other purposes and it is naive of DOC staff to think otherwise. There is already a compliance clause in the concession. DOC does not have strong data security systems or policies in place. Most operators have had their sensitive commercial information shared with external parties and direct competitors by DOC staff. We are finding other information is regularly being shared by your staff with external parties as seen in Southland. There have been security breaches and DOC has already had to apologise. DOC is not in a position at this point to time to try and retrieve hunting information from commercial operators as it cannot provide any assurances that commercial information is safe and secure. There is a long list of legal and administrative questions that DOC needs to address internally including security systems and our industry has every right to refuse until this is done because of past and exist behaviours.	My greatest concerns are around the Ruahines with such a high deer population, unknown to DOC it seems	Adopt a 10 year term designed at 5 + 5 years. Standard conditions and many of the special conditions 10 years. At 5 years review the land assessment. All land to be re-assessed new information may change the access, this allows for a level of long term planning and investment by industry	Opposed to any suggestion of limiting WARD operators to not taking stags, or females during a particular time period. Selective culling increases costs to operators significantly. Need to learn from the most recent mistakes. That is tahr and beavling of recreational hunters	Only opening for winter months. In the South Island this makes the land unprofitable to hunt and will exclude WARD permanently. Unable to park chiller trucks at road ends which drives up the cost of ferrying time dramatically and makes hunting the location unprofitable and excludes WARD permanently. Back door restrictions which are in reality full WARD exclusion e.g. Only opening land during the winter months. In the South Island this makes the land unprofitable to hunt and will exclude WARD permanently. This is an attempt to create pseudo RMA's	DOC needs to be careful not to drive up further unnecessary compliance costs to industry as it will become cheaper and easier to hunt private land than DOC estate, as seen in the North Island. DOC has to plan long term for this natural reduction of recreational hunting pressure and ensure WARD is well positioned to fill this gap and increase its efforts to control deer. Guidance, local managers, should have been included. Tier 1 monitoring to be taken into account and tend data. The fact that deer numbers are at recorded levels and by the end of the land assessment managers need to show how greater concerted action by both WARD and recreational hunters has been achieved by their decisions. Increase in 1000 resulting from the recent budget which excludes more land from WARD. Further guidance should have been given to local managers that any changes for WARD in access to land during this land assessment process MUST demonstrate and result in wild animal numbers being reduced to lower levels than the existing methods already in place. DOC cannot legally apply a restriction to WARD which does the opposite. That is unlawful as easily overturned if challenged in the courts because that is the principle of the Act and cannot be ignored. DOC managers have put relationships with recreational hunters first over the land and meeting legal requirements. Our calculations are the land restrictions on WARD have increased under these recommendations. DOC and its managers are acting contrary to the Act and the Deer Control Policy. We recommend that any land that cannot meet the above justifications, considerations, and demonstrate how the decision aligns with the Act be reviewed. Our recommendation would be to review prior to any final decision the total land area closed to WARD and take into account the 1000 operators in the decision. Pseudo RMA's. Recommended a review of all land justifications for all DOC estate where these justifications are used. Where exclusive recreational hunting opportunities are to be established DOC should use the appropriate legal mechanisms. A gazetted RMA or Tier of Special Interest. Recommended that the status quo remains for holding a WARD concession. If you hold a contract with a factory you will receive a WARD within 10 working days of application			
91	Back Country Helicopters	✓					Status quo, closure times should work with the factory closure not what the rec hunters want, they can hunt DOC land anytime of the year									
92		✓					20th December to 15th January and 15th March to 1st May - this would give good recreational access over roar but allow business continuity for WARD and meat processors. My concerns for processors that rely solely on wild game, 6 weeks is a long time to be out of work						The 2km buffer zone should be scrapped as it stands and the responsibility needs to be put on the poisoner to notify hunters on a website that everyone can	Broadfacuum being laid by Regional Councils up to Ruahine Forest Park boundary effectively closes up all margins 2kms into the Forest Park so animals cant be sent to a processing facility. This fact added to the large closed areas in Ruahine Forest Park make WARD very marginal in this area. Advised that if it wasn't for private land areas WARD would not be economical.		
93	Red Tussock Venison															
94	Hutcheon Helicopters Ltd	✓					Change of standard roar closure dates to 27th March to 15th April for the South Island permit. No change to the Christmas closure dates. Opposed to the suggestion of closure for all of January. Closure for this length of time and at this time of year would jeopardise jobs at processing plants and limit the total harvest WARD operators	The collection of data from WARD operators in Fiordland coupled with alpine deer browse monitoring, since 2005, has shown that vegetation quality improves in the presence of WARD and in the absence of WARD, deer numbers are not adequately controlled by recreation hunting. This is likely to reflect the situation in other large areas of PGL. Further data collection will benefit both DOC and operators by providing greater evidence to support ongoing WARD across all PGL.	Land Access recommendations : Remarkables Conservation Area (addition and currently not permitted areas) - permitted with restriction around Ski Field. Kopuwa Conservation Area and adjoining PGL - permitted. Otatake Conservation Park (currently not permitted areas) - permitted. Ta Papanui Conservation park (currently not permitted areas) - permitted. Te Kahu Kōpūka Conservation Park, Hakarewa Conservation Park, Mt Peppers Conservation Area (currently not permitted areas) - permitted. Hakarewa Conservation Park (proposed addition) - support proposed change to permitted. Castle Hill and Trolley Range (currently not permitted areas) - support proposed change to permitted. Rakai Forest Conservation Area - permitted. St James Conservation Area - oppose change to not permitted	5+5 year permit with land access changes assessed on a case by case basis, allows for a level of long term planning and investment as well as appropriate opportunity for review	Opposed to suggestion of limiting WARD operators to not taking stags	Only genuine justifications for excluding WARD, areas smaller than 50ha, in the immediate vicinity of areas of high public use, where an approved control programme is in place with agreed and measurable conservation goals. For example Fiordland Wapiti Area, recreational hunting areas				
95	Fiordland Enterprise Ltd	✓					Support a later roar closure period for the South Island longer than 2 weeks, would align more closely with the core roar period in the south		Permit term of at least 5-5 years, would give the industry greater certainty that our investment is worthwhile				Poison buffer zones, being used by farmers to create small, private, hunting estates on DOC land. Processing plants need a regular supply of venison to meet market demands and keep their staff employed. Traditionally plants have closed for a short period over winter, for maintenance and to give their staff a break. This has fitted well with operators because return for effort drops significantly on DOC land during winter months. The Department needs to consider disbanding the Game Animal Council or allowing them only minimal input into any			

96	Mountain River Venison and Mountain River Processors						Minor tweaks (upto one week) to some of the roar closure periods we could work with this in areas that are already restricted around those times. We do not support any change to the existing closures surrounding the Christmas/New Year period	In regard to the tracking/monitoring of deer harvest numbers we respect the DOC reasoning to collect data for conservation assessment purposes but we do not support the general public sectors request for access to this data. We do not want to jeopardise the ability of our suppliers to operate competitively in a commercial environment against other operators and we also don't want to jeopardise the safety of WARD operators in their workplace. Threats against WARD are already regular and you only have to look at the 1200 protest scenarios to see the need to avoid the general public monitoring the locations and timings of WARD in legal harvest areas. Further to this issue we are concerned that if a reporting system was seen to be untrustworthy by the operators it could give them any incentive to try and beat the systems we currently have in place for monitoring where and how they operate. Any data presented to DOC should be generic GPS kill position data only with no sapling names or flight track logs attached. Given what the Department of Conservation has indicated they would use this data for we do not see a need for DOC to collect further information unless there is an actual complaint or compliance issue to be investigated. Forwarding of this data is commercially sensitive to the individual WARD operators and as such would be something we as processors cannot do without express permission from the WARD operators at present. If this data was to be collected by the processor it needs to be recognised by DOC this will create work load cost. We do not see it being of any use to supply this type of information to DOC more than once per month if it is solely being used to assess conservation values.	At least 5 years, alongside an expectation that these would be able to be rolled over unless there were significant changes to relevant legislations or conservation plans	We do not support any move that would force WARD operators to only harvest hinds (or any other age, sex, type of deer). DOC's present role is to manage deer numbers, not herd structures, this may change in specific areas if Herds of Special Interest are created. Wild venison pricing does not actually incentivise the harvest of stags over hinds and it should be noted wild venison is worth less than farm closed venison, velvet produced from deer shot in the wild is a significantly inferior product to farm raised velvet, and thus the value of it again is not a major driver for the specific targeting of stags. Factual processing data shows that there is a relatively even balance between stags and hinds recovered by WARD and observations at the processing level are very few mature stags with trophy potential are actually harvested by WARD operators each year.	Support relaxing of restrictions which see certain blocks only open to WARD for the winter. To keep WARD operators in business they need a reasonable scope of land area to work over during different climates. WARD operators need to be able to operate in different conditions, seasons, roars etc, seasons, posson closures etc.	as processors/marketers, need consistent supply of quality, food safety assured deer carcasses for as much of the year as possible. Without the investments and commitments from the processors and marketers to WARD operators will have nowhere to supply. The take situation in the South Island already shows the issues that could easily occur with deer when a species is largely left to recreational control and targeted heavily for trophy rather than for meat. We want to see all WARD operators working under one standard, industry recognised WARD permit. Hunters could negotiate their own individual agreements with DOC on wild game recovery/live capture and as a processor/marketer this has potential to make it very hard for us to keep track of what is legal and safe for us to process and market from DOC managed land. We do not agree that supplying recreational hunters with any further information regarding the location, efforts, timing or otherwise of WARD activity's will have a significant impact on how deer affect conservation values. We need to be processing regular shipments of product and to achieve this we need operators to have the opportunity to regularly hunt and deliver wild deer. Support clarification and enforcement of sanctions in place for those who are caught breaking the terms of their permit. As processors/marketers we need to ensure the products we are supplied are 100% safe for sale and consumption. We support higher barriers to entry for becoming/remaining a WARD supplier. Minimum annual numbers need to be set. We support greater education of all stakeholders about the nature and facts of WARD
97	Central Helicopters	✓					I am happy with the roar and ensas closure times	More areas available for aerial shooting such as the Orua catchment and Tamaki faces in the Ruahines. Also on the western side of the Ruahines (Pigeons?)		DOC should make some more areas available for aerial shooting even if just for a short term to control	Have paying customers on board for aerial shooting. This would give operators like myself the ability to shoot deer and not have to retrieve them which would open up some areas we stay away from because of the difficulty in retrieving carcasses	
98	Hard Yards Hunting		✓						Hind only restriction on WARD in areas of national significance, makes more sense as a game management tool, but will also reduce huge conflict between WARD, DOC and recreational hunters		Having set 'units' or territories for operators will reduce conflict and competition and allow longer term business to flourish	Game animals should not be seen as a 'cost' but as a valued resource. Hunting permit fee can be used to offset WARD in areas where it needs to happen, not just the areas where it is easy to operate. It will also make WARD feasible in years where the venison prices are too low for WARD operators to run successfully
99				✓			Standard South Island closure period extended to apply between Dec 1st and April 30th, would enable recreational use of the conservation estate without the risk of being interrupted by WARD	Would like to see Catlins Conservation Park closed to WARD - close to Dunedin. Like to see the area formally leased to Glen Terner station in Canterbury closed to WARD - easy access and high level of recreational use. Request that the Eyre Mountains and Mavora Lake Areas be closed to WARD - good vehicle access and high level of recreational use. Would like to see Timaru Creek, Dingle Burn and the Ahuriri Valleys closed to WARD - easy access and high level of	A maximum three year permit. A longer permit period risks conflicts developing between WARD and other land use that will be unable to be resolved for many years	Readily accessible areas of conservation land closed to WARD	A system put in place where the public can see which areas of conservation land have been subject to WARD activity and when	
100				✓				Request the following changes: Otaoke Conservation Block - we want the entire block red for no WARD operations - easy access. Timaru Creek - would like to see this area red so no WARD operations - easy access. The new block which is to be part of the Ruanuihwa Conservation Area (this is the new areas taken over by DOC which was Glenlennan and Farnish stations, so include Bush Stream, Freds Stream, Whales Stream and Twins Stream - proposing that the entire block of land be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National Park which is red NO WARD operations - easy access		Like to ask that the Yellow Period evaluation be extended from mid March to 1 May		
101					✓		Roar period be changed from mid March to the end of April and that it be a uniformed time period throughout New Zealand	Request the following changes: Otaoke Conservation Block - we want the entire block red for no WARD operations - easy access. Timaru Creek - would like to see this area red so no WARD operations - easy access. The new block which is to be part of the Ruanuihwa Conservation Area (this is the new areas taken over by DOC which was Glenlennan and Farnish stations, so include Bush Stream, Freds Stream, Whales Stream and Twins Stream - proposing that the entire block of land be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National Park which is red NO WARD operations - easy access		Smaller yellow areas be changed to red		
102							WARD should be closed throughout the South Island over Roar period of 20th March to 20th April. Also be prohibited from the start of December to the end of January at least	I understand that Moleworth is currently closed to WARD, this should remain the case. WARD should be banned in the following areas: Otaoke, Korowai Torlesse, St James, Hakatarere, Hunter Hills, Lake Sumner, Braemar and Mt Cook Station Conservation Areas, Whakareia and Mt Aoraki	3 years or a maximum of 5 years, allow future public input, allow DOC to make changes in the near future if desired	All new public conservation land, mainly that resultant from tenure reviews should be closed to WARD for at least 10 years. Areas have terrain that is not too difficult for hunters to traverse and hence control wild animals	WARD operators do not have conservation interests at heart, they are solely motivated by profit. This means that animal numbers can be slashed dramatically if the money is good enough	
103							Consistent between the North Island and South Island. 15th of December to 31st of January and 15th of March to 30th of April	With reference to the Glenlennan Area I recommend this area zoned red - easy access. Full support Lake Sumner RMA remaining the status quo, this area should remain red - high recreational hunter use	Full review of the WARD permit system, 3 year term	WARD should be targeting the breeding stock if to affect wild animal management. Recommend concession should put more emphasis on recovery of hinds	Areas highly accessible and frequently and successfully hunted by recreational hunters - should be closed to WARD. Support the 2km buffers around private land. I recommend Land passed to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should not be introduced to the WARD land	The use of public roars for WARD to operate from constitutes a health and safety risk
104				✓			I am against any WARD permits being issued in the Otaoke Conservation Park - the area is conveniently situated for hunters and highly valued from a recreational hunters point of view					Would like DOC to consider removing the open hunting permit system for the roar period due to the safety aspect. A balloted system would greatly enhance the hunting experience
105				✓					WARD limited to hinds and yearlings		Against opening up any more areas to WARD. Blocks with easy access (accessible by 4wd, motorbike or short walk) and blocks that are not	If DOC feels deer numbers are too high in any blocks, advertise the fact and urge recreational hunters to reduce numbers and I am sure they will
106								Young Australian Historic Reserve, Potters Creek Conservation Area, Remarkables Conservation Area - I am against adding these areas for access by aerial hunting under the current WARD review				Depleting or wiping out these animals also impacts young, upspring hunters. Shooting animals from a helicopter totally takes the sport out of hunting
107	NZDA - Upper Clutha Branch	✓					Standard dates of closure for Roar in the North Island and South Island be the same i.e. 15th of March to 30th of April. The Christmas period should be extended from 22nd December to 31st January, provide some protection to vulnerable stags during the summer velvet growth period, animal welfare purposes, maximum opportunity to recreational family groups and tourists	We endorse the recommendations on Ben Nevis Scenic Reserve to be classified as not permitted. We support the recommendation for classification of the Glenlennan Scenic Reserve as not permitted. Farnish Station we recommend it be classified similarly. Timaru Creek - request it be classified not permitted over its whole catchment. Matahihi Conservation Area - in the event this area was promoted for change by WARD, we reserve the right to make a further submission to preserve its status	Full review of the WARD, 3 year term	Do not take the best trophy stags at their most vulnerable time - in mid-summer. WARD should be encouraged to target hinds and breeding animals	Areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARD. Support the principle of 2km buffers around private land	DOC publish and maintain a register of WARD activities so that recreational hunters might be alerted to recent WARD operations
108	Whitetail Deer Foundation											Whitetail be defined separate to deer and that WARD operations on this species be by special request only



109							22nd December to 30th January, 20th March to 30th April, allow stags to grow their velvet in the summer and the roar period would allow enough time for hunters to harvest a trophy	Areas I have identified for continued non-permitted WARD currently existing and newly retired conservation lands for non-WARD as follows: Kapawai and Baita block Conservation area and newly retired areas, Pomahaka Conservation area, Nevis Conservation area and newly retired areas, Mount Beniger Scenic Reserve, Potters Conservation area, Te Paparua and Glendia Tussock reserve Conservation areas, Blue Mountains RHA, Tuapeka West Scenic Reserve, Rock and Pillar Conservation area and newly retired areas, Kakahihi Conservation area, Otatake Conservation area that is currently non-WARD and the area in green is the rest of Otatake Conservation area on the map be changed into Red non-WARD permitted - this is a high usage area		Hinds only on a quota system per area based on animal numbers	Newly retired conservation lands that showed in black outlines on the map also be made into red (non-permitted WARD harvesting areas). As recreational hunting is able to control the deer numbers to an acceptable level	The number of recreational hunters in New Zealand is growing every day, we inject annually many millions of dollars into the economy. We harvest game animals at no financial cost to DOC, which assists in conservation of our public lands and environment
110								The Greenstone Valley - the numbers of deer are not high enough to be concerned about for conservation purposes		Do not support WARD on land that will have deer repellent added to 12000 poison. Do not support WARD on any RHA land	Hunters play a valuable role in conservation so should be valued by your department	
111	Fiorland Wairāi Foundation	✓					25th of March to the 15th of April. During the roar period most deer are shot in both by recreational hunters than WARD. WARD account for most of their animals out in the open. Maximize this by allowing a longer closure period during the roar		3 years			Chamos recovery in Southland. Consultation with the local NZDA and public notification of problem areas outside of the Fiorland National park would lead to better relationships between hunters and DOC
112	Hunting Guide	✓							Term of 3 years to allow for the promised full review	Key to controlling animal numbers in any population is to target the females. Operators mainly target large bodied stags in velvet	Assign each operator a specific area to help increase their viability	Would like to note that the 500,000+ recreational hunters in New Zealand make a much larger contribution to game animal population control and our conservation values on public land than WARD does, or ever has even at its peak
113								Wish to see the recommend status quo of WARD not permitted in the following areas: Kopawai, Rock and Pillar and Remarkables Conservation areas				
114								Nevis Valley - Strongly oppose the use of WARD in this area				It is a sad day when the opportunity to get some free range organic meat for the family, to carry out a passion for the outdoors and hunting and to involve my children to participate and respect this great place is overshadowed by profit of the already wealthy
115	Alpine Springs Helicopters	✓					Increase roar closure dates or other hunter ballot dates so they built up against the winter period and effectively exclude WARD from land for seven months of the year. Huge inconsistencies in the length of closure from operation to operations. This should not be the case	After 40 years in the feral game recovery industry the knowledge gained of when and where wild game move to and from seasonally has been hard earned and is not to be shared. In the instance of DOC suggesting that this data should be handed over, I strongly disagree as data should only be supplied to DOC for the substantiation or otherwise of a genuine complaint. Deer harvest locations should be accessed generically and namelessly from the processors.	10 year term so people can safely invest in the industry	National Policy for Deer Control 2001, the start point for any land assessment is that it is open to both WARD and recreational hunters. Only opening land during winter months. In the South Island this makes the land unprofitable to hunt and will exclude WARD permanently. Unable to park chiller trucks at road ends which drives up the cost of ferrying sime dramatically and makes hunting the location unprofitable and excludes WARD	Today the marketplace is very different from a few years ago with the push in the US market for venison, and the rapidly growing high value pet food markets of Asia and China. The season iglles are disappearing. Industry could take up to 30,000 deer off DOC estate. DOC needs to be careful not to drive up further and unnecessary compliance costs to industry as it will become cheaper and easier to hunt private land than DOC estate, as seen in the North Island. Providing certainty and stability is critical, reducing the compliance costs and restrictions to hunt DOC estate. DOC tier One monitoring reports which shows deer numbers across NZ are increasing, because DOC has given recreational hunters the ability to allow creep in reducing land access to WARD. Low deer numbers, it is a small parcel of land, neighbour are against WARD, safety concerns are all unjustifiable reasons for restricting WARD. DOC is in breach of the Wild Animal Control Act and its national policy statements because no attempt has been made to take additional concerted action. DOC scaling up its aerial 1000 operations and 12% of lands will be off limits. I need greater flexibility and more land open so I can easily accommodate this with the least disruptions to the factory.	
116	Southern Lakes Helicopters	✓					Roar suggestion 26th of March to 12th of April	Waypoint information: SLH has no issue with this. We have been submitting track log and waypoints to DOC over the last 5+ years all as part of the information required as set out in the contract we hold with the Fiorland Wairāi Foundation. This has not caused problems for us as it is treated and held in a confidential manner and does not become property of a third party.	10 years ie 5+5. This allows for a review from both parties at the 5 year period		Poison declaration - A change is needed to streamline the ability to operate inside the buffer zone. My proposal is that any poison laid on any land must be declared to MPI. Operators can then go into the MPI managed site and check the neighbours declaration	
117	Helipark Limited	✓					27th of March to 13th of April	Helipark agrees that track logs should be included start to finish within 10 days. 10 days after the kill would be a workable timeframe to get this info to DOC. Increasing reporting times/track logs will increase threat to viability of site.				
118	NZDA West Coast	✓					15th of March till the 30th of April			Hinds only area for WARD in the Hokitika/Rakais catchments		
119	North Taranaki Deerstalkers	✓						Areas identified as suitable for WARD should not be included: Erna Forest Park, Tongaroa National Park	Limited period (3 years max) to enable a full review	Hinds only area for WARD in the Wairāi/Rakais catchments. WARD should be limited to females and young animals	Closing the more popular areas to WARD and having the seasonal restrictions that are in place in some of the areas applied to all of the North Island WARD concessions, but of December to the 30th of April	WARD only for the benefit of a handful of operators and contributes little to the Departments greater conservation goals
120	NZDA North Canterbury Branch	✓					Make the closure periods at Christmas and Easter the same in North and South Islands, 16th December to 31st January	All of St James Conservation Area to be non WARD		All returned Tenure Review land to be Non WARD	Allow suitable local WARD machines to be approved to transport recreational ground hunters within RHA's	
121	NZDA Malvern Branch	✓					Support a nationally consistent approach to closure dates. Minimum dates should be 21 December to 31 January and 15 March to 30 April	Wish to see further land added to the existing Lake Sumner RHA by extending into the St James Conservation area. Fully support the closing of the St James Conservation area to WARD south of the summits of the Spencer Range. We do not support the permitting of WARD on the east side of the Lewis Pass Highway and wish to see the area closed to WARD. Would like to see the Pukerangi Range become an unpermitted area. Korowai Torlesse Park should be closed to WARD. We seek exclusion of WARD from the area extending into the Whitcombe, Hokitika and Mungah catchments up the divide to Browning Pass then encompassing the entire Wilberforce and Mathias watersheds as well as extending up the true left of the Rakais this is the hope of the Rakais Red Deer Herd. 5000 acre range must be excluded from WARD also	3 year timeframe to coincide with renewal of WARD permits	Do not support any removal of restrictions or prohibitions of WARD on areas already identified as areas recreational users have significant interest.	Full review of WARD. Given the right structure and enforcement all parties can benefit from our game herds so graciously gifted to the nation so long ago. HDCs seek exclusion of WARD from the area to enable baseline data to be gathered and the severely depleted animal numbers a chance to increase to the point management can take over	
122							Stop WARD operations over busy times (Christmas break and the roar)	Future WARD should provide data from the operators about past and future operations, plus kill returns		Be restricted to Hinds only in all but a few important areas	Give operators set areas to work in	Have their drawcard "red deer" exploited is a concerning idea. Management needs to be put in place to keep deer at an acceptable level to suit both Department of Conservation, the operators and recreational hunters alike.

123	Wild Animal Management Limited	✓					Closure periods should be standardised across all WARD areas but for each island individually, as climatic differences result in a different onset of deer rut activity between the North and South. Change the start of the Roar closure from the 23rd March to the 29th of March, and end the closure from 9th of April to the 15th of April. Any closure period should be no longer than a maximum of 20 days. Closure periods represent a good compromise between recreational interests and industry interests. If closure periods are consistent across all WARD areas for each island, processors can coordinate yearly closures for maintenance during these times as they won't have to try to remain open to take deer from an operator from Canterbury for example, while Fordland operators cannot access animals. The timing is also advantageous for those that provide commercial passenger transport as they may be busy flying hunters around and won't take as large a financial hit by not being able to continue recovering animals for supply from public land.	St James Conservation Area and the other areas in North Canterbury that are currently open to WARD should remain so. I agree with opening the new lands around the Castle Hill Conservation Area Torlesse Range for WARD	3 years is unacceptable. Large amounts of money invested in the WARD industry, helicopters, staff, associated plant and equipment. Food processors. Extended from the current 3 years to 10 years. Minimum length period to ensure the potential for investment in the industry to produce a viable economic return. Ten year concession - provide certainty to local and overseas markets of a continuity of supply. Ensure that knowledge, skills and infrastructure are passed on, maintained and improved. Need to ensure that this self funding industry is still able to achieve all the benefits for the environment that it currently delivers. Making the concessions necessary ten years			Vast areas of land which people rarely (if ever) set foot in these areas. Helicopters are the only meaningful hunting control of the resident animal populations. Even in the areas that are regularly recreationally hunted this level of control has been insufficient to reduce or even maintain population levels and as such WARD is required to do so	Predator free 2050 goal, improved alternative predator control measures and increased application of deer repellent during aerial poison operations. Will lead to an increase in the national deer herd over large areas that have little to no recreational hunting pressure. Allowing run holders who undergo Tenure Review to dictate whether or not WARD is allowed on the land "purchased" by the public for conservation. They continue to "farm" this land - at times charging for access and farming deer numbers, creating nuisance local populations of deer for neighbouring landowners where the only real means of population control is via helicopter. What is not consistent with National Policy is giving preference to one party e.g. NZDA members, creating pseudo RWA's, using deer repellent at their request, with the expectation that recreational hunters will be sufficient to control animals in these areas with already high deer numbers. WARD operations are a legitimate use of public land. Should not be a bias that offers preferential use between one user group and another. Especially when the negatives placed upon one group are not consistent with National Legislation and Policy. The helicopters maintain a population that prevents excessive overgrazing but at numbers that allow recreational hunters to find animals on foot. The behaviour change result in deer moving down off the tops, into areas much closer and easier accessed for meat hunting. Helicopter WARD activities also provide deer population control across vast areas of public and private land at no cost to the tax payer when no other viable means of control exist, consistent with public policy and legislation. Increase in the overall deer population being proof enough that further restrictions upon the WARD operators and industry are completely unwarranted, unnecessary and counter productive to us all as a nation
124	Huntair & NZDA Marlborough branch	✓					Roar period should be the same in the South Island as it is in the North Island		No more than 3 years and a full review take place	Stags should be excluded from WARD over the velvet growing months		Areas easily accessed for weekend hunting should be excluded from WARD. WARD should remain excluded from recognised Recreational Hunting	A national Animal Management Strategy involving recreational hunters, WARD, DOC and GAC needs to be developed
125	McNicholas Aviation	✓					Longer exclusion period would adversely affect the economic viability of our business. Limited enough by weather and the limited processing capacity (there are only 2 plants in the North Island). Costs are rapidly rising (fuel, parts, wages in this industry and anything that affects the financial viability may well put an end to	The use of GPS track and position data should only be supplied to DOC for the substantiation of otherwise of a genuine complaint. Our day to day tracks of how we hunt an area is our intellectual property and confidential to our business. Deer harvest locations should be accessed generically and namelessly from the processors to cover biodiversity monitoring requirements.					
126				✓						Discuss the amount of male/female animals that need to be harvested			
127				✓						Keeping the choppers out of the easily accessed areas and left for the recreational hunter			I am in full agreement that we need the helicopter hunters to control a proportion of the wild game in NZ but we need sensible discussion to develop some rules and regulations that hopefully satisfy recreational and commercial hunters. Fordland Waipara Foundation seem to have a good idea of what we need on the WARD area. Web page to see how many animals been taken from what gullies
128				✓						St James Conservation Area should be completely closed to WARD		WARD should never be permitted in RWA	Actions of WARD adversely affects the enjoyment of tens of thousands of recreational hunters. Further penalties for poaching in RWA by WARD
129				✓			South Island Christmas 16th to 31st December, and same as North Island		Recommend the St James Conservation Area be WARD - Free				
130	Waipara Helicopters Limited	✓					Roar period went from three weeks to six weeks. It gets too hard to shoot deer when you battle against weather often 1200 then closer periods as well as land being taken back, you may as well go and do another job. Roar and Christmas inclusion dates. If these are increased then it makes it too difficult for WARD business to be viable	will get back to you regards the waypoints pretty sensitive area for all of us	Against proposed road end closures - Tararua Forest Park - If DOC adopts the proposed road end closures, it basically closes down WARD in the park, up the northern end of the Tararua (Waheia north to Mt Brunel) If those those ends off, in conjunction with the 2km pesticide buffer it effectively cuts this area out for WARD		If they close off the road ends then where do we refuel and drop our deer off. With road ends closed we would find it very difficult to carry on WARD as a job. DOC loses its free animal control	DOC needs to go back to the Wild Animal Control Act	
131	Thomas Valley Deerstalkers Assn for Central North Island	✓					Roar closure to prohibit WARD from 1 March to 15 May. Christmas closure period to be reflective of restrictions on the issuing of recreational ground hunting permits. Some areas in the CN where no ground hunting is allowed for the entire Christmas school holiday period (ending 31 January) but the WARD operators are currently able to begin hunting again on 15 January. Roar date now variable than has been previously. Need consistency between prohibition of ground hunting with aerial hunting.	Every WARD aircraft must have a fully GPS compatible video camera operating when all WARD animals are taken	All areas of the Kaimatawa Forest Park must remain as not permitted. Areas of the Whirinaki we wish to see change from permitted to not permitted. We seek as a minimum that the entire Puroora are that is currently marked orange be further restricted. Pihanga/Lake Rotopouamu area be changed to not permitted	Hinds only closure to help reduce the overall numbers but also enable the stags to grow out and provide nec and trophy hunting potential and keep recreational hunters on DOC land		Every WARD approved aircraft must be more clearly marked, have video camera on aircraft. Compliance managers more mechanisms to ensure compliance. Safeguards for New Zealand's wild and domestic venison markets. Website needs to continue showing WARD access (maps should be better), iDOC	
132	Kowai Deer Hunting Club			✓					We would like to support the changes to the St James Conservation Area. In reference to the Kowai/Torlesse conservation lands there has been an addition to this area along the true right of Broken River, which is going to become part of this conservation area. We understand that the existing lands are open to WARD and we would like to see this changed to exclude the WARD operators		Keep WARD operators out of areas with good access for foot hunters	There is a lot of country for the WARD operators to get stuck into that will have little impact on the average foot hunter, due to the lack of any reasonable access, and we are happy to see them in those areas	
133				✓			WARD exclusion times should be extended in both the Dec-Jan and March-April periods						
134	Southern Alps Meats/Merit Meats			✓			Any extension of current Easter and Roar closures would be unwelcome. Targeted closures of particular blocks can be worked around but as a wild game business we are still paying staff on seasonal contracts and other costs during these more widespread closures.	We already have a data sharing arrangement in place with DOC and recently uploaded 4 years of GPS data for Laurence Smith to work on. We believe we are already at the forefront of data sharing with the Department and that sharing GPS and population data could provide for more coherent and efficient WARD operations.					Parallel and separate process for Tahr no longer appropriate. Co-ordinated approach under WARD
135				✓						Not shoot mature trophy quality stags		Isot if WARD included from the '6day' 'front' closures	
136				✓						Do not allow the aerial shooting of large mature red deer stags from the Ohango and Rakia red deer herds. Large mature stags are a terrific asset			
137				✓			Roar closure period needs to be extended to a minimum of four but preferably five weeks, 23 March - 30 April. A month-long closure from 23 December - 21 January represents peak use time	Broken River - both sides of the Torlesse Range from Porters Pass - Broken River (including the current green and red coloured zones - change all to red - easy access. 13 Mile Bush - essentially as noted in Broken River (jetboat access aside) above with the inclusion of additional access points from Lake Lynden Road - change all to red - high level of recreational use. 13 Mile Bush - area north west of Lake Lynden and accessed from the Porter Heights Ski Area road - change to red - easy access. Craigburn - change to red - easy access. St James Conservation Area - change to red - easy access, high level of recreational use. Coastal Kaitiaki area of South Marlborough Conservation Land - area including Mt Batty, Patuku, Balance Rock and Okai Bay walking tracks - change to red - easy access and high level of recreational use. Otaka Conservation Park - change all to red - easy access and high level of recreational use. Other current red locations to be retained as red including but not limited to Craigburn Range, Oxford Forest, Mount Thomas Forest, Mount Grey, Lake Sumner RWA	Promised National Review, not exceed three years.	Population management best achieved by control of the breeding unit in the female sex. 2018 permit requirement to take Hinds only or a specified Hind/Stag ratio	WARD operators clear strength control of animal numbers in remote and difficult access locations. Easy to moderate access should be classified as Not Permitted	DOC cannot assume any responses received from clubs and organisations as necessarily being representatives of the majority of recreational hunters. DOC appears to not have adequately fulfilled its legislative requirements regarding consultation, nor undertaken any of its previous public commitments and statements regarding reviews. I do not believe that DOC should be issuing any new 2018 WARD permits. Please add my details to the register of interested parties	

138										Places like Otago where blocks have no bush or cover should be WARO free	Permits should be for a maximum of 3 years to allow for a review at the end of that period	Target Hinds only, make the sale of commercial wild stags illegal. Targeting just Hinds will bring the population down significantly	No bush or cover should be WARO free as in no time a helicopter will eradicate all deer. Easy foot access can be WARO	I understand in some places deer numbers are out of control and need to be lowered. All I'm asking is that the consideration of the average kiwi foot shooter is taken in					
139												Only females to be shot, and no stags over 10 points, spikers also excluded		Keep all existing RHDS and create more to cater for the increasing numbers of recreational hunters. Targeted culling of deer if needed in the risk areas by reputable WARO operators. Only female deer shot in these culls. Shooting of Red deer females between 25 November and 1st March orphans and staves fawns and is only short term gain by an WARO operator, it is cruel and ultimately disadvantages the operator.					
140												Only hinds and yearlings should be targeted shooting stags does nothing towards controlling animal numbers		Deer numbers are now in control					
141												My hunting has been affected by WARO operations, they were targeting stags that we had spotted		WARO operators left piles of buckshot shotgun shells on slips that will never break down. Chopper can fly 300m from a DOC track and shoot a slip above					
142											I would like to see a 2 year term only	Target Hinds, NOT Stags. Removal of hinds only would see a significantly increased control of deer over the current Stag harvest	Areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARO	Current WARO has proven to be unsustainable, ongoing Boom and Bust non-management approach not achieving effective deer control or considering the role of recreational hunting					
143											concession should only be valid for 1 year	A hinds only policy	Closure of all open tussock areas	Having designated areas an operator can operate	WARO operators used to manage the deer resource on public lands				
144											1 year, this allows for changes to be implemented in a timely manner as required	A hinds only policy	Closure of all open tussock areas	Designated areas an operator can operate	WARO operators used to manage the deer resource on public lands				
145												DOC can monitor deer numbers, and if they get too high, they could harvest a few hinds with WARO		Make accessible areas, recreational hunting areas only. Wapiti Foundation and Stewart Island Hunters Trust are great examples of how good game management can work. I realise we have to have WARO, especially in more remote and inaccessible locations, but there is also room for recreational hunting.					
146														Back in the 1990s I wrote a paper on the application of economic principles to pest control. Potentially this approach could optimise the different conservation, recreation and commercial outcomes that are desired by all the various stakeholders					
147												Areas I would like to be closed - Rakata catchment, Rangitata catchment, Hakarete Conservation Area, St James Conservation Area, Moleworth area	Promote hunting, exclude stags from the permit; only way to reduce a breeding population is to manage female numbers	forbid the live capture of wild animals	Closed areas, areas of significant hunting interest and easy public access.	Dedicated operators who would be allocated areas of operation, avoid competition within the industry and would enable better monitoring of operators and conservation benefits	Allow WARO operators to transport hunters for the purpose of management operations. Forbid the live capture of wild animals, allowing this practice is likely to see more illegal releases		
148	NZDA North Otago											Otago Conservation Park - areas that are red to remain red and the areas shown as green be transferred to Otago administered and change to red (not permitted) due to some well limited access and traditionally hunted by locals who have kept the animals under	A maximum 3 year permit period, allow the wide ranging WARO review	Reduce the targeting of stags while in velvet. It is numbers of hinds that need to be reduced - to effect wild animal population management	Areas readily available and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARO	Concession activity on "Non Permitted" land - this clause is totally wrong and needs to be corrected			
149												A permit of 2 years would be enough for this review to be undertaken	WARO limited to hinds only		WARO operation areas should be assigned to individual operators meaning competition will be reduced	I strongly support WARO operations in New Zealand, improvements can be made and by considering all stakeholders I believe these can benefit all (DOC, WARO Operators and Recreational hunters)			
150												2 years to allow other processes like the deer plans and the proposed WARO review	Only shooting females, this will actually lower overall numbers	Agree with current closed areas and time restrictions					
151												Total Nationalistic closures on areas considered to be home ranges of Herds of National Significance as initiated in the Fiordland Wapiti Area. The same should be so for the Kaimanawa/Kaweka Sika blocks. No operation within the Kaimanawa Forest Park. No operation in the alpine reserves. Restricted operation on the Tararua tops and Ruahine tops	The primary term of a WARO licence should be no more than two years then reviewed annually	Not harvest stags or yearlings but a hinds only policy, it is the breeding hinds that increase the population	Total Nationalistic closures on areas considered to be home range of Herds of National Significance. Restricted operations on the Tararua tops and Ruahine tops. Enforce total restrictions on the 2km pesticides buffer zones	There should be a practically limited number of operators to reduce and avoid friction			
152												The Tararua, Remutaka and Wairarapa reserves closures should be as per the boundaries of the 2009-2014 WARO review not as per the 2015 openings which the court declared invalid. The northern Tararua should be closed to WARO	The term should only be 2 or 3 years to allow for a comprehensive review to occur	There should be conditions placed upon WARO to reduce the harvest of stags	No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARO Land Schedule. The pesticides 2km buffer zones should be made enforceable and readily verifiable by being	There needs to be a limitation as to number of operators in any one area	Better access to GPS tracking data for both DOC and hunters		
153	Forest and bird											Strongly opposed to excluding the Hokitika/Whitewater area as has been suggested by NZDA to protect a "Rakaua blood line". Strongly opposed to the change in WARO status from permitted to not permitted for the following listed areas: Conservation Area - Paparoa Range South, Paparoa National Park, Rearing Mtg Ecological Area, Mokihini Forks Ecological Area - Lyell Range Radiant Range Conservation Area. The only exception should be high use tracks in the listed areas above. Support the recommended change to the Castle Hill Conservation Area from not permitted to restricted. Strongly opposed to the recommended change in status for the St James Conservation Area. Opposed to changing the WARO access status to Black Peak and Shotover Conservation areas - no evidence presented as to why these areas should change from permitted to restricted	Reviews are done fairly and every 2-3 years	Strongly opposed to require a hinds only policy	All areas that are currently open for WARO access remain so. Strongly opposed to placing restrictions on WARO concessions to be excluded from areas where deer repellent has been used				
154												WARO operating times should be closed during the peak times of recreational use School holidays in December to end of January. Also Feb to April	WARO areas and timings need to be made clearly available to all recreational users of FP's so that they are aware when these activities are occurring or plan around them	I understand that there have been additional openings of land for WARO including the Tararua, Rimutaka and also Wairarapa land which were specifically declared invalid in the court case against DOC these need to be removed for the review	Hunters specifically target trophy stags over this period to those should be at a minimum avoided from WARO harvest	Only be a certain minimum number of WARO operators allowed to operate in any one area	I totally understand that on occasions in remote country that some game management may be required to keep specific areas of deer numbers in check. As long as clear communication channels are open with hunting clubs then this is acceptable		
155												The standard North Island and South Island summer closure period should be increased to become 16th of December through to 31st January as a minimum	DOC should regularly review tracking data to ensure compliance and not simply pass it off as MPPI's issue	The Tararua, Remutaka and Wairarapa reserves closures should be as per the boundaries of the 2009-2014 WARO review not as per the 2015 openings which the court declared invalid. The northern Tararua should be closed to WARO	The term should only be 2 or 3 years to allow for a comprehensive review to occur	There should be conditions placed upon WARO to reduce the harvest of stags	No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARO Land Schedule. The pesticides 2km buffer zones should be made enforceable and readily verifiable by being	There needs to be a limitation as to number of operators in any one area	There is a need for better access to GPS tracking data for both DOC and hunters
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189	NZDA Manawatu Branch	✓				Standard North Island closure period, at a minimum the Xmas/New Year closure should be 16th December to 31st January to align with the school holidays		WARD Closure periods - Ruatimes retained or enhanced, not reduced. WARD Closure periods - Tararua, Rimutakas and the Wairarapa reserves - retained, retained or enhanced, not reduced. Increased closure times in the Tararua and complete closure of the Rimutakas and Wairarapa Reserves	A 3 year permit period, for this round of WARD permit renewals	Conditions should be placed on WARD operators to reduce the targeting of stags		Endorse the proposed "Closed - No WARD" areas. No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be reintroduced to the WARD Land Schedule	Schedule 3, Clause 17 as currently worded needs to be removed - this clause as it currently reads allows the WARD Concessionaire to undertake the Concession Activity anywhere and at any time in the not permitted parts of the land, as long as they notify in advance or within 24 hours of the activity	
190				✓	✓	WARD closure periods - retained or enhanced, not reduced. Standard North Island closure period, at a minimum the Xmas/New Year closure should be 16th December to 31st January		WARD Closure periods - Ruatimes retained or enhanced, not reduced. WARD Closure periods - Tararua, Rimutakas and the Wairarapa reserves - retained, retained or enhanced, not reduced. Increased closure times in the Tararua and complete closure of the Rimutakas and Wairarapa Reserves	A 3 year permit period, for this round of WARD permit renewals to allow review to be undertaken	Conditions should be placed on WARD operators to reduce the targeting of stags		Endorse the proposed "Closed - No WARD" areas. No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be reintroduced to the WARD Land Schedule		
191				✓	✓	Increase or at worst retention of the same annual WARD closure period		As a hunter I have serious concerns about the opening up of WARD in the lower North Island, particularly in the Ruatimes	For any WARD permits issued, they be issued for a maximum of 3 years to allow for a national WARD review to occur			Retention or even expansion of the WARD free zones. Areas closer to the forest park boundaries and readily accessed or popular with hunters should be 100% closed to WARD all year round	DOC could promote to recreational hunters deer hotspots or areas of concern publicly to increase the numbers of hunters in problem areas	
192	Horoehua Hunting Club Levin							The Tararua forest park is shown on the DOC map as totally green (no restriction) the Tararua hunters need concessions here - more red areas. Mangahao Road and the entire Mangahao valley being all 3 stags through to Te Matawai - more planning would be necessary to				Generally everywhere there is a public access to the Forest Park there should be a mandatory red	A working group is recommended by the HHC to research red zones. Deer numbers are not really accurately determined and a more efficient way of determining numbers is needed before any effective management system is implemented	
193				✓	✓	WARD permits should exclude time periods - ie. During summer and during the roar and tahr/chanis roat periods		The permits must include a clause/permission to providing reporting and to DOC to use GPS kill data (removing commercially sensitive and personal information) for research and decision making purposes. This data should then inform the next concession period	The current WARD permit terms would be ideal, and a national measure until informed and reasonably timed public consultation is carried out			The established WARD boundaries, ie. as at circa 2009, should remain in place, unless and until a full public consultation process has taken place. Areas within 2-3 km of a vehicle access points should be excluded from WARD	WARD is a tool for managing wild game in remote areas, but it must be used in limited applications in areas where recreational hunters can reasonably control game or the public's natural quiet enjoyment of areas is compromised by commercial operators. WARD permit holders must provide data about their kills (location, time, date, species, sex, weight) for research purposes. Express clauses in WARD permits must allow public disclosure of that data	
194				✓	✓	Summer closure period... I would like this closure to start 1 December and run to 20 January		The Tararua and Rimutakas - ensuring closure on key areas (i.e. Titors Flats, Takerenuka River) - I would value a restricted area that covers a portion of the tops in the Tararua and Rimutakas, which is hunter accessible from walking. Currently this is open to WARD, i.e. extending the restricted area in Tararua along the Takerenuka River out to Alpha Hut and some of the tops of Mt Hector would be great for foot hunters	A 3 year term for the permits would be ideal, and a national review of WARD should be undertaken to ensure this is sustainable	Generally - targeting hinds will help with population control (beneficial for DOC) while allowing stags in velvet to remain, increase in antler size with lower deer numbers and get still be actively pursued by hunters			understand WARD is necessary, but am concerned the recreational value of hunting and the outdoors could be spilt by these new concessions	
195				✓	✓	The standard North Island and South Island summer closure period should be increased to become 16th December through to 31st January as a minimum		The Tararua, Remutaka and Wairarapa reserves closures should be as per the boundaries of the 2009-2014 WARD review not as per the 2015 openings which the court declared invalid. The northern Tararua should be closed to WARD	The term should be only 2 or 3 years to allow for a comprehensive review to occur	There should be conditions placed upon WARD to reduce the harvest of stags		No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule. The pesticides 2km buffer zones should be made enforceable and readily verifiable by being	There needs to be a limitation as to numbers of operators in any one area	There is need for better access to GPS tracking data for both DOC and hunters. I acknowledge the need to use helicopters in areas that cannot and are not kept under control by recreational hunters
196				✓	✓	The standard North Island and South Island summer closure period should be increased to become 16th December through to 31st January as a minimum		The Tararua, Remutaka and Wairarapa reserves closures should be as per the boundaries of the 2009-2014 WARD review not as per the 2015 openings which the court declared invalid. The northern Tararua should be closed to WARD	The term should be only 2 or 3 years to allow for a comprehensive review to occur	A quota, agreed with recreational hunting groups, should be placed on WARD to reduce the harvest of stags in a given area			There needs to be a limitation as to numbers of operators in any one area	WARD can be a valid deer control tool but restrictions are needed as it can also significantly discourage recreational hunter activity, hence it is not appropriate at every place and time
197				✓	✓	WARD operations should be suspended during the roar period, to accommodate the valid recreational interests of hunters. All WARD operations should be suspended during the roar period and the months leading up to it		No new areas should be opened, such as the Tararua and Rimutakas as there has been no consultation	It is my opinion and that of many hunters that WARD permits for short periods only with no right of renewal	In any WARD operations it would be sensible for operators to target females only, as these are the breeding population			I am extremely concerned at the prospect of any WARD operations in Recreational Hunting Areas as these have been specifically set aside for recreational hunting, and in which game numbers are controlled by hunters. WARD operations should be restricted to the less accessible areas of the estate	
198				✓	✓	Submit that all WARD operations in NZ should be excluded from 1st March until the 30th April. Also WARD should be excluded over the Xmas holiday period from 20th Dec to 21st Jan			The WARD permits only be issued for 2 years until DOC can carry out the promised and required full review on WARD operations in NZ	I submit that the shooting of stags in areas of high trophy potential, ie. Rakai, Otago, etc. should be excluded from WARD operations. Ideally all stags should be excluded from WARD during their velvet growing period. WARD operators should be encouraged to target hinds in remote areas outside of this fawning time. WARD operators targeting stags during their velvet growing doesn't reduce deer numbers long term, reducing breeding females does			I support all closed current areas to WARD and am against the opening up of any new areas of public land to WARD operators	I submit that the shooting of hinds while they have fawns at foot (Dec-Feb) should be prohibited. I agree that there is a need for WARD in certain areas but DOC prioritising a small group of operators over the hundreds of thousands of NZ recreational hunters who are the biggest controllers of deer, safe, pigs on NZ public conservation land is ludicrous, antagonistic and not good for conservation
199				✓	✓								If you propose to use WARD where a lot of people will be down below on the ground, it would be naive of you to think WARD is a completely safe and responsible practice in any area you choose to plan this practice	WARD can be a valid deer control tool but restrictions are needed as it can also significantly discourage recreational hunter activity, hence it is not appropriate at every place and time
200				✓	✓	WARD closure periods should be aligned between the North Island and South Island. WARD closure periods - increased Northern and Southern minimum closures. It should be at minimum from 16th December to 31st January. This would more closely align with the school holiday period		I submit that the area of pre-existing WARD land schedule PCL in the Mt-Hutt Conservation Area and Hakare Conservation Park should be given WARD Status "not permitted" - both popular and reasonably accessible. I also submit that the area of proposed additional WARD land schedule PCL (apparently referred to as Conservation Area Hakare Conservation Park (Proposed Addition) - being that piece of PCL in the Black Hill Range - should be given WARD Status "not permitted" - popular and reasonably accessible	A maximum 3 year permit period for this round of WARD permit renewals	Conditions should be placed on WARD operators to reduce the targeting of stags		No land handed over to DOC through the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule. I submit that at least a 1km "not permitted" buffer should be established on the front faces/front country of all significantly large areas of PCL where the WARD status is otherwise "permitted"	Revocation of the WARD permit clauses that prevent the carriage of Recreational hunters ONLY to allow such carriage specifically on a "by in, fly out" basis	
201				✓	✓	Closing the WARD operations around the summer holiday period		I feel that the 2009 WARD areas are the only ones that should be opened for the upcoming permit renewal	The concession term should only be a maximum of three years, leaving no automatic right of renewal	Only targeting hinds		No new areas should be opened until a full national review is carried out by all interested parties	My recent experiences in the much loved Ruatimes show me that there are no large numbers of deer present but there are a lot of people hunting	
202				✓	✓	Longer closure periods around Christmas and the roar		I would like particular attention to be paid to areas with historic blood lines and stag values, such as the Rakai, Westland, Otago and South Westland herds. Fragile herds such as the Waitapu Whitestail should be completely exempt from any helicopter hunting or access of any kind	Any permits issued should be for a period of absolutely no greater than 2 years	In wilderness areas I welcome the assistance of WARD in managing hind populations, but reserve mature stags as the domain of recreational hunters		I support all currently closed areas and time restrictions	In the last 20 years recreational hunters have killed in excess of 10 times the amount of deer WARD has, and proportionately more hinds. Prioritising a select few WARD operators over the entire body of recreational hunters is a travesty	
203						No operations over Christmas school holidays and roar period		Contractor to supply GPS data of locations and recorded flight paths, shooting to record sex, age and GPS location of kills		Try to have a system of 50/50 female to male kill rates.		Must operate in remote areas only.	Forland is a good example of what can be achieved to satisfy everyone	

204							In any WARD area I strongly support total restriction of WARD operations between November and May			Any new WARD permit that are issued should be for a limit of one to two years only until this comprehensive review has taken place	The current targeting of stags is a low/low situation. Hunters are put off going out knowing that most of the stags have been killed by WARD and won't bother going at all so the hind population is left uncontrolled		Strongly support the current restricted and closed areas that currently exist		Recreational hunters are the best year round control method for all our game animals
205										By shooting stags, WARD is deterring recreational hunters from entering areas and doing their part to manage deer numbers		All current restrictions should be maintained, not removed		Recreational hunters are the BEST way to control deer numbers, not WARD. DOC should not work against recreational hunters, instead they should work to utilise the recreational hunter as a valuable resource and a partner in working towards their conservation goals	
206							Velvet period, most on the closure period over summer, to protect stags in velvet i.e. Close in November, open January			Three year term to allow for the promised national review of WARD by DOC	Target hinds, not stags. Removing stags does virtually nothing for deer control and only removes potential for improving antler quality. Removal of hinds only would see a significantly increased control of deer, than the current stag does		As a general principle, areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARD		
207							Longer closure periods around Christmas/Easter when a larger amount of recreational hunters are using our publicland			Any permits issued prior to our promised WARD review has taken place should be short term	WARD operators should be made to target only hinds in most areas				Recreational hunters can account for 10x more deer kills in the last 20 years than WARD. Favouring a selected few WARD operators over thousands of public land owning hwi hunters is unfair and counterproductive for conservation
208											There needs to be more rules about targeting hinds over stags at the time of year these WARD operators are shooting		The current restrictions and time periods which are minimal are better than none. Why can't WARD target areas where the foot hunter struggles to get to, not 100m from a		
209							I want to see the restrictions around the roar and Christmas periods lengthened to allow us to have a reasonable chance of even seeing an animal	I support the current restrictions and would in fact like to see more in the head waters of the Rakaiia, Wintombe					All the current areas that are closed to WARD operators should remain closed		We as recreational hunters have a stake in conservation land as much as anyone, a fact that seems to be totally unjust to your department that think you own it
210							Would like to see longer closed periods from the start of December to after the roar			Like to see WARD permits issued for only a 12 month period	I support the shooting of only hinds as I believe this will far more control deer numbers and let the trophy blood lines stay intact		I support the current closed areas		The recreational hunter has far more impact on the controlling of deer numbers than WARD operators over the thousands of rec hunters. DOC needs the public on side and needs to work with large groups like hunters
211							I would support increasing the restricted time periods over Christmas and the roar period			Do not support the extending of any WARD permits, preferably these permits should be issued for shorter time periods than is currently issued	WARD permits should be limited to hinds only, unless there is a specific trophy call stag in a certain area for a certain time period. Targeting of hinds would be a more effective way of controlling numbers without removing the stags that attract the large number of recreational hunters		I support the current closed areas and restricted time periods. I do not support the expansion of areas open to WARD permits	The WARD permits should be for a specific number of animals and gender of animals to allow for sustainable management of the populations so that commercial and recreational interests alike are protected, while at the same time achieving conservation goals of limiting the size of the wild deer population so that native species of flora and fauna and biodiversity is conserved.	I can see that there is a place for the commercial harvest of wild deer on public land in New Zealand and think that it is a valuable tool for managing the wild deer population. However there needs to be a greater focus on the sustainability of the WARD program to ensure that both recreational hunters and WARD operators can continue to harvest deer without destroying the population size. Surveying of deer population numbers like is done in Scotland would give a better indication of the need or not to go in a cull animals in different areas
212											Wouldn't the best way to lower numbers be to shoot the hinds and not allow stags to be shot. Keeps the deer numbers down and healthy and allows the trophy stags to grow				
213							Insist on extended closure period over summer, to protect stags in velvet, ie close in November, open January	DOC should monitor hunting of all operators (GPS track logs) to ensure deer are not taken illegally		Insist on a 3 year term only for the new permit period	Target hinds, not stags. Removing stags does virtually nothing for deer control and only removes potential for improving antler quality. Removal of hinds only would see a significantly increased control of deer, than the current stag harvest does		As a general principle, areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARD		
214							Please limit the times/months of venison recovery if for no other reason than to let ground hunters have a fair and even chance to have an even playing field during the roar months				Concern to DOC letting WARD operators to destroy every single stag they can. Which in reality they should be harvesting deer in a sustainable way and means				There is nothing worse than being several km from a road and hunting and then hearing the sound of rotators and a helicopter flying overhead with deer slung underneath
215													Totally oppose aerial recovery of wild animals from DOC hand		
216										No new long term WARD permits offered until the review is completed and looking at restricting WARD in both areas sections of area	The WARD practice of targeting stags due to their size is awful both from a conservation and recreation standpoint				Recreational hunting is becoming so popular in NZ that we alone are capable of controlling deer numbers, both stags and hinds, and the open season shoot everying approach of WARD has no place in NZ hunting today
217											I understand shooting a stag is going to be more weight which is also fair enough but maybe a selection set up				
218							Don't feel that the amount of time that the WARD open areas are closed is long enough, especially around Christmas and			In the meantime while this is worked through there should only be short term permits issued for	They don't shoot the hinds which they should be restricted to doing				It feels like DOC is trying to work against us not with us
219															Surely we can look at the way the Fjordland Wapiti Foundation is managed that resource in some sort of harmony with WARD and the fantastic results that have come from this. I do understand wanting to use WARD as a tool to control deer numbers in some areas and I am
220							Closed areas and times which are in current regulations should be at least maintained. I also propose no commercial hunting over the period 20 December to 15 January every summer to enable recreational hunters relatively undisturbed animals and the quietness of the wild which we seek out			3 year review periods					The consultation period should be reopened for two months and the results of it be made public to avoid the perception that Green Party policy is setting the agenda for the entire hunting fraternity NZ wide
221											Rather than shooting stags for their size and velvet (which operators definitely target for their price tag) maybe operators should have restrictions or limits to shoot hinds to keep animal numbers under control				Advertise to recreational hunters that you want them to hunt certain areas more and to shoot a hind or two every time they go out to keep numbers down. As you can imagine I'm not the biggest fan of WARD operators, but I do feel like WARD definitely has a place in the control of animal numbers on public land
222															WARD favours the needs of no more than 12 operators over the one million kiwis who fish, shoot and hunt
223															I'm talking for every hunter out there, if the WARD operators keep with the high venison prices, then the hunting I and everyone else will be weakened
224							Longer closure times around the summer months leading up to the roar				WARD needs to be restricted to hinds only				Working with recreational hunters and not against them will give the best outcome for conservation and let us restore our trophy heads that were recognised worldwide

225					✓		The closure period should start at least 3 weeks earlier, and run for a further 3-4 weeks									Issue a short term 1-2 years extension to existing permit holders until a proper review can occur	Leave stags and spikers and target hinds		Target WARD on remote areas where there is little recreational pressure, or areas where good data shows recreational hunters are not managing deer numbers	I believe the WARD structure is a poor way to manage deer numbers as kill rates are tied to venison market prices. I accept we need to use aerial control to help alongside recreational hunting, manage deer numbers		
226					✓	✓										WARD permits need to be issued on short term contracts and a review made after each period to determine if it is still relevant for each area	WARD should be limited to hinds to even get close to meeting its objectives		I believe there are a large number of areas that are currently closed to WARD and also other areas that are accessible to be left for recreational hunters and the less accessible areas only available to WARD			
227					✓											I do a lot of hunting in the WARD exclusion zone in the Ruahikes and would love to see that closed off			Seek further restrictions to WARD			
228					✓												WARD should be restricted to hinds, at least in areas with prized genetics		I do endorse the current restrictions		If this relationship between DOC and hunters were to improve, hunters could be used for surveys or other pest destruction. Otherwise the DOC vs hunter relationship will continue to sour and the divide will only deepen.	
229					✓	✓										I would love to see the Rakaka and Ohangoo red deer herds receive similar status and respect that the Fiordland Wapiti has	Personally I hold no grudge on hinds being taken by WARD operators but seeing them take stags with great trophy potential is a disgrace.					
230					✓	✓	Ward longer closure periods around Christmas and the Roar														The current WARD permits are too excessive and priority needs to be given to recreational hunters	
231					✓		No WARD during the late summer months and the roar										Any WARD permits issued in the meantime need to be for less than 2 years to allow for the WARD review to take place					
232					✓	✓	As for the roar and smas its about the two biggest breaks many can manage off work so keep the WARD open areas closed for extended periods of time around these times										Implement a hinds-only take policy. This will be more effective in controlling deer populations and will preserve the trophy red stags				I firmly believe the current WARD operations are not in the best interests for either conservation or hunters. It's an undeniable fact that recreational hunters harvest far more deer every year than WARD. WARD means less hunters in the bush, and less deer being taken overall	
233					✓	✓											WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas as when they shoot the stags for venison regardless of if it had a trophy head or not the every day hunter will not want to hunt that area due to lack of stags		Please keep the RHA areas as is		Work with us not against us, choose thousands of hunters over a few choppers. It will benefit both parties and conservation	
234					✓												Only shooting females, this will actually lower overall numbers which is the intention of the concession in the first place		Perhaps the creation of WARD exclusion area's for our more significant herds, or more RHA's	Assign certain areas to certain operators, this will remove the competition between operators and make them more likely to be viable	A win win situation can be achieved, and this has been proved by the tremendous work done by the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation in improving herd quality and controlling numbers at the same time. By not changing our approach to game animal management, we are just continuing to periodically destroy our recreational opportunities in exchange for creating sporadic turnover for a select few WARD concession holders	
235					✓												All the big mature stags get shot which doesn't help the population levels (and then the environment) in any way but means rec hunters won't have any stags				Once this hurdle is done we can work on creating a system that benefits everyone involved, which can be achieved	
236					✓	✓	There should be a greater closure time in currently operating WARD areas, from December to May										If commercial operators are to recover animals, hinds should be the only targeted species. It lowers the browsing pressure but more importantly this will give stags a better chance				Recreational hunters should have first shot. I.e if animal numbers are high in a particular area let the public know. I look forward to future hunting in New Zealand and a New Zealand where animal management is trusted to the people rather than helicopters carpet bombing 1000 and guns blazing	
237					✓	✓											Any WARD permits issued in the meantime need to be very short term. For example, one year, while a comprehensive review is undertaken	WARD should be restricted to hinds in all WARD areas if not all at least the hinds of HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE		The current amount of RHA should be left as is		Ground hunters are a more long term sustainable means of controlling feral deer numbers. This is due to their presence year round, where they are taking roughly 10 times the number of animals WARD does. Working with recreational hunters, not against them, is the best method of conservation. Prioritising a few is an unfair and reckless option
238					✓																DOC are just the caretakers of our land and to be honest, with all the 1000 poison that is being dumped on our land and in our waterways I think DOC is doing a piss poor job of protecting it	
239					✓	✓	Need longer closure periods for Christmas and roar											I would propose that if they are allowed permits, that they be only given the ability to target hinds as this won't stop recreational hunters targeting the same area when WARD is operating				I recently read about the recreational hunters taking considerably more numbers than the WARD guys ever could in their active years
240					✓												We have tussock reserves where there is good road access for the multitude of Central Otago hunters to go hunting such as the Hawketun Range, Nevis Valley Old Man Range and Kopuawai Conservation Area - why do you persist in wiping out our recreation from the most popular and accessible areas. Keep helicopters off the riverbeds on the West Coast and other places where jet boats, vehicles and hunters can access	Must WARD operators take some hinds, currently they shoot all the big stags they see, and the gene pool of good genetics is on a downward spiral		Keep the helicopters on the more remote steep country which is not accessible terrain for most recreational foot hunting. Improve access to DOC reserves so hunters are not refused access	Advertise areas where deer numbers are presumed to be too high, and tell the community they have 6 months to lower the number, or a cull will inevitably have to be undertaken if numbers are not reduced. This is no way to treat the people who enjoy our conservation areas, and shoot annually more than 10 times the deer numbers than WARD operators do	
241					✓	✓												WARD need to prioritise taking hinds rather than stags if they are to have a substantial effect on numbers		Should only operate in areas that cannot be accessed by foot hunters		
242					✓	✓	Need longer closure periods around Christmas and the Roar											WARD issued should be much more short term (2 years) max while the reviews of deer plans and WARD take place	WARD should be restricted to only shooting hinds in selected areas, as current slaughter of stag puts recreational hunters off areas with high deer numbers, leading to an overall decline in the herd ratio that is enforced would be much much better		Support all current closed areas and restricted WARD time periods	The best control is in fact hunters, killing 10 times as many deer as WARD, with higher kill rates on hinds than WARD has ever had
243					✓		No WARD operations anywhere during the roar or Christmas periods as these are the busiest times by far in the hills											Some sort of tag to hind ratio that is enforced would be much much better		WARD comes into its own in remote back country where the average hunter just don't go	If DOC could allocate certain areas for certain operators I believe this could make it more viable	absolutely think there is a place and at a time a need for WARD to take place but the current open slaughter which takes place in my view is not the correct way to go about it
244					✓	✓	In areas that are open to WARD I feel that there needs to be more closed times to WARD. In my mind this includes some time over Spring when the hinds are giving birth, christmas and the roar											Any WARD permits issued in the meantime need to be short term in my eye. 1-2 years max	The current free reign that WARD has on deer (mainly stags) is a lose/lose for NZ and DOC		I support all closed areas and restricted areas to WARD. If DOC really wants to see the numbers managed properly my advice would be to make more DOC land accessible to rec hunters	I think it is fair that we take the stress off hinds until they have finished with their fawns
245					✓	✓	Lengthen the time pre and post roar, as well as the Christmas holiday period to which helicopters are not allowed to operate over WARD											Target hinds and leave mature stags and younger stags with potential, thus maintaining strong bloodlines and overall trophy				actually think that if there were some controls put in place that WARD could play a positive part in the management of deer numbers in certain parts of the country. Have harsher penalties put in place for pilots who abuse rules and regulations. Create tighter regulations around the use of helicopters over WARD
246					✓	✓	The present standard minimum North Island Christmas/New Year closed period is far too short. At minimum it should be at least from 10th December to 31st January to align with the school holidays											I would recommend a limited two (maximum three) year permit period for 2018 WARD	WARD operators should be placed on WARD operators to reduce the targeting of stags	Lans use closure - supported	WARD permits are issued by blocks to individual operators (exclusively) and are limited to a select number of WARD operators	Recreational hunters kill far greater numbers of deer than WARD (studies indicate potentially 10:1 or more reasonably 7:1)



247													I support the status quo on time periods and restricted areas for WARD	Giving a small amount of WARD operators a priority over the recreational hunter makes it unfair in relation to WARD shooting stags and being able to shoot during the summer months and the roar
248													In areas of trophy hunt such as the Rakaiia only hinds should be available for WARD	The areas that are currently closed to WARD operations must stay closed
249													I would like to see the current restricted time periods and helicopter free zones remain in the Rauhihue area and believe this model could work well in other areas that are reasonably accessible to a foot hunter (the open tops around forward saddle for example)	The permits that are issued in September should only be for a short time period to allow the proper consultation promised by Mike Slater to be carried out
250													Request that the current WARD restrictions (closed areas and restricted time periods) for the Rauhihue, Rimutakas and Arangi be kept in place	Any WARD permits be limited to 2 years maximum so that local deer management plans and the promised comprehensive WARD review can take place
251													Permits being restricted while this review is properly conducted and consultation sought	WARD disproportionately targets stags due to body weight and velvet, but taking stags has only a limited and temporary impact on overall numbers as a single stag can service a large number of hinds
252													Operators should have to recert their license every 2 years, so there is incentive to follow the rules	WARD will not stop if it's hinds only they will still flourish as shooting big stags is for bragging rights not for paying the bills. Trophy stags or mature stags should be the first thing off the table
253													WARD should be restricted, closed periods from January to after the roar	WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas
254													If places like Summer RHA becomes open to WARD it will be a huge loss to the recreational hunters of NZ and the ones who travel from afar to hunt in these areas as well	Controlled harvest rather than a slaughter of every best in sight. Sadly a considerable amount of mature stags are shot in or before their prime
255													In current open areas for WARD there should be longer closure periods to WARD, over christmas to right till the end of the roar	To allow the promised WARD review and the deer plans to take place all of the WARD permits that are issued should be only short term, preferably a 2 year maximum
256													My recommendation would be to consider a specified short term rollover (perhaps with conditions) while the department enters into proper dialogue, addresses the data issue then revisits the	WARD should be restricted to only shooting hinds in most areas to keep the potential trophy stags growing and breeding
257													If places like Summer RHA becomes open to WARD it will be a huge loss to the recreational hunters of NZ and the ones who travel from afar to hunt in these areas as well	A controlled harvest rather than a slaughter of every best in sight. Sadly a considerable amount of mature stags are shot in or before their prime
258														Please keep the RHA as it is and let the recreational hunter keep numbers in check
259													I strongly suggest that your department looks at the impact and benefit ratio, because it looks like the people paying the highest percentage of your operational costs are being ignored by operators.	The current areas open for WARD seem more than adequate, and I would prefer a reduction in the number of areas in which WARD operators are allowed to enter. An increase in documented Recreational Hunting Areas is ideal
260													Exclusion zones should be extended to include any public land in the entire country at several times of the year. In my experience those periods would be best be times when a large number of recreational hunters are located in the vicinity - such as throughout December, January and February, and throughout the roar period	Until this review is completed, I believe all WARD permits granted should be brief, and of no more than 2 years duration
261													In WARD open areas we need longer closures around Christmas and the Roar, with also no WARD operations on weekends when most recreational hunters are out	Any WARD permits issued before the promised review must be short term, 2 years' maximum until the issue has been discussed openly and publicly
262													Surely there could be longer grace periods either side of the roar	If these pilots are being utilised by DOC as a conservation tool they are far better off to be restricted to a specific area only
263													In the meantime please keep any future permits short term only	I would support a hind only approach to WARD
264													Proper game management with culling of females to keep a cap on populations will please DOC in regards to habitat degradation and protection and ensure WARD operators have a managed steady	If the WARD permits ONLY allowed hinds and yearlings to be shot and stags left alone, and let's face it, if you want to reduce a population you take out the hinds
265	Sporting Hunters Outdoor Trust												WARD permits must be on a yearly basis to have control of operators	In game management WARD must avoid killing trophy stags in velvet and to totally avoid shooting hinds November to August when fawns are in velvet
266													If places like Summer RHA becomes open to WARD it will be a huge loss to the recreational hunters of NZ and the ones who travel from afar to hunt in these areas as well	Please keep the RHA as it is and let the recreational hunter keep numbers in check
267													I would like to see the Rakaiia/Marhu/Waihoroka catchments turn into an RHA area as these are some of the best bloodlines we have and us as hunters don't want to lose them!	I would be happy if WARD shot hinds only and if WARD operators did a course where they could evaluate stags so if they see a stag with bad jointer genetics (no best times) then they can remove them



286											I propose that WARO is not conducted during peak hunting times. In WARO is put on hold during Christmas holidays and during the Roar							I would like to see in all Canterbury regions the protection of stags which is the major driving factor of hunter participation during the roar			I do believe WARO has its place in the control of deer numbers through the cullings of hinds				Please note I am not against WARO in principle, just the lack of rules and regulations and hunter feed back which I think if implemented could result in a great outcome for all parties involved				
287											Need to increase the closure periods of some of the current WARO areas that hold significant red deer herds around the Christmas to post roar times										Aka that any WARO permit issued is for a period no longer than two years to give the chance for the Deer Plans and WARO review to take place	Managing herds is best done through taking of females as they are the ones breeding, shooting just males does not reduce the animals numbers as they mate from a young age so a yearling spiker red deer will still mate with the hind population, WARO to target hinds	Support the current restricted areas imposed by DOC as well as the closed periods. I understand the need to heavily control animals in accessible areas but in areas where ground hunters can get to there should be greater restrictions on the animals	Information from DOC to recreational hunters needs to be more timely and readily accessible in order for us to help maintain problem areas's. If we do not know then how can we help you					
288																						The kill everything policy currently used does not give recreational hunters a fair opportunity				I think that with the online resources available a system of reporting recreational harvest which will enable a far more collaborative control			
289											WARO open areas should be closed off for longer periods around Christmas and the roar. Extended closure period over summer, to protect stags in velvet											Target hinds, NOT stags! Removing stags does virtually nothing for deer control and only removes potential for improving antler quality. Removal of hinds only would see a significantly increased control of deer over the current stag harvest	Areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARO						
290											Extensions need to be given over the Christmas break and roar periods											WARO needs a hinds only policy so recreation hunters can target stags and not be deterred to hunt areas that are WARO areas	Current closed areas should remain closed and current restrictions maintained						
291											All areas in the South Island should be orange for holiday and roar periods											Where there is allowed WARO should be restricted to hinds only to allow hunters to target stags as trophy animals	Support all currently closed areas	Please don't prioritise a handful of WARO operators over a huge number of recreational hunters and the many future potential young hunters					
292											The time period around Christmas and the roar is currently in place but a longer restriction would be good to see											Any permits issued by DOC should be for 2 years maximum until the deer plan and the WARO review can be properly conducted and implemented	It would be more beneficial for the WARO to be limited to hinds only in most actual problem areas	I support these restrictions and exclusions	The prioritising of the WARO operators over the much larger and more useful recreational hunters is counterintuitive to the end goal of a happy medium				
293											Give consideration to special times throughout the year when recreational hunters are most active, those being the Roar and around the Christmas period and New Years periods																		
294											Extending closed periods during popular recreational times such as the summer holiday period, (mid December - February) and the Roar, (mid March - May).											Operations should be based on identifying possible / specific problem areas, targeting female animals to control population numbers, not open stags as is the case	In the meantime no currently closed areas should be opened up to WARO, while there are in fact strong reasons to actually increase the number and size of closed	Long term sustainable management delivering stable environmental outcomes should be the primary conservation goal rather than the continuing boom and bust saga based on fluctuating commercial values					
295											We need more exclusion zones from WARO especially in iconic river catchments like the Rakau, Whitecomb and Poulter Valley											It kills me a little bit inside every time I see a picture of mature stags and even young stags with massive potential to grow into trophies being slaughtered by WARO operators for little to no gain to herd management	More exclusion zones from WARO	I feel that WARO is a tool that should be used to help us hunters control animal numbers in some areas but it needs to be managed better than how it's being undertaken currently					
296											Closer monitoring and tighter conditions to current permits											Targeting of stags while leaving stags (mature or immature) of good bloodlines	Maintain current RHA areas and open up further RHA areas	Operating under a quota system similar to that of our Fisheries ensuring there are animals left for the recreational hunter	I believe that if DOC gave the recreational hunter a legitimate voice then there would be buy in from that hunter which would pave the way forward for a more positive relationship between DOC and the hunting community here in New Zealand				
297																													
298											WARO should not be able to operate around the roar or Christmas period, in the best interests of recreational hunters											WARO need short term permits for their culling, with 2 years being the maximum permit.	In most areas, a hinds only policy needs to be enforced to keep the deer numbers down						
299											WARO closure periods, at the very least be retained "as is"											Consideration be given to extend closure to accommodate recreational hunting in the school holidays and perhaps closure from November in the Rushlines	A 3 year permit for the upcoming WARO permit renewals. This is so that the review process promised by DOC in the court case undertaken by the LNRF takes place before the next issue of WARO permits	Consideration be given to conditions being placed on WARO operators to reduce the targeting of stags, particularly any mature trophy potential stags	No opening of any areas currently closed to WARO operators	Schedule 3 clause 17 be amended to ensure there is no loop hole whereby WARO operators can access non permitted areas without repercussions. As recreational hunters we would like to see a move towards using WARO more as a management tool than simply 'open slather search and destroy'			
300											I believe that we should have a longer period of closures around Christmas and around the time of the roar											In the meantime, DOC should only issue short term WARO permits and allow time for comprehensive deer and WARO plans to be completed, with proper consultation process	I believe that WARO should be limited to hinds only	Fully support the current closed to WARO areas and periods	In the last 20 years, recreational hunters have killed 10 times as many deer as WARO, even in the highest 10 years, let alone the years when they do none. Putting a handful of operators that only operate when the price of venison suits them over the tens of thousands or more recreational hunters is farcical and does not help in the conservation effort whatsoever. Working with recreational hunters rather than against them, will give the best results for conservation				
301																						We shoot a far larger amount of hinds than the WARO boys do as it's painfully obvious to see by witnessing many a time big stags being slung under helicopters because they pay	The current RHAs that are off limits to WARO are an amazing example of what can be achieved with some control	In the last 20 years we have taken far more deer as a collective than any WARO practices. Everyone who has a logical opinion on this issue knows WARO is needed in some form to control numbers, but we really need some rules and regulations rather than the open slather that is currently happening					
302											The St James Range for example should have been declared a RHA upon tenure review instead this magnificent and potentially very lucrative area has been smashed by the likes of Bill Hales and deer are still there																		
303											In any open WARO areas we need longer closure periods around Christmas and the roar											I call any WARO permits issued in the meantime must be short term to allow for the promised WARO review to take place	I feel there needs to be restrictions on the amount of stags taken to open slather on stags is not healthy for conservation. I feel WARO should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	I support all currently closed and restricted time periods	Deer hunters kill a far greater number of deer than WARO does no matter what price venison is fetching. Prioritising a handful of WARO operators over a big number of recreational hunters is not fair and is not helpful for conservation. DOC should be working with recreational hunters not against them by working together for conservation benefits				
304																						The shooting of stags with good potential is a joke and should be stopped							
305											Extending of closure of WARO for velvet period months over summer											Keeping current 3 year renewal period	Targeting hinds only as this really is a much better way of control	Keeping restricted areas and closed areas still the same and not opening up everywhere for open kill	I completely understand that some WARO in areas may be used at times as it has been so I am not completely against some WARO, but I also completely understand that people making these decisions that have never experienced or share the passion of hunting and all the positives we as hunters in NZ gain from these amazing experiences will not be in a position to even feel out				

306							WARD to only commence from the 1st of May to the 31st of December each year. This allows for recreational hunters to hunt during the Summer and Autumn period without having their wilderness experience ruined by the intrusive nature of WARD activity								Areas of high recreational hunting use and Herds of Special Interest need to be identified and a list only harvest to be implemented in these areas		Assign certain areas to certain operators. This will remove competition between operators and make it likely to be a viable industry	A small levy to be charged for all animals removed by WARD on public land. This levy is to be used to fund the OAC and the formation of new Herds of Special Interest (such as the Rakaika herds). Recreational hunters remove more deer than commercial hunters per year even when WARD is at its peak so are significantly more valuable tool for conservation. I feel that it need to remind the Department that under the Conservation Act the Department of Conservation is obliged to foster recreation	
307							A closure period must be put in place for WARD not to operate during the Christmas period and during the roar (March, April)	Areas such as Canterbury, Otago, Wanaka and the West Coast hold the most sought after trophy blood line animals and are on the verge of extinction due to the open slaughter by WARD	Any WARD permits issued while this process is taking place must be short term (1-2 years) so that other processes such as the deer plan and the promised WARD review can take place	WARD are to shoot hinds only which keeps numbers low, does not bring down and is good for conservation	I firmly believe there should be more of these areas throughout NZ (RHAs)							WARD operators notifying DOC of the area that they are shooting and should expect to have all animal carcasses checked. If a male is found then the WARD permit should be taken off the operator for one year. These checks could even be shared between DOC and fish and game as both have vehicles and rangers who are always out and about. Their time could be funded by a fee for a WARD permit. A fee for recreational hunters should also be put in place	
308										We all know the most effective way to manage any herd is to control the female population. This is something that the WARD operators are not doing								Recreational hunters kill far more deer than WARD operators, even in years of high WARD and especially in years of inactive WARD	
309							No aerial shooting in the velvet growing months		Having a 2 year renewal period	I do believe helicopters can play a role in managing game animal numbers for example only targeting hinds, but the key word here is management!		Keeping restricted areas closed to hell shooting						Hunters play the number one role in managing the game animals all year round shooting hinds and stags where the helicopter operators get paid per Kg so they mainly target stags	
310										All I ask is that trophy heads are left for the public								To give young people hope that there are animals that are possible to harvest makes you keen to spend time in the hills rather than in town looking for fights, drinking etc	
311									Current WARD permits should be renewed only short term to allow a full process to be followed	In terms of animals shot - hinds should be the focus, there needs to be strict monitoring of this - otherwise our trophy potential could be lost FOREVER in some areas	The closed to WARD areas are extremely valuable, it would be a disaster to see these opened up for "free-for-all". We need more of these, and we can still have selected periods and rules for WARD within them if needed for management							Deer numbers need to be surveyed better. Recreational hunters have been a more proven method (than WARD) of controlling deer numbers year round	
312									Current WARD permits should be renewed only short term to allow a full process to be followed	In terms of animals shot - hinds should be the focus, there needs to be strict monitoring of this - otherwise our trophy potential could be lost FOREVER in some areas	The closed to WARD areas are extremely valuable, it would be a disaster to see these opened up for "free-for-all". We need more of these, and we can still have selected periods and rules for WARD within them if needed for management							Deer numbers need to be surveyed better. Recreational hunters have been a more proven method (than WARD) of controlling deer numbers year round	
313	Federated Mountain Clubs						Knowing that a large proportion of recreational usage of Wilderness Areas is concentrated during the summer season, FMC believes that the negative impact of WARD on recreational users can be mitigated if Wild Animal Recovery Operations are scheduled at other times	The concessionaire must not undertake the concession activity in the Hooker/Landsborough, Adams and Paparoa Wilderness Areas during the period from 15 December to 15 February										FMC understands that WARD is an effective method of mammalian pest control, and that it is thus desirable for it to be allowed in Wilderness Areas	
314	Council of Outdoor Recreational Associations of NZ								Permits should be yearly so there is annual consultation	Trophy stags should not be gunned down in velvet if DOC upholds its responsibility to the hunting public								WARD should be a tool for managing wild game relative to recreational hunting. It should be used sparingly and judiciously especially in well used recreational hunting areas. Commercial operation are unnecessary in well hunted areas	
315							Closure extension of WARD periods over summer school holidays and the roar	Protection of Herds of Special Interest (and increasing this to other regarded areas)	WARD permits to be reduced to 2 years	Trials of hind-only policy for WARD operators. If financial implications are retained, introduce a hunting permit fee where these areas occur		Continuing protection of closed areas						Scoring system on operators to identify performance and keep conservation users informed. Would like to see location, sex and date of animals removed. Use WARD, if managed correctly, to form a component of animal management in New Zealand and encourage this. What I do not encourage is the 'open slaughter' approach where a select few operators dictate the market and take advantage of this. I would like to see the Fiordland Wildlife Foundation's results, to see the gains that can be made for both hunters and conservationists	
316							An extension of closure periods over the summer school holidays and the roar	The protection of Herds of Special Interest (and the extension of these)	The length of WARD permits to be reduced to 2 years	A hind-only policy for WARD operators (this could be subsidised by recreational users of the back country, via a tax on outdoor gear)		The continued protection of closed areas						I personally have nothing against well managed WARD, and see it as an integral part of proper animal management in this country. You only have to look at the Fiordland Wildlife Foundation's efforts to see the gains that can be made for both hunters and conservationists with the use of targeted, responsibly managed WARD	
317							There needs to be longer periods when WARD aren't active around the roar and over the Christmas break			The current system where WARD are after the biggest animals so it makes it economical for them to operate does nothing to control the population of deer. All the hinds left and just the oldest stags taken which in turn turns away hunters as they know there's a very low chance to find a trophy. Also means there is all the hinds left to breed and keep the numbers up so then next year WARD swoop in again and do the same. Great source of revenue for them								Recreational hunters represent the best control of deer in New Zealand all year round year in year out no matter what the export market is doing	
318							Close the parks during the roar period, and for a longer period. Close to WARD over Xmas-New Year, i.e. for the school holiday period, and during the Roar, give stags, being, e.g. 15 December to 15 January, 15 March to 15 April	The Hunter Valley could become a great place to hunt again if WARD was under suitable controls. It is my wish that our North Island areas are not compromised in the same way. The 2009 WARD areas should only be opened to WARD for the upcoming permits/concessions. No new areas should be opened, including in the Tararua and Rimutaka	Permits should be for 3 years only, with no right of renewal. To allow for a full review for the next round of permitting	Hinds should be targeted by WARD. To make the right incentive for recreational hunters who aim to shoot stags. Targeting hinds serves as a population control mechanism without dis-incentivising hunters		No new areas should be opened							WARD GPS data should be analysed and made public (anonymously) that will give hunters data to target animal hot-spots
319							In open WARD areas, closure periods should be extended for March and April (the roar)		Any WARD permits issued in the meantime should be short term (year maximum), until the promised thorough review has taken place	More "hinds only" WARD control needs to be put in place		I support all areas that are currently closed to WARD and the restricted time periods placed on WARD operators						Although the current WARD regime is broken, I think everyone accepts that 'managed' WARD is a highly effective tool. History shows that recreational hunters are the best control measure of deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest 10 years it's been operating. Prioritising a few commercial WARD operators over the far greater number of recreational hunters is illogical, antagonistic and counterproductive to conservation	
320							WARD operators that are in the yellow areas, need to have the roar restriction times lengthened. Have them start earlier in March and go to at least to the end of April, if not May as with global warming occurring the animals are starting to become active later. Also same with the Christmas holiday period it needs to be lengthened for no operations	The Kaitiaki Conservation Area (Glenarman and Ferintosh station stream/Twin stream) should be a red area - easy access. The Nevis area should be red - easy access. The Tekele Conservation Block should be red easy access. The Timaru Creek area should be red - easy access	It should be kept a 3 year review so issues that arise may be addressed	To make WARD a more efficient tool for DOC to help control animal populations, why not require a certain ratio of hinds to stags to be shot (4 to 1 for example)								Areas of recent operators should be made known to the public or this will help hunters to determine whether or not to go into an area. I am not opposed to WARD and understand it can have benefits but it should be kept to areas not easily accessible by recreational hunters	
321																		Hunters in general, not just hunting groups should be part of the consultation process. A decision to expand WARD operators appears to be made by a relatively small number of people within DOC and also appears to favour WARD operators over general public interest	
322							Need for exclusive hunting permits during the March/April roar period	I believe that WARD permits should not be issued for helicopters to hunt deer in the Otika Conservation Park										To achieve sensible management it is important that recreational hunting should be encouraged	

323						Restricted time over the rear period the dates be changed from mid March to the end of April and that be a uniformed time period throughout New Zealand. Perhaps the 1st March through to the 30th April. Also the Xmas period from 15th Dec through to 15th Jan	The green area of the Otaoke Conservation Block - we would like to see the entire block red for no WARD operations - easy access. Timaru Creek and Lauder Ban areas - I would like to see these areas red so no WARD operations in these areas - easy access. The new block which is to be part of the Ruataniwha Conservation Area (this is the new areas taken over by DOC which was the Glenelmer and Ferintosh stations) would like to see this block of land be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National Park which is red no WARD operations - easy access	I would like to see the current system of 3yrs to stay so that timely reviews can be implemented when are changes through tenure review etc			The small yellow areas (as seen on map 15) - submit that these areas be taken off the WARD schedule from yellow and made red for NO WARD operations	"Prior to the concessionaire using any "Not Permitted" parts of the Land to undertake ... the concessionaire must notify the relevant District Officer ... within 24 hours of the activity taking place" I would like to see completely removed. Rec hunters take the vast majority of deer year in year out	
324						Restricted time over the rear period the dates be changed from mid March to the end of April and that be a uniformed time period throughout New Zealand. Perhaps the 1st March through to the 30th April. Also the Xmas period from 15th Dec through to 31st Jan bringing both North and South Islands into the same periods of time/dates	The green area of the Otaoke Conservation Block - we would like to see the entire block red for no WARD operations - easy access. Timaru Creek and Lauder Ban areas - I would like to see these areas red so no WARD operations in these areas - easy access. The new block which is to be part of the Ruataniwha Conservation Area (this is the new areas taken over by DOC which was the Glenelmer and Ferintosh stations) would like to see this block of land be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National Park which is red no WARD operations - easy access	I would like to see the current system of 3yrs to stay so that timely reviews can be implemented when are changes through tenure review etc			The small yellow areas (as seen on map 15) - submit that these areas be taken off the WARD schedule from yellow and made red for NO WARD operations	Rec hunters take the vast majority of deer year in year out	
325						Both the North Island and the South Island should have the same closure dates to ensure things are equal country wide. In my opinion they should be 15th Dec - 31st Jan and 15th Mar - 30th Apr	The Eye Mountains - I feel this area should change to be disallowed per at the very least restricted. Mount Aurum - I don't believe that it should even be allowed to be restricted. As far as I'm concerned the Mount Aurum and surrounding Whakareia areas should not allow WARD operations. Remarkables Conservation Area - I see this new area is proposed to be not allowed - this is the right decision. Mavora Lakes area - I would like to see a change to no WARD, or at the very least restricted. Takatimu Range - Do not see the need for WARD operations	See no reason for the length of current permits to change from 3 years	Stags in velvet should not be allowed to be taken as well as trophy stags		I would ask that any areas of land which are handed back to DOC through the tenure review system are not allowed any WARD operations on them without going to public submission	I believe that there should be some sort of quota for the amount of males to females taken	We should be allowed to know which areas have been hunted by WARD operators. All helicopters are equipped with GPS so this should be a relatively easy process to provide some data on
326						Restricted time over the rear period the dates be changed from mid March to the end of April and that be a uniformed time period throughout New Zealand. Perhaps the 1st March through to the 30th April. Also the Xmas period from 15th Dec through to 15th Jan	The green area of the Otaoke Conservation Block - we would like to see the entire block red for no WARD operations - easy access. Timaru Creek and Lauder Ban areas - I would like to see these areas red so no WARD operations in these areas - easy access. The new block which is to be part of the Ruataniwha Conservation Area (this is the new areas taken over by DOC which was the Glenelmer and Ferintosh stations) would like to see this block of land be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National Park which is red no WARD operations - easy access	I would like to see the current system of 3yrs to stay so that timely reviews can be implemented when are changes through tenure review etc			The small yellow areas (as seen on map 15) - submit that these areas be taken off the WARD schedule from yellow and made red for NO WARD operations	"Prior to the concessionaire using any "Not Permitted" parts of the Land to undertake ... the concessionaire must notify the relevant District Officer ... within 24 hours of the activity taking place" I would like to see completely removed. Rec hunters take the vast majority of deer year in year out	
327							I believe the areas listed are specific and should not be permitted for permits to WARD. Remarkables Conservation Area - zone A (New's Valley), Timaru Creek and The Orangi - zone B, Mt Aurum - zone C, (Kippers township), Mavora Lakes - zone D, Eye Mountains - zone E, Takatimu Range - zone F, Ruataniwha Conservation Area - zone G (Mt	I feel a 2 year permit will allow all parties to have sufficient time to evaluate the current concessions			Areas readily accessible and used by hunters for recreational hunting should be closed to WARD		
328						Restricted time over the rear period the dates be changed from mid March to the end of April and that be a uniformed time period throughout New Zealand. Perhaps the 1st March through to the 30th April. Also the Xmas period from 15th Dec through to 31st Jan bringing both North and South Islands into the same periods of time/dates	The green area of the Otaoke Conservation Block - we would like to see the entire block red for no WARD operations - easy access. Timaru Creek and Lauder Ban areas - I would like to see these areas red so no WARD operations in these areas - easy access. The new block which is to be part of the Ruataniwha Conservation Area (this is the new areas taken over by DOC which was the Glenelmer and Ferintosh stations) would like to see this block of land be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National Park which is red no WARD operations - easy access	I would like to see the current system of 3yrs to stay so that timely reviews can be implemented when are changes through tenure review etc			The small yellow areas (as seen on map 15) - submit that these areas be taken off the WARD schedule from yellow and made red for NO WARD operations	Under the south Island WARD permit concession activity schedule 3, under special conditions Part 12 needs to be removed as this ensures WARD can operate anywhere they like. Rec hunters take the vast majority of deer year in year out	
329	Southland Fish and Game						In the Eye Mountains and Bald Hill areas next to the Upper Oreti River it is reasonable to ask for WARD to be prohibited						
330							Otaoke and Waikata - We should be preserving these areas for our future generation as a great hunting experience that goes back to our hunter gathering days providing for our families, not commercialising it for a few dollars				All Recreational Hunting areas and public reserves have a NOT PERMITTED status for all WARD operations	If DOC feels there is a pest problem give the hunter the opportunity to take out the predators, not the helicopters	
331						The existing minimum South Island / New Year Closure Period is too short for the South Island and as with the North Island it should be at minimum from 16th December to 31st January. WARD closure periods should be aligned between North Island and South Island	I submit that the area of pre-existing WARD land schedule PCL in the Mt Hut Conservation Area and Hokitika Conservation Park should be given WARD Status "not permitted". I also submit that the area of proposed additional WARD land schedule PCL (apparently referred to as Conservation Area - Hakatere Conservation Park (Proposed Addition) - being that piece of PCL in the Black Hill Range - should be given WARD Status "not permitted"	A maximum 3 year permit period for this round of WARD permit renewals	As a general principle, conditions should be placed on WARD to reduce the targeting of stags - and give best population control by focusing WARD's efforts on hinds only		No land handed over to DOC participants through the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule. As a general principle, those areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters - should be closed to WARD. I submit that at least a 1km "not permitted" buffer should be established on the front faces/front country of all significantly large areas of PCL where the WARD status is otherwise "permitted"	Revocation of the WARD permit (Concession Document - Wild Animal Recovery Operation Permit) clauses that prevent the carriage of recreational hunters ONLY - to allow carriage specifically on a "fly in, fly out" basis	
332	Central Otago Recreational Users Forum								Propose that the type of WARD concession permit be for the taking of hinds only over the full concession period			Recreational hunters kill many times the number of animals WARD concession operators do and should be treated as the main stay of managing deer numbers by the Department at no cost and producing positive public relations	
333	NZDA National Executive					WARD should be excluded in the rear period with the South Island exclusion time extended to match that of the North Island	WARD should be excluded from the Hokitika/Wilderforce as the iconic Rakaka blood line is worthy of protection	Strongly proposes that the current permits are temporarily rolled over for 1 - 3 years so that a full review can be conducted	WARD permits should require a "hinds only" practice over hussack country in the velvet months		WARD should be excluded from areas used by recreational hunters. WARD should continue to be excluded from Recreational Hunting Areas. WARD should be excluded from areas where deer repellent has been used to protect game		
334							Like to submit that the Mt Dome area should not be changed to restricted access for WARD operators - I ask that the newly acquired lands in the Nevis Valley area next to the existing blocks of DOC land which is not permitted for WARD operators to be given the same status as not permitted for WARD operators				The place of WARD helicopter hunting is, in my opinion, controlling feral game in areas that are physically hard to access not those that are only legally hard to access	Hunters should be encouraged to hunt areas (with good game populations) which are physically accessible by having good legal access to these areas. As I understand it DOC is meant to work with recreational hunters not against them	
335									WARD is only benefit to DOC. If they target hinds only, they will never do this, as seen in the last 15-20 year. Ask for ratios from the venison meat works companies on male/female ratio's				the relationship D.O.C and the Wapiti Trust has established in Fiordland National Park is a great example of where both parties have created true recreational hunting opportunities for mature male deer whilst maintaining a herd level through controlled removal of predominantly female deer by dependable WARD operators that safeguards the unique native fauna and flora in the park from over browsing. Recreational hunters are by far the leading hind control method for DOC at not cost to DOC
336						Like to see the periods closed for WARD at present ie Christmas and the rear period increased by two weeks before current dates and two weeks after current dates					I accept that helicopters are needed to help control game animals in some areas that are remote and very hard to access by recreational hunters. The Department could also make concessions for landings and easier access into more remote areas for rec. hunters during the rear periods		

337					✓	✓	Can Wawa have longer closer areas at certain times of the year? Every kiwi hunter leaves the roar in summer when the days are long around Christmas and New Year when a lot more people are on public land who are there still choppers flying around shooting game			I don't understand why there aren't regulations on the amount of hinds that are shot. They are the ones breeding but the chopper guys don't want to shoot hinds cause they don't weigh enough. Why not target the hinds to control the numbers		They have a lot of area to hunt and I support the areas already open for them but I do not support opening more areas up for them or allowing more licenses	Why not work with the foot hunter out there as there are thousands of us
338					✓		Believe that there should be a closed period of 6 months starting from the 1st of December to the 1st of May		WARD permits are issued for a maximum time of 2 years as this gives us time to evaluate the deer numbers	As a hunter I believe that WARD should only take hinds and not stags		WARD does not need to hunt where a foot hunter can access easily	A system where hunters can see maps of where WARD have been to in the last two months would be great
339					✓				Obviously stags are their main target giving them bigger body weights and additional revenue from velvet		that this is not right, that WARD be allowed to operate on public land		I think that foot hunters play a great part in our conservation lands, they keep animal numbers to an acceptable level and enjoy the experience
340					✓		Longer periods of no flying during the peak use times of the back country		Have a no take on stags		Only allow helicopter hunting in the RHAs under very tight conditions		The venison schedule is cyclical and when it is down it's the recreational hunters who remain as the bread and butter of animal number control
341	NZDA South Otago Branch	✓			✓		Recommend that the WARD Closure Periods in the North and South Island be aligned. We also feel that an increase in the minimum length and frequency of Closure periods in the North and South Islands would be fairer to ground based recreational hunters. Especially around public holidays such as the Easter/Roar and Christmas/New Year periods		A maximum period of 3 years	Believe that the targeting of trophy stags especially while in velvet should be prohibited and that a quota be placed on hinds and springers as we feel that this would assist with the management of herd quality		We feel that no land under the proposed WARD Schedule PCL should be given "permitted" WARD status. No land obtained by DDC through the Tenure Review or like process be introduced into the WARD Land Schedule. We believe that a 2.5 km not permitted buffer zone should be established on the front faces of front country of all significant WARD Schedule PCL areas	Believe that the clauses that prevent the carrying of recreational hunters ONLY be revoked, and that the carrying of recreational hunters on a "fly in, fly out" basis be allowed instead
342					✓	✓		Concerned about the recommendation to open WARD access in the Mid Dome Conservation Area. I would be concerned for the sustainability of this herd should the area be opened	A short term concession be issued until a more thorough decision is made with greater consultation	If WARD operators were encouraged to target hinds not only would these stags remain and be of value but the deer numbers would also be reduced in the long term with less births in subsequent years		I feel the current closed areas still allow for plenty of ground for WARD operators	It is unfair to give priority to a small number of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters particularly when considering the much greater numbers of deer harvested by recreational users
343					✓	✓	Some control such as closure of areas around summer/roar periods		Any WARD permits given between now and then (promised review) should be a maximum of 2 years to allow deer plans and the WARD review to take place	A hinds only take in areas. There is also no conservation value in taking only stags without taking the hinds.		Current restrictions are great and should be kept restricted	It is extremely unfair and counterproductive to conservation in these areas to prioritise a handful of WARD operators over a much greater number of rec hunters who are able to year round control these animals. Working with us and not against us will have a far greater outcome for everyone and conservation in the end
344					✓			We would like to see a reduction in the amount of WARD operations with a maximum of 2.5.					
345					✓		Impose restrictions on WARD during times of the year where recreational hunters are the most active, for example no WARD ... between 1st January and 30th April		An area I would suggest to be suitable for a new RHA is the Rakaiia/Whitecombe catchments	Limit WARD to taking hinds only from most areas. This way deer control is still achieved and recreational hunters still have a chance to find trophy stags in good numbers		The creation of new Recreational Hunting Areas	Would like to see an outcome that puts more control and restrictions on WARD. As I see it WARD has its positives, namely deer control in remote areas where recreational hunters seldom visit and few deer are shot
346	Northwest Livestock	✓					Flight tracks and waypoints will provide evidence of kills and also will display areas of no kills or no animals	Old Ghost Road - the mohikini river is the only corridor available for hunting areas. In foggy mornings and drizzly days it will exclude any hunting on the biggest grassed flats in the region. no need for a total closure - huts could have signage in them warning track users that WARD operations happen in the area. Other options are a partial closing - ie open for hunting in winter from May to October. Re natural quiet - there is existing helicopter based ~100m from track & helipads at each end of track so WARD shouldn't be excluded for quiet reasons. Most of the advertising brochures on the ghost road advertise helicopter flights so people using the track should be well aware they can expect to encounter them					WARD operators should be asked to conduct goat carcass recovery in areas where poisons have been laid. 1000 operators can leave little land left for WARD
347					✓				At a minimum DDC should have a 3 year period where the WARD system is status quo until a proper consultation process is				DDC need to remember that they are there to help manage our environment for kiwis to enjoy (eg hunting)
348					✓		The crumbs offered to hunters re suspension of WARD during the roar is a joke, considering that the areas concerned will be shot out by this time and away						(detected at Egluine Sage) Acting not in the interests of the public at large for whom you have been elected to serve and to protect their interests and not those of commercial operators and those who perhaps like yourself, have a misplaced 'deep green ecology' which borders on an ideology. This does not bode well for either the nation or conservation
349					✓								If it wasn't for the deer in the Rushmees I wouldn't have had any food on my table. I want to be able to take my kid out hunting when I have one, but I can't if you go through with this operation. Please reconsider the operation.
350					✓								Please don't run a resource that was introduced here as that. A resource
351	NZDA Taspo Branch	✓			✓		Withdraw Tongariro NP from WARD land schedule		Taking hinds only. If the true objective and purpose of WARD is to control wild animal numbers then operators should be restricted to shooting hinds only, as hinds are the driver of deer populations			Identify an approved operator for each area, so operators are not competing with each other in the same area and all racing for the easy and most accessible animals	Recreational hunters account for 135,000 deer and 132,000 other big game animals annually while WARD accounts for between 10,000 and 30,000 depending on prices. The current WARD regime causes major conflict with recreational hunters mainly because WARD is not targeted to the areas where needed or targeting the correct animal type. WARD operators target the easy areas, open tops, they target stags which is in direct conflict with recreational hunters. The main goal of WARD should be to achieve a level of animal control appropriate for the area required to maintain browse sensitive indigenous flora species. To allow WARD to continue in its current form is incomprehensible as there is little or no benefit to the environment in areas where most needed while causing unnecessary conflict between DDC and the many thousands of recreational hunters
352					✓				Only shooting females, this will actually lower overall numbers which is the intention of the concession in the first place				Some simple restrictions placed on WARD activity, would create a win win for all parties involved
353					✓							I OBJECT STRONGLY TO ANY EXTENSION AND ADDITION TO THE WARD AREA!	It distresses me to think that the local areas I hunt might become open slather to the helicopter hunters. It's time that the government embraced and protected the recreational hunters
354					✓		Areas I wish to see excluded from WARD are: Korowai Torlesse Park (including 11 Mile Bush, Upper Rakaiia Watersheds including the Mathias and Wilberforce areas where the Red Deer population is of special interest to hunters, The Pukerua Range area, The St James Conservation area to the South of the Spence Range			I believe those areas with reasonable access and also areas with animal herds of special interest to recreational hunters should be excluded from any WARD access. I wish to see excluded from WARD ... All areas already closed to WARD and especially all areas designated as Recreational Hunting Areas			I would remind DDC of their requirement and duty to "foster recreation" when considering which areas will be open to WARD operators. I am not opposed to the commercial harvesting of our game animals as a tool to aid in the management and control of animal populations in areas where control by recreational hunters is not sufficient or viable

355					✓		I am in favour of all WARD permitted zones within the South Island of New Zealand being re-zoned restricted and only allowing WARD activities to take place within restricted timeframes that are publicly notified to all relevant stakeholders, including recreational hunters	I am in favour of all public land within the Nevis area being classified as not permitted WARD status. In favour of the Tamaru Creek area being reclassified as a not permitted WARD zone. In favour of the Eyre Mountains and Takimutu Mountains in Southland and Otago areas to be classified as not permitted WARD zones. In favour of the newly retired land known as the Rautauhaka Conservation Area to be classified as not permitted WARD zone	I believe that all mature animals being Red Stag in particular should not be harvested during a period between November-April	I am in favour of all areas within the South Island of New Zealand, currently classified as not permitted for WARD activities to remain so. I support all newly acquired public conservation land up for review to be classified as not permitted WARD access zones. I support all areas being proposed as not permitted for WARD activities and land access	support a transparent management system where all affected stakeholders, including recreational hunters are notified of planned WARD activities and information around the number, sex, age and species of animals in specific areas are culled and proposed to be culled released. All WARD activities should have a clear and concise game animal management process	
356					✓				Shooting hinds will lead to more effective management of deer populations which are nowhere near what they were in the 70's. Surely limiting WARD to only shooting hinds is a win-win-win situation		Hunters will continue to shoot significantly more deer than WARD	
357					✓			Against WARD in Mid Dome		If WARD is to go ahead in this block could I suggest there be a buffer zone of approx 1km from all boundaries to allow foot hunters to access block and not compete directly with helicopters	If WARD/DOC are considering the use of helicopters due to animal numbers, why not let recreational hunters have more access and opportunity to assist in controlling numbers	
358					✓				Let the WARD people not shoot anything over a mature 12 pointer. Leave some good bloodlines	It'd like to see a few places protected from helicopter and aerial hunting	WARD most definitely has a place in animal management	
359					✓	✓	In any WARD open areas, we need longer closure periods around Christmas and the roar	Any WARD permits issued in the meantime must be very short term, 2 years maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place	WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	Support all currently closed areas and restricted time periods	Recreational hunters are year in, year out the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest kill years it's been operating. It alone the years they do nothing. The recreational hunters kill a far greater percentage of hinds than WARD does. The current open slather regime that allows WARD operators to target stags is a lose/lose for conservation and recreation. Recreational hunters are put off going into areas once they know the WARD guys have gone in and removed the stags. Prioritising a handful of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters is not fair, antagonistic and counterproductive to conservation. Working with recreational hunters not against them will give the best benefits for conservation.	
360					✓	✓	Like to see longer restricted time periods, during the roar and around the Christmas period		In most areas restricting shooting to hinds only will be more effective for control of numbers	Support all currently closed areas, and I hope that these should remain closed to WARD	Some sort of estimation of deer numbers in particular areas, then compared with an "ideal" number in that area. The difference in these figures could then be given as a quota type system for a small number of operators to bid/apply for	There must be strict regulations around where animals are being taken, what animals are taken and how many are taken in a given area. Any WARD system should be tightly regulated to ensure numbers are 'managed' rather than eliminated
361					✓	✓	Believe that there needs to be longer closure periods in open WARD areas over the Christmas and roar periods	In the meantime any WARD permits that are issued need to be very short term, two years maximum, to allow processes like the deer plan and the promised review to take place	By putting a 'hind only' rule in place for WARD operators will help to keep numbers in check and maintain a healthy balance between the deer plan and the promised review to take place	Support all currently closed areas and restricted time periods	The open slather WARD regime that is currently in place allows operators to target stags which is a lose/lose situation for both conservation and recreation	
362					✓	✓		Any permits issued in the meantime needs to be for a limited amount of time such as 1 year so that a full and extensive review into WARD can be undertaken as promised by DOC's	Restrictions such as only shooting of hinds	Limited time for WARD in areas	Hunters have statistically shot 10 times the amount of deer that WARD operators have. With plans to allow unrestricted harvest of deer, hunters will think twice about going hunting. Prioritising a small amount of WARD operators over the huge amount of recreational hunters is unfair and needs to be addressed	
363					✓		Longer closure periods on current open WARD areas around the peak hunting times, the Roar and Christmas holidays	Having a shorter time frame on issued WARD permits, which would allow for processes such as the Deer Plans and WARD review to take place	Bringing out policy that in areas with higher trophy potential WARD has a hinds only rule, leaving the stags for recreational hunters from NZ and abroad	Not opening up the current RHA's to WARD, but if need be only targeting hinds for a short time period to lower deer numbers in the area	We can all agree that WARD is a very necessary tool in managing deer numbers and helping with conservation, but as it stands it has a massive negative impact on recreational hunters from a trophy hunting point of view. Working alongside with recreational hunters in New Zealand will give the best benefits for conservation	
364					✓	✓	In any WARD open areas, we need longer closure periods around Christmas and the roar	Any WARD permits issued in the meantime must be very short term, 2 years maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place	WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	Support all currently closed areas and restricted time periods	We need to adapt to the current situation, not take outdated methods from the past. Recreational hunters are year in, year out the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest kill years it's been operating. It alone the years they do nothing. The recreational hunters kill a far greater percentage of hinds than WARD does. The current open slather regime that allows WARD operators to target stags is a lose/lose for conservation and recreation. Recreational hunters are put off going into areas once they know the WARD guys have gone in and removed the stags. Prioritising a handful of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters is not fair, is not the way of doing things, antagonistic and counterproductive to conservation. Working with recreational hunters not against them will give the best benefits for conservation.	
365					✓	✓	In the current open WARD areas I believe the closure periods for these should be extended around the roar and Christmas periods	Any WARD permits issued in the meantime should be for a short period until the results from the review have been made final	WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	Support all currently closed areas and restricted time periods	Recreational hunters kill a larger percentage of hinds than that of WARD. Recreational hunters are the best way to control deer numbers. I'm not saying get rid of WARD, I think we do need it, but the way it's currently managed is not the best and needs to be reviewed	
366					✓	✓	In any WARD open areas, we need longer closure periods around Christmas and the roar	Any WARD permits issued in the meantime must be very short term, 2 years maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place	WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	Support all currently closed areas and restricted time periods	Recreational hunters are year in, year out the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest kill years it's been operating. It alone the years they do nothing. The recreational hunters kill a far greater percentage of hinds than WARD does. The current open slather regime that allows WARD operators to target stags is a lose/lose for conservation and recreation. Recreational hunters are put off going into areas once they know the WARD guys have gone in and removed the stags. Prioritising a handful of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters is not fair, antagonistic and counterproductive to conservation. Working with recreational hunters not against them will give the best benefits for conservation.	
367					✓	✓	In any WARD open areas, we need longer closure periods around Christmas and the roar	Any WARD permits issued in the meantime must be very short term, 2 years maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place	WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	Strongly support all currently closed areas and restricted time periods	Recreational hunters are year in, year out the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest kill years it's been operating. It alone the years they do nothing. The recreational hunters kill a far greater percentage of hinds than WARD does. The current open slather regime that allows WARD operators to target stags is a lose/lose for conservation and recreation. Recreational hunters are put off going into areas once they know the WARD guys have gone in and removed the stags. Prioritising a handful of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters is not fair, antagonistic and counterproductive to conservation. Working with recreational hunters not against them will give the best benefits for conservation.	
368					✓			Only shooting females, this will actually lower overall numbers which is the intention of the concession in the first place		Perhaps the creation of WARD exclusion areas for our more significant herds, or more RHA's	Assign certain areas to certain operators, this will remove the competition between operators and make them more likely to be viable	Rec hunter represent the most consistent means of controlling animal numbers. Recreational hunters remove more deer than commercial operators per year even when WARD is at its peak. We certainly need the help of WARD to control numbers, especially in our more remote areas, but we also need to value the world class hunting resource we have and continue to improve recreational opportunities for everyone. Very clearly our deer, chamois and take are here for good, (need to be) treating these animals as the resource they are and managing them as such





380				✓						In some areas with better genetics stags of meet to very mature are to be left alone if not all stags and hinds which are the ones that give birth/multiply numbers are to be targeted!! This way WARD operators still get their pay checks, DOC wins with numbers controlled and so hunters might stand higher chance of getting a good stag!			Don't get me wrong WARD is needed to control numbers yes but what if all parties can benefit. It's a defeating feeling getting to a spot 6 hours to just to see a chopper work a face and take 5 massive stags out in 10min		
381				✓						There could be restrictions involving this, such as taking hinds only, this leaves the stags to breed and in turn making more animals to export, a win for the operators and the ground			Ideas such as surveys on numbers and making these numbers available to the public so they can see where the numbers are and then bidding for areas. Some of the areas up for tender have little to no areas of coverage for the animals, and shooting them with no restrictions will simply mean no animals will be left. There is nothing worse than carrying a backpack in and finding buckshot shells on the ground		
382				✓									The WARD review could lead to a dwindling population of deer and therefore a lack of New Zealanders willing to utilise these parts of the country. Deer populations are out of control, although there is no need for WARD to be allowed unregulated access to deer		
383				✓						I think there should be more restrictions for WARD in busy periods. Summer time in popular camping and stamping areas and during the roar/rut, high numbers of people in likely 'deer areas' is a recipe for disaster	Having restrictions on the mature animals recovered by helicopters in areas with high trophy potential, I believe these are a great asset to the country for not only kiwi hunters but also for tourism (Not many places in the world you can hunt trophy animals free range). It would be good to see females getting targeted in these areas			I do understand that WARD is necessary to control numbers in DOC land but think there could be better ways to help the recreational side and commercial side	
384				✓						WARD operators are targeting stags for the export market. The increased hind populations and it is the hinds that do the most damage			Current WARD practices are increasing the browsing pressure of deer on native bush in the South Island. Current WARD practices will strip large stands of bush of animals. DOC needs to take a more active approach to managing WARD practices. The Forland Waard Foundation is a good model. Hunting groups involvement in creating understood and managed WARD		
385				✓						Surely setting up a WARD campaign where females only are shot is a win win for everyone. WARD can control the breeding population and the incentive of good quality heads out there will get more hunters interested and involved in the recreation			There is no worse feeling than walking thru plus into an area just to see a sling load of deer being taken under a machine. WARD definitely has it's place but the larger population of recreational hunters in New Zealand need to have a presence in the future of deer hunting in NZ		
386					✓					Any WARD permits issued in the meantime should be very short term, 2 years maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place	WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	The current closed areas and restricted times should remain as a minimum	Recreational hunters are the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest kill years its been operating. Prioritising a handful of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters is unfair and counterproductive to conservation. Working with recreational hunters not against them will give the best benefit for conservation		
387				✓	✓								WARD is an activity which can be a valid deer control tool but restrictions are needed as it can also significantly discourage recreational hunter activity hence it is not appropriate at every place and time. WARD can adversely impact recreational hunters and other users of the conservation estate. I acknowledge the need for deer control to protect biodiversity values and commercial WARD where justified and necessary can assist in that task. The current open slather system does not achieve the aims of the WAC Act and we want to see a better system		
388				✓									I am not against WARD but I am against the free for all. There is a situation where both recreational hunters and helicopter pilots can work along side each other with everybody benefiting. Treat our big game animals as a managed resource as opposed to a free for all post		
389				✓						A massive amount changes in the environment in three years, ten years is a ridiculous length of time to tell you you're managing			Land available seems to be considerably unbalanced to the benefits of a few chopper operators compared to the many foot hunters		
390				✓	✓					Any WARD permits issued in the meantime must be very short term, 2 years maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place	More restrictions to WARD so helicopter operators are not targeting the best animals such as Trophy Bull That and Deer such as prime stags with trophy potential antlers which would allow the better animals to breed and therefore improve the genetics of herds. WARD should be restricted to hinds in most areas	Support all currently closed areas and restricted time periods	Recreational hunters are year in, year out the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest kill years its been operating. Let alone the years they do nothing. The recreational hunters kill a far greater percentage of hinds than WARD does. The current open slather regime that allows WARD operators to target stags is a lose/lose for conservation and recreation. Prioritising a handful of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters is not fair, antagonistic and counterproductive to conservation. Working with recreational hunters not against them will give the best benefit for conservation		
391	NZDA Auckland Branch	✓			✓					Submit that the area of pre-existing WARD Land Schedule PCL in the Mt Hutt Conservation Area should be given WARD status not permitted. Submit that the area of pre-existing WARD Land Schedule PCL in the Hakare Conservation Park should be given WARD status not permitted. Submit that the area of proposed additional WARD Land Schedule PCL apparently referred to as Conservation Area - Hakare Conservation Park (proposed addition) being that piece of PCL in the Black Hill Range should be given WARD status not permitted	As a general principle, conditions should be placed on WARD operators to reduce the targeting of stags and trophy stags in particular - while in velvet	As a general principle, those areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARD. No land handed over to DOC through particularly the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule. Submit that at least a 1km not permitted buffer should be established on the front faces/front country of all significantly large areas of PCL where WARD status is otherwise permitted	Revocation of the WARD permit - clauses that prevent the carriage of Recreational Hunters ONLY - to allow such carriage specifically on a "fly in, fly out" basis. There is ample opportunity for both Recreational Hunters and WARD Operators to complement each other's efforts in reducing deer numbers		
392				✓									Fully against WARD	There are a lot more hunters, now days who benefit from being able to hunt deer on public land to be able to provide for their family who cannot afford to be buying it from the shops. Stop treating every animal like they are a pest when they are not and start treating big game animals as a managed valuable resource like every other country does. Recreational hunters are year in, year out the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price is for venison	
393				✓	✓					Current WARD permits timeframe should be reduced to 2 years to more closely monitor the impact of WARD on deer numbers	more regulation on the male to female ratio of animals harvested. Typically WARD only take stags to gain better monetary returns and hind numbers swell which is a poor	Support the currently closed WARD areas and restricted time periods	I believe being honest and working with recreational hunters can provide an excellent opportunity to target true pest animals such as rats, possum and stoats and move toward the attitude that properly managed game herds are seen as a resource in New Zealand and not as a pest		
394				✓						The areas that are of greatest concern to me are Kaimanzawa, Kawees, Ruahines, Tararua, Remutakas and Aorangi	Reviews should happen annually or at least bi-annually to manage the animal take and impact of recreational hunting	There should be limits on commercial operators around the taking of stags	Readily accessible and regularly hunted areas should not be open to commercial operators	There needs to be a limitation as to number of operators in any one area	Data including GPS tracking of WARD needs to be publically available. Animal control by WARD is also very demotivating for recreational hunters
395				✓	✓					Any WARD permits issued in the meantime must be very short term, 2 years maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place	More restrictions to WARD so helicopter operators are not targeting the best animals such as trophy bull that and prime red deer stags with trophy potential antlers which would allow the better animals to breed and therefore improve the genetics of respective species. WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	Would it be worth considering having designated areas where WARD can occur? Vice versa, if this option is not viable, could an expansion of RHA's be tabled.	Support all currently closed areas and restricted time periods	The NZ government needs to recognise big game animals in NZ as an asset to various interested parties and manage WARD accordingly. Recreational hunters are year in, year out the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest kill years its been operating. Let alone the years they do nothing. The current open slather regime that allows WARD operators to target stags is a lose/lose for conservation and recreation. Prioritising a handful of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters is not fair, antagonistic and counterproductive to conservation. Working with recreational hunters not against them will give the best benefit for conservation	

396					✓	✓	WARD should be closed for the entirety of March and April (being the wider roar period)	More herds of special interest should be created - both the Rakaka and Diago red deer bloodlines. I submit that the Hakatere Conservation Park including Mt Hut Forest/Pudding Hill Stream area should not be opened to WARD, this area is readily accessible to recreational hunters	My submission is that permits should be awarded for a three year period (five year maximum) to allow more regular consideration of numbers of game animals in areas WARD is allowed to operate as well as areas where numbers are not controlled that need to be added to the WARD Land Schedule	I also submit that the targeting of stags should be prohibited for all of summer, to protect stags in velvet	As a general rule, areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARD. Alternatively, these areas should be closed during times of high usage (spring / summer, roar and periods). I also submit that no land handed over to DOC between WARD permit approval periods through tenures review should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule	Perhaps it would be worth considering assigning certain areas to certain operators which will remove competition between operators and likely make WARD more viable through certainty of areas	DOC should monitor hunting of all operators (GPS track logs) to ensure deer are not taken illegally. I support WARD as a means to help control populations of wild animals in hard to reach areas or when populations get out of control. These animals should be treated as a valuable resource to the recreational hunting community, tourism sector and WARD operators and managed as such. I see the current set up with DOC and the Forland Waipiti Foundation as a good template for the wider control of wild animals. Given the sheer number of recreational hunters I cannot understand why we are not used more often in search and destroy operations. Recreational hunters remove more deer than commercial operators per year even when WARD is at its peak in a boom period	
397					✓									The open slaughter of game animals is just making hunters angrier and angrier. I don't think a better system is too much to ask for. Our reputation of slaughtering this resource with little to no regulation has spread overseas and the lack of regulated management was a joke to some. We have limited areas where I feel recreational hunting is given priority and in all of those I have seen first hand how hunters have banded together to take responsibility of these areas
398					✓	✓	Would like dates extended to 15 March to 30 April (four period) and 15 December to 30 January (Christmas holidays)	Areas that are readily accessible to the recreational hunters should be closed to WARD are Remakabas Conservation Area, zone A (New's Valley), Otake Conservation Park, Ahuriri Conservation Park, Ruataniwha Conservation Area zone g (Mt Cook) and all other new proposed WARD areas in maps 12 and 15.	Any permits issued by DOC must be for a shorter 2-3 year period to allow for the Mike Slater promised WARD review and the Deer Plan to take place	I propose WARD are limited to only shooting females, this will reduce the overall deer numbers which is the intention of the concession	Support current restrictions	Assign certain areas to certain operators, this would remove the competition between operators and make them more likely to be viable	It is time for the NZ government and DOC to start working with the 200,000 strong recreational hunters to recognise the value of deer to New Zealand and its people and manage accordingly	
399								In favour of the following not permitted areas remaining that way: the area surrounding and North of Lake Sumner, the Raglan Range between the Mathias and the Rakaka River, the Tasman catchment near Mt Cook, the Nevis, Fiordland National Park and the Aorangi Range to the south of Lake Waitaraka. In favour of reclassifying the Taraua Ranges so that WARD is restricted to 1 May to 31 Nov. In favour of all catchments on the West Coast from the Taramakau River to the Awatata River to be reclassified to restricting WARD with the same dates as above. In favour of reclassifying the following catchments of the Eastern side of the Southern Alps so that WARD is restricted (same dates as above) Dair River, Matakatika River, Makarora catchment, Hunter River, the Dingle Burn, Ahuriri River, Hopkins and Dodson River, Godley River, the Havelock, Clyde and Lawrence catchments within the Rangitikei River, the Rakaka Mathias and Wilderforce catchments along the Waimakariri catchment. In favour of classifying the newly retired land known as the Rutaniwha conservation area as a not permitted WARD zone			I believe that there needs to be more public conservation land that is set aside solely for recreational hunters. I am in favour of all areas within the South Island and North Island of New Zealand, currently classified as not permitted for WARD activities to remain so. I support all newly acquired public conservation land set up for review in the North and South Island to be classified as not permitted WARD.			
400					✓	✓	WARD closure periods should be aligned between North and South Island, WARD closure periods - increased Northern and Southern minimum closures	Submit that the area of pre-existing WARD Land Schedule PCL in the Mt Hut Conservation Area should be given WARD status not permitted. Submit that the area of pre-existing WARD Land Schedule PCL in the Hakatere Conservation Park should be given WARD status not permitted. Submit that the area of proposed additional WARD Land Schedule PCL apparently referred to as Conservation Area - Hakatere Conservation Park (proposed addition) - being that piece of PCL in the Black Hill Range - should be given WARD status not permitted	A maximum 3 year permit period for this round of WARD permit renewals	As a general principle, conditions should be placed on WARD operators to reduce the targeting of stags - and trophy stags in particular - while in velvet	As a general principle, those areas readily accessible and frequently hunted by recreational hunters should be closed to WARD. No land handed over to DOC through particularly the Tenure Review Process should be introduced to the WARD Land Schedule. Submit that at least a 1km not permitted buffer should be established on the front faces/front country of all significantly large areas of PCL where WARD status is otherwise permitted	Revocation of the WARD permit - clauses that prevent the carriage of Recreational Hunters ONLY - to allow such carriage specifically on a "fly in, fly out" basis. There is ample opportunity for both Recreational Hunters and WARD Operators to complement each other's efforts in reducing deer numbers		
401					✓	✓	Need longer closed periods around the Christmas and roar periods		Any WARD permits issued in the meantime must be very short term, 2 years maximum, to allow other processes like the Deer Plans and the promised WARD review to take place	WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	Support all current closed areas and restricted times		I have been hunting in Fiordland and saw how a herd can be successfully managed with all parties involved: WARD, recreational hunters and DOC. Recreational hunters are year in, year out the best control on deer numbers no matter what the price of venison. In the last 20 years, they have killed at least 10 times as many deer as WARD has even in the highest kill years to be open operating, let alone the years they do nothing. The current open slaughter regime that allows WARD operators to target stags is a lose/lose for conservation and recreation. Prioritising a handful of WARD operators over the huge number of recreational hunters is not fair, antagonistic and counterproductive to conservation. Working with recreational hunters not against them will give the best benefit for conservation	
402					✓								Controlling numbers may be required in some areas, but not outright kill all our hills shouldn't be blasted with death from the skies above, this included being poisoned with 1080	
403					✓			Would like to support the submissions put forward by the Rakaka and Ashburton NZMA to retain the present WARD exclusion zones within the Hakatere Conservation Park with the addition of the Potts River catchment. Another area that should be excluded is Mt Taylor - North Ashburton - Glenmoak and Mt Hut.					The value of a successful hunt to gain a trophy or put meat on the table cannot be underestimated	
404					✓			Dispute the notion of helicopter hunting in the Nevis DOC area						
405					✓		WARD open areas need longer closure periods especially around the roar			Most recreation hunter will shoot hinds when they are out hunting stags in comparison to WARD who will not kill hinds. WARD should be restricted to hinds only in most areas	Support all current closed areas and restricted times		As a recreational hunter I believe we are a far more effective way of controlling deer numbers in New Zealand as we kill more animals	
406					✓			I am in favour of all public land within the Nevis area being classified as not permitted WARD status. In favour of the Teanuua Creek area being reclassified as a not permitted WARD zone. In favour of the Eyre Mountains and Takitimu Mountains in Southland and Diago areas to be classified as not permitted WARD zones. In favour of the newly retired land known as the Ruataniwha Conservation Area to be classified as not permitted WARD zone		I believe that all mature animals being Red Stags in particular should not be harvested during a period between November-April	Support all current closed areas and restricted times		I am in favour of all areas within the South Island of New Zealand, currently classified as not permitted for WARD activities to remain so. I support all newly acquired public conservation land set up for review to be classified as not permitted WARD access zones. I support all areas being proposed as not permitted for WARD activities and land access	support a transparent management system where all affected stakeholders, including recreational hunters are notified of planned WARD activities and information around the number, sex, age and species of animals in specific areas are called and proposed to be cull released. All WARD activities should have a clear and concise game animal management process

407						Request extension of the duration of the year period throughout New Zealand to be 1 March until 30 April inclusive. The current period is not long enough and does not cover the Easter period. Extend the period of summer closure to align with the NZ school holidays (21 December 2018 until 29 January 2019)	WARD operations should not be permitted in Skippers/Mt Aurum area - easy access, Nevis - easy access, Mavora Lakes - easy access, Eye Mountains - easy access	Make the validity of permit period for WARD operators a maximum of three years	WARD operators to target hinds only. As WARD is a deer control tool the targeting of hinds is the most effective method in achieving this	All areas currently closed to WARD operators remained closed for the upcoming permit period. Additionally any new land acquired by DOC as a result of Tenure Review automatically be classified as "WARD not permitted" until it can be proven (by an agreed method) other methods (recreational hunters) of deer control are not effective. WARD operations should not be permitted in areas that are popular with tourists or easily accessible by recreational hunters. These areas could have the deer numbers controlled by recreational hunters while helicopters should concentrate on harder to access blocks	Believe there needs to be more education and better communication between DOC and recreational hunters with regards to targeting hinds by changing the mindset of hunters as encouraging/reminding the targeting hinds by hunters would be of benefit to everyone	
408							I think its unreasonable to have the choppers working easy country are can readily access areas like Stagedown should be taken off the WARD list. Mid Dome whilst it is an RHA it is almost impossible to access and you need to be very fit, plenty of deer there but very hard to hunt, much like the Takitimu these are better suited to WARD			Whilst I acknowledge deer need to be controlled its only areas that foot hunters don't or cannot access that need tidied up now and again	I like to encourage kids to the outdoors but you can only have so many failed missions before they lose interest	
409						I would like to see the South Island peak recreation period restrictions come inline with that of the North Island, especially over the Xmas period I think there are sensible reasons for the difference over the year periods but currently the South Island only has a 18 day year restriction compared with a 47 day restriction on the North Island	Areas I would like to see changed, Seward Moss - WARD not allowed - vicinity to Invercargill, Waituna Wetlands Scenic Reserve - WARD not allowed - vicinity to Invercargill, Eye Mountains/Taka Raka Conservation Park including adjacent PCL - WARD not allowed - good assessments and walking tracks into the area, Snowdon Forest and Mavora Park Conservation Areas including adjacent PCL - good assessments and walking tracks into the area, Dean Forest and adjacent PCL - WARD not allowed - good road access to large parts of the area, Howland Conservation Area - WARD not allowed - good road access to large parts of the area, Takitimu Conservation Area including adjacent PCL - WARD not allowed - good road access to large parts of the area. The following areas changed to WARD not allowed due to proximity to Queenstown, Wanaka, Cromwell, Alexandra: Southern Pisa Conservation Area, Middle Pisa Conservation Area, Northern Pisa Conservation Area, The Stalk Conservation Area, Luder Basin, Nelson J Kuria, Bendigo Conservation Area, Lower Timaru, Mid Timaru Creek, Sawyer Burn, Boundary Creek. I would like to see Otake changed to WARD not allowed due to number of good and tracks throughout. Like to see the area Whakairi Conservation Area and Mt Aurum Recreation Reserve change to WARD not allowed due to ease of access and vicinity to Queenstown. Like to see areas around Lake Ohau and Lake Pukaki with good road access to be to WARD not allowed: Quailburn, Ben Ohau, Temple - Matland, Hopkins - Huxley, Dobson, Ruanuiwha Conservation Area (part of)	I would like to see the term of the 2018 WARD concession be no longer than 3 years	One specific control I would like to see brought in, is a ratio of male/female deer being shot, seem to the extent of restricting stags being shot in the lead up to the Roar	WARD not permitted in hunting areas close to populated towns/areas. WARD not permitted in hunting areas with good roads, easements or track access	Having walked for 5 plus hours to get to an area plus part of the next day to get to the tops, I came across 6+ sets of deer intestine. I felt gutted that maybe just days or weeks before, a WARD chopper had been in the area clearing up deer. I believe that in certain areas WARD is a necessary tool, but in it's current form it is a very blunt one. I believe DOC needs to run WARD a little bit more like a business, rather than a free for all	
410							Please to see that the Kopuwa, Nevis Valley and Remarkables Conservation Area are proposed to stay as non permitted areas. The new PCL in the Nevis Valley which I believe is part of the Remarkables Conservation area needs to be a non permitted area to keep in with all the surrounding areas and that area also has the best/easiest access for the recreational hunter			I understand the importance of WARD... however I do not support it in areas that are easily accessible by recreational hunters	WARD in open tussock country absolutely decimates deer numbers to the point that recreational hunters don't go back as there is nothing for them	
411						South Island closure periods should be 16th December - 31st January and 15th March - 30th April	Remarkables Conservation Area - I support this - it's a growing recreational area, Shotover Conservation Area - Mt Aurum - this should never be open to WARD due to the concentration of people in the area, Mavora Lakes - I would like this area changed to RED - easily accessible to hunters, Eye Mountains - I would like this changed to RED - easily accessible to hunters	I think it's fair a WARD permit should only be 3 years		WARD should not be permitted in recent Tenure Review areas without public consultation. WARD should be used in areas that are difficult for hunters to access, not at the end of 4WD tracks	I totally understand WARD is a tool to reduce deer numbers but as a hunter I'd like to know before I waste my time tramping and hunting for days and not shooting anything	
412							We do not need WARD operators in the Otake Conservation Park - they have no respect for the local recreational hunter or the area we live in. It is bordered by farm land, well tracked and easy for recreational hunters to access.			Some of these operators have had no respect for boundaries and this is still the case today.	Why is it that twenty-three helicopter operators in the South Island can hold the Department of Conservation and thousands of hunters to ransom	
413	Alpine Helicopters Limited					We have no objection to changing the timing of the ROAR closure period. We do not support a potential extension of the Christmas closure period	The use of GPS track and position data should only be supplied directly to DOC for the substantiation of otherwise of a genuine complaint. DOC agrees that track logs and waypoint information are treated as confidential information, stored and managed accordingly and not accessible by the public or other WARD operators	We recommend that WARD concessions are not less than 10 years or 5+5 year concession term		Currently there are examples of private land owners misusing the MPI pesticide summary process as a blocking tool to veto WARD operations within 2km of their property boundary. This has happened irrespective of whether possums have been laid or not - recommend an approach where DOC and MPI engage in an initiative to make the pesticide summary process work as it is intended to	The threshold for the minimum number of animals recovered on a WARD permit should be reviewed and increased	
414						Avoid permitting WARD activity over the summer and autumn periods while allowing ground hunting to occur over this time	Against WARD hunting proceeding in the Mid Dome hunting area, if you persist with the WARD changes introduce a 1km buffer zone around the perimeter of the area				Limit the take of animals as a percentage of the estimated correct	WARD hunting benefits the minority, recreational hunting benefits a larger community
415	NZDA Marlborough					Consistency needed between the North and South Island restricted period closed dates. Better to have the two islands with the same dates to avoid confusion amongst recreational hunters	Using Ferny Gair as a model of a cooperative or partnership approach between NZDA and DOC - NZDA confident that they would be able to utilise their club to achieve animal control with DOC direction, at the Branch Leatham and also the area of conservation land between Ferny Gair and Branch/Leathan called Glazebrook Conservation Area. Good to see Branch Leatham proposed as restricted, would prefer it to be not permitted, but can be with restricted - it is very easily accessible to 4WD. Would prefer Gladstone Downs (new part of Tapuae O Uenuku Scenic Reserve) to be not permitted, currently it is proposed permitted	Prefer WARD permit to be a 3 year period	Further conditions need to be placed on WARD, for example not taking trophy stags in wet	No land handed over as part of tenure review process should be included. Areas highly accessible to recreational hunters should be excluded. Access constraints to public conservation land sometimes inhibits control work by NZDA or		Merits of a partnership approach for animal control where feasible. NZDA Marlborough brings other benefits that WARD does not. Targets all species i.e. goats, deer and pigs. Does other work such as substantive hut and track maintenance on behalf of all conservation land users. Has a long standing MOU in place with DOC. Schedule 3 of the current WARD permit (17) page 18, is inconsistent and allows operators to bypass "not permitted" areas - it needs reviewing

416	NZDA Nelson Branch	✓				Activities restricted during periods where recreational use, including hunting is highest. Change closure periods for Red in South Island permit so that they are consistent with North Island permit (15 March to 30 April). Change summer closure period for South Island permit so that it is consistent with North Island permit (14 Dec to 31 Jan)	The Branch/Leatham recreational hunting area should be a recreational only hunting area - due to substantially increased recreational hunting pressure. The Nelson Lakes area is similarly a popular recreational hunting destination. The Cobb River and Mt Arthur areas are also popular hunting areas - the whole of the area should be for the exclusive use of recreational hunters only. Please liaise with Marlborough NZDA to determine WARD permissions for the Kalkour Ranges and Marlborough Sounds. The Richmond Range we believe most of it is unsuitable for WARD operations, both Beeby's and Gordon's knobs and the inter-connecting ridge should be excluded from WARD operations as they provide ready access for recreational hunters. The Awarua trail passes through a number of areas which are proposed for open or restricted WARD - would ask DOC notes both the safety and experiential impacts this might have on Taiahi.	WARD permits to be based on a 1+1+1 basis (three years, renewable annually)	WARD operators to take hinds in preference to stags and a no stag rule for specific areas where trophy hinds are present (eg. Rakaiia, Wilderforce, Houkika, roo blocks in Ottago)		Land acquired by DOC under Land Tenure Review to be excluded from WARD	Each WARD operator to bid for and operate in one area only	WARD areas to be identified on the basis of data, such as faecal pellet or browse indices and where high conservation values exist. Recreational hunters provide the major game animal management control option for DOC because of strength in numbers and a long-term commitment to our presence. Whilst we acknowledge that WARD has its place, we consider it secondary to us for those reasons. There are a growing number of hinds who, feeling displaced by the increasingly high numbers of tourists visiting the public conservation estate, now seek to recreate off-season - they will now be experiencing the intrusive noise of low flying WARD operators. WARD tends to follow a boom/bust cycle depending on deer prices while recreational hunters are here to stay - part of community
417	NZDA Marlborough branch		✓			Make the "closed season" periods the same for North and South Islands	Preference that easily accessible country in the Branch and Leatham areas are removed from WARD permits, as well as the Goulter catchment - or as a minimum that they are subject to the same	Max time period for a permit to apply lumped to 3 years, subject to review					Operators that fail to meet the 200 animal per year target have permits revoked. Incentivise the take of other species, especially goats
418			✓			No WARD during the YELVEY period			No stags to be shot in given areas where they have potential			Like to see more "trial" recreational hunting areas	I would hunt more areas if I was to know there was some control
419			✓				GPS tracking logs must be enforced for WARD operators during hunting flights from departure to landing back at base. DOC should require all flight logs to be submitted for random audit.	2-3 year permits would better prepare DOC for the potential unforeseen damage or issues that arise				DOC land that is largely accessible to recreational hunters and trespassers should be excluded from WARD activity	DOC can better manage high deer areas by advertising higher animal areas to local hunters either on hunting permits or through their local NZDA. As a user of the backcountry I can't express strongly enough how much our experiences are destroyed morning and evening by the buzz of a helicopter and semi-auto gunfire cluttering the peace and quiet in WARD areas
420			✓				Areas like the Branch and Leatham Valleys where recreational hunters can control animal numbers should be excluded from WARD	Permits should be granted for a shorter term so that data can continually drive changes to areas based on animal present. 3 years would be a good time	Further conditions should be placed on WARD; for example not taking trophy stags in wet		Easy accessible land to the public should be excluded		Areas like the Ferry Gap conservation area work well under the MDU that is between NZDA (Marik Branch) and DOC, can more of these be set up? I think that WARD permits have their place, but need to be looked at on a case by case basis
421			✓				My concern for the WARD operations for the Branch/Leatham conservation area is the period of open WARD operations over winter which due to alpine conditions will place WARD operators in closer proximity to public hunters/adventurers due to snow driving animals out of the top terrain and onto river plains and bush clearing. Object to the Mt Richmond Forest Park being open to WARD operations due to the proximity to where I can access public land					It is an unfair advantage to allow WARD operations in an area which I will not have the funds to facilitate transport services or equipment to remove the game that I hunt	If the MPI is interested in providing Wild animals for a private sector that utilises public land/resource then the general public should also hold the right to supply to industry for reward
422			✓					I think the 10 year permission period is too long - 3-4 years is adequate	Large trophy stags should not be taken by WARD		Areas of land that can be readily accessed by hunters should be excluded from WARD		Collaboration between Marlborough NZDA and DOC works very well on Ferry Gap and this type of model could be extended to include other areas. There needs to be an audited data return information to be provided by WARD
423			✓						It is very well known that the targeting of males in any population gets an extremely minimal effect on overall herd numbers. The key to population control is to target the females. Only shooting females, this will actually lower overall numbers which is the intention of the concession in the first place		Perhaps the creation of WARD inclusion areas for our more significant herds, or more RHA's (Recreational Hunting Areas)	Assign certain areas to certain operators, this will remove the competition between our operators and make them more likely to be viable	We need WARD, but it can for sure be a source of contention for recreationalists. Recreational hunters remove more deer than commercial operators per year even when WARD is at its peak, that means that recreational hunters are a significantly more valuable tool for conservation. Why are we putting the interests of a handful of concession holders first, and destroying the recreational value for a large number of people? A win/win situation can be achieved, and this has been proven by the Foreland Waipiata Foundation in improving herd quality and controlling numbers at the same time
424			✓	✓		Support the change that would have both islands with the same WARD stand down period over Xmas holidays and four period - 22 December to 31 January and 15 March to 30 April	The yellow area (Lauder Basin) - we ask for this area to become restricted to WARD - it can be approached from both sides by 4wd. Propose the Northern slopes of Otakle be changed to RED - this area is very handy for a big number of hunters. Timaru Creek area should also be changed to RED especially the lower end - a number of hunter hunt in this area. Support efforts to have the Huatuhua conservation area, be for recreational hunting only (to be coloured RED) - we have club activities in this area and it is also close to vehicle	We agree to a 3 year max term for the 2018 renewal	Believe the greatest enhancement, and encouragement to the recreation hunting fraternity would be obtained by changing the WARD conditions to a hinds only concession - knowing stags have not been taken by helicopters will entice more back country hunting by foot				Why is there a clause in the concession document allowing "a post agreement to boundary change" this needs to be deleted.
425			✓			Restrict WARD to July - September		3 year			no hunting within 2km of snow run		public advertising of WARD 2 months prior to undertaking it, all track logs to be monitored by DOC & NZDA WARD not science based management, destroys a valuable recreational resource, exploits mostly stags.
426	Kaimanawa Hunter Liaison Group	✓					Kaimanawa Forest Park - WARD would disrupt Otagi TB survey work, WARD would put off Sika Foundation Fly-in hunters from utilising Fly-in Hunts (due to competition & perception), WARD should be kept out of KFP until at least July 2020 when current Otagi work is complete & new Sika surveyable						
427	North West Livestock Ltd	✓				Retain status quo for Christmas closure - this is a peak hunting time with long days & deer out on the tops, moving Rear States would be acceptable but no extension of closure - can be frustrating time for WARD hunts with extra rec hunters in the field, with additional consultation would not oppose extension into April, don't target stags at this time	Strongly opposed to extra waypoint & flight tracking provisions - no tangible benefit to DOC, valuable intellectual property & DOC has given no reason to trust them, should not be used for monitoring data, not clear what DOC wants this info for, requiring operators to supply GPS data within 10 days is much too difficult when working in remote locations for longer periods the 10 days, would want far more information around details of why & how to supply.						
428	South Westland Hunting Club	✓				Standardising within south Westland supported - 20 March (or weekend thereabouts) to 25 April (or weekend thereabouts)	Make restricted - Okarito Road to Totara River, West of SH 6. Omoeroa-Waikupura Rivers upstream of SH 6 to reduce friction & increase deer kill. The Ishi wilderness WARD closure is supported, plus extending this to the school holiday period of July if the DOC operates a proposed hunting competition						
429	NZDA Nelson Branch	✓											
430	NZDA Golden Bay branch	✓											
431	NZDA Marlborough branch	✓											
432	Opotahi Helicopters Ltd	✓											(Verbal comment passed on from Nicole Sutton) The clause that says a concessionaire must do at least 200 deer or concession would be revoked is unfair and should be removed. He said just because a concessionaire is inactive for a period does not mean that they won't be active given
433			✓						Only shooting females				Recreational hunters are the biggest user group of the majority of our back country, and also represent the most consistent means of controlling animal numbers. Recreational hunters remove more deer than commercial operators per year even when WARD is at its peak, that means that recreational hunters are a significantly more valuable tool for conservation. WARD is boom & bust & targets large stags, why are we putting the interests of a handful of concession holders first, and destroying the recreational value for a large number of people? treating these animals as the resource they are and managing them as such. We will be improving our recreational opportunities, tourism revenue and supporting significant industries whilst at the same time more effectively controlling herd numbers.
434													WARD June/July consultation process was a well run and good process