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The Committee,

Dear Members,

I would like to make the following submission to the inquiry.

I feel an opportunity for employment for many Indigenous Groups in Australia may be in Feral Animal capture, processing and/or sale. I understand there are people in Central Australia who have already initiated a Camel capture and sale to the Middle East.

As there are many 100,000 wild camels in Central Australia other groups can become involved.

Other Feral animals such as goats, pigs rabbits etc are in demand for their meat in many countries. Goat meat in particular is valued by many and Feral goats are everywhere. Surely strategies can be developed for capture, processing and sale of goats, pigs etc as employment opportunities for Indigenous groups in remote Australia.

For coastal Indigenous groups, fishfarming may be a possible employment option. When travelling throughout Asia, I have seen many coastal communities with their own fish farms. Indigenous groups could set up fish farms on a commercial basis to supply shark (is this possible?) and other species now illegally caught by Indonesians in our Northern Seas.

Farming species for sale where there is a commercial demand may actually help reduce the unsustainable fish take that is now occurring illegally in our coastal waters.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the submission.

Yours sincerely,

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