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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Central Highlands Deer Ballot opens today

The Hodgman Liberal Government is delivering on our [election](#) commitment to open more public land for deer hunting, with the ballot process for authorising this recreational activity open [now](#).

In addition to the traditional blocks offered, three additional parcels of reserved land and two parcels of Hydro Tasmania land in the Central Highlands will also be made available for deer hunting in the 2019 hunting season.

These additional areas have been rigorously assessed and determined that recreational hunting will not compromise public safety or impact on natural and cultural values.

Providing strictly controlled access for recreational hunting to take place on reserves and public land is an important way to help manage the damage deer cause to natural areas.

The Central Highlands Deer Ballot is part of the Government's commitment to increase access to National Parks, the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, conservation areas and regional reserves for regulated recreational hunting.

In addition to the traditional blocks at Top Marshes Conservation Area, Great Western Tiers Conservation Area, and Five Mile Pinnacles Conservation Area, approved hunters can now also access the Central Plateau Conservation Area: Breton Rivulet block, Great Western Tiers Conservation Area: Parsons and Clerk Mountain Block and Great Lake Conservation Area.

In addition to these additional parcels of reserve land, which are managed by Parks and Wildlife Service, in collaboration with Hydro Tasmania two areas that adjoin the reserve areas are also included for the 2019 season being the Mother Lord Plains (adjoining Central Plateau Conservation Area) and Arthurs Lake (adjoining Great Lake Conservation Area).

Under the ballot, hunters have the opportunity to nominate a time and location of their choice, providing an open and transparent process for appropriately licensed recreational hunters to access public land. It is important to note that strict safety

standards apply to recreational hunting and further information can be found at:
<https://dipwwe.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/management-of-wildlife/game-management/game-hunting-requirements#HuntingRegulations-includingBagLimits>

Applications for the deer ballot close on Friday 8 February.

To be considered for the ballot, each hunter must complete a Ballot Application for Authority to Hunt Fallow Deer on Public Land, available at:
dipwwe.tas.gov.au/deerballot

Following the 2017 Legislative Council Inquiry into Wild Fallow Deer, the Hodgman Liberal Government is delivering on our comprehensive plan to better manage deer, game and browsing animals in Tasmania:
<https://www.tas.liberal.org.au/sites/default/files/Supporting%20Recreational%20Hunting.pdf>

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