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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS LIFTED**

Deer hunting regulations have been lifted across NSW to help licenced hunters assist farmers manage deer numbers.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said this is a necessary step to manage wild deer populations

“The suspension of deer hunting regulations is part of a state-wide approach to manage wild deer populations,” Mr Aplin said.

“Deer numbers are on the rise with a Department of Primary Industries (DPI) study estimating that they have almost doubled their distribution across NSW since 2009.

“Our farmers, the environment and community are impacted by deer through grazing, fence damage, vehicle collisions and damage to native vegetation.

“Unfortunately, these impacts are heightened with current drought conditions persisting throughout the State with deer reported to be competing for scarce fodder with livestock and native animals like kangaroos.”

Lifting deer hunting regulations means that:

- Seasonal restrictions on the hunting of fallow, red, wapiti and hog deer are suspended; and
- Use of spotlights and other electronic devices, hunting from vehicles and hunting deer at night is allowed (except on public land declared for hunting).

All other firearm and hunting licence requirements remain unchanged.

“I would encourage hunters interested in assisting landholders to register with the DPI Game Licensing Unit so they can be placed on a hunter register that may be accessed by landholders,” Mr Aplin said.

Further information about game hunting and the suspension of deer hunting regulations is available at DPI’s website; <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting> or by contacting the DPI Game Licensing Unit Customer Service Team on 02 6363 7650.

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