



**Jason Wood MP**  
Federal Member for La Trobe

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### **Jason Wood MP Takes up the Fight to Stop Barbaric Practice of Canned Hunting**

Jason Wood MP, Member for La Trobe has taken action against Canned Hunting - an issue constituent Donnalea Patman, from For The Love Of Wildlife, brought to his attention.

“I was shocked when Donnalea showed me the videos of what’s going on in South Africa right now – so many beautiful creatures being killed in such a barbaric manner,

“This is why I’ve taken action and set up the petition which I would like to invite everyone to sign. Add your name to the fight at [JasonWood.com.au/StopCannedHuntingNow](http://JasonWood.com.au/StopCannedHuntingNow), more than 1000 people already have.” Jason Wood MP said.

Canned hunting are best described as ‘hunts where native or exotic animals are confined by fencing so as to increase the chance of the hunter achieving a kill.’ Shockingly, many young Australians, even those in La Trobe, travel to South Africa to work in ‘conservation parks’. They pay around \$700 per week for the experience to nurture orphaned lion cubs back into the wild not knowing one day soon the lions will be cruelly slaughtered. A massive deception is taking place - many of these so called ‘conservation parks’ are actually breeding grounds for the canned hunting industry.

Jason Wood MP was a guest speaker at the ‘Global March for Lions’ in Melbourne this March, and international movement that has gained great exposure.

“We should change the Australian Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to not only to stop imports of canned hunted African lion body parts but stop all species listed under CITES Appendix I, Appendix II, and Appendix III from being imported unless specifically approved by the Minister for the Environment (such as for non-commercial conservation breeding, research or education).

“I firmly believe this is morally the right decision for Australia & we should help in protecting the future of international wildlife.

“Knowing this happens regularly and being able to view websites where menus of advertised animals for this kind of hunting exist, I couldn’t just sit by and watch it happen”, said Jason Wood MP.

Jason Wood MP is has alerted The Minister for the Environment Greg Hunt MP about the issue and he too is shocked to learn of the practice.

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