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We have been hunting for over 40 years and consider ourselves to be experienced in the practicalities of fox control.

We would support this review and its objectives which is our main reason for wishing to contribute to the process.

We feel that the act has been positive in providing the police and courts the opportunity to punish those guilty of cruelty to wild mammals while allowing necessary and effective vermin control to be undertaken.

Vermin control by a pack of hounds flushing foxes to guns is an effective system and provides a structured approach to this function. Most interested parties agree with the current as being the most effective system in tackling fox control. The proposal by LACs to reduce the hounds to 2 seems to have no rationale as this would make the flushing system ineffective. We would have to assume that this is being proposed to stop any effective, legal system of fox control which we understand not to be the position of the Parliament.

The status quo works and hopefully the review will agree with that

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