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Rangers, park staff urge Premier to shoot down hunting in national parks plan for good

NSW park rangers and staff are relieved plans for the introduction of hunting in national parks is on hold until June and hope the plan is shot down for good, according to the Public Service Association of NSW.

The move is a big win for park rangers and staff, and the community who would have faced serious safety risks from the introduction of recreational hunting in national parks, including unsupervised shooting in some areas.

“The announcement of a halt to the introduction of hunting in national parks vindicates the serious safety concerns raised by park rangers and staff across the state,” Industrial Officer Geo Papas said today.

“Union members would hope that the flawed plan for recreational hunting in NSW’s national parks is not just on the backburner for a few months, but has been shot down completely.

“No reasonable person could ignore the overwhelming evidence that this is an unsound policy will place park rangers and staff, visitors and wildlife all at risk.

“Rangers and park staff would embrace the opportunity to demonstrate to the Premier how an investment of the \$19 million budget proposed for the hunting program could make a difference when directed towards professional, effective pest control management,” he said.

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