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To whom it may concern

**RE: BAN ON BOW AND CROSSBOW HUNTING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA –
CHANGE TO INTENDED IMPLEMENTATION**

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Government of South Australia's commitment to ban the use of bows and crossbows to hunt animals.

As a result of community feedback on the original proposal to implement the ban, and feedback received as part of the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* review, the state government is intending to progress a revised approach to the ban.

It was originally proposed to implement the ban by amending the National Parks and Wildlife (Hunting) Regulations 2011 to prohibit the use of bows or crossbows to hunt animals subject to a Basic Hunting Permit.

Instead, a revised approach intends to comprehensively ban the use of bows and crossbows to hunt animals.

The ban would come into effect through a proclamation made, pursuant to section 66 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, by the Governor of South Australia. It is expected that the ban would come into effect later in 2024.

The ban would make it illegal for any person to use a bow or crossbow to hunt any animal in South Australia, without exception.

This would apply to all people and in all settings, and any person found to be in breach of this ban may face a fine of up to \$1,000.

The ban is not intended to restrict ownership of bows or crossbows and would not limit the recreational use of these devices – for example, target archery – outside of hunting.

Further information and details on the intended ban, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on the department's website at <https://environment.sa.gov.au/bowhunting>.

I am aware that this ban may affect you. If you would like to share your views, you can do so by contacting wildlife@sa.gov.au by 5 April 2024.

I will contact you again once details of the implementation of the ban are known.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Loan'.

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