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The Lands Officer
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Canberra

FEDERAL CAPITAL COMMISSION CANBERRA	
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	13/8/78
BY WHOM	W.C.C.
	28/3699

Dear Sir,

I am being troubled considerably by hares attacking my garden & should be glad if you could instruct your rangers to take steps to eradicate this pest

My residence is at Red Hill. Lot 3 Sec 1.

Yours truly

J. Hornsby

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FEDERAL CAPITAL COMMISSION.

14th August, 1928.

JCB/JRB.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th August in connection with destruction of your garden by hares, I am directed to say that eradication of hares is a matter for house and land holders, but if there is anything I can do to assist in arranging a hare drive I would be pleased to co-operate with you in any movement in this direction.

The Rangers are employed by the Commission in connection with rabbit destruction.

Yours faithfully,



Lands Officer.
FEDERAL CAPITAL COMMISSION.

Mr. F. P. Somerville,
CANBERRA. F.T.

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PROPERTY AND SURVEY BRANCH,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

JCB/HS.

No.

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The Surveyor-General and Chief Property Officer:

DAMAGE BY HARES - PRIME MINISTER'S LODGE.
THE MINUTE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
WORKS AND SERVICES BRANCH - 29/7/37.

Hare drives are held regularly, last drive early July,
18 hares seen - 15 destroyed.

Proposed to continue holding drives at suitable intervals -
next drive, early August.

The estimated cost of attaching netting to external boundary
fencing of this Block is £30.

The service, however will be of no value, unless the gates
are kept closed.

It is a question of whether circumstances and the amount of
damage justifies the expenditure and or whether the hunting and shooting
practised will have the desired effect.

J.C. Brackenreg
(J.C. Brackenreg),
2.7.37.

The Assistant Secretary
forwarded for your
information
A. J. Prewell
3/8/37

It is considered that drives should be
held at frequent intervals. Considerable damage
is still being done. I can speak from personal
experience.

J. Marwood

The Surveyor General,

M. Morrow
As verbally directed

Please report result after each shoot
Have drive arranged for 12/8/37. JEM
9 hares destroyed 12/8/37 JEM

noted.
R. J. B. 31/8

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

No.

Property and Survey Branch,
CANBERRA. F.C.T.The Surveyor-General and
Chief Property Officer:DAMAGE BY HARES - PRIME MINISTER'S LODGE.

A further memorandum from the Superintendent, Parks and Gardens, has been referred in connection with the Prime Minister's Lodge garden and damage thereto by hares.

The reply to the previous memorandum was that the cost would be £30, and the service, with open gates, would be of no value.

I have never seen the gates at the Prime Minister's Lodge closed and am still convinced that, to incur this expenditure, would not have the desired result, unless a guarantee could be given that the gates would be kept closed, night and day, and I feel sure this cannot be done.

A hare is different from a rabbit, it will follow a fence and find the smallest opening and leave by the same opening, therefore, it can be seen how useless the netting would be with the open gates. One hare, too, will do a considerable amount of damage.

The Secretary minuted your previous recommendation that it was his desire that 'drives' should be held at frequent intervals. A 'drive' was held on 12th August, 1937, and 9 hares were destroyed. Another 'drive' was held on 14th August and 17 hares destroyed. In addition to 'drives', I have arranged for the lorry, with shooters, to patrol the Governmental group area, including the Prime Minister's Lodge, in the early morning during the coming week.

By this means it is considered that quite a number of hares will be destroyed for, as a result of an early morning inspection of the City Area, it was found that hares were out of cover in large numbers at this time.

The above action should relieve the position in time, but, as a compromise on the fencing of the whole area, which, as indicated, is impracticable, it is suggested the vegetable garden be enclosed in the form shewn on the attached sketch, the estimated cost being £10.

J.C. Brackenreg
(J.C. Brackenreg)
16/ 9/37.

Since writing the above, I have seen the Acting Superintendent, Parks and Gardens, and, whilst he agrees that open gates will reduce the efficiency of the netting surround, suggests the netting may prevent some of the trouble and that he would prefer this action to the enclosure of the vegetable garden area as suggested above.

The Secretary
Submitted for approval

J.C. Brackenreg
For **SURVEYOR-GENERAL
AND CHIEF PROPERTY OFFICER.**
17/9/37

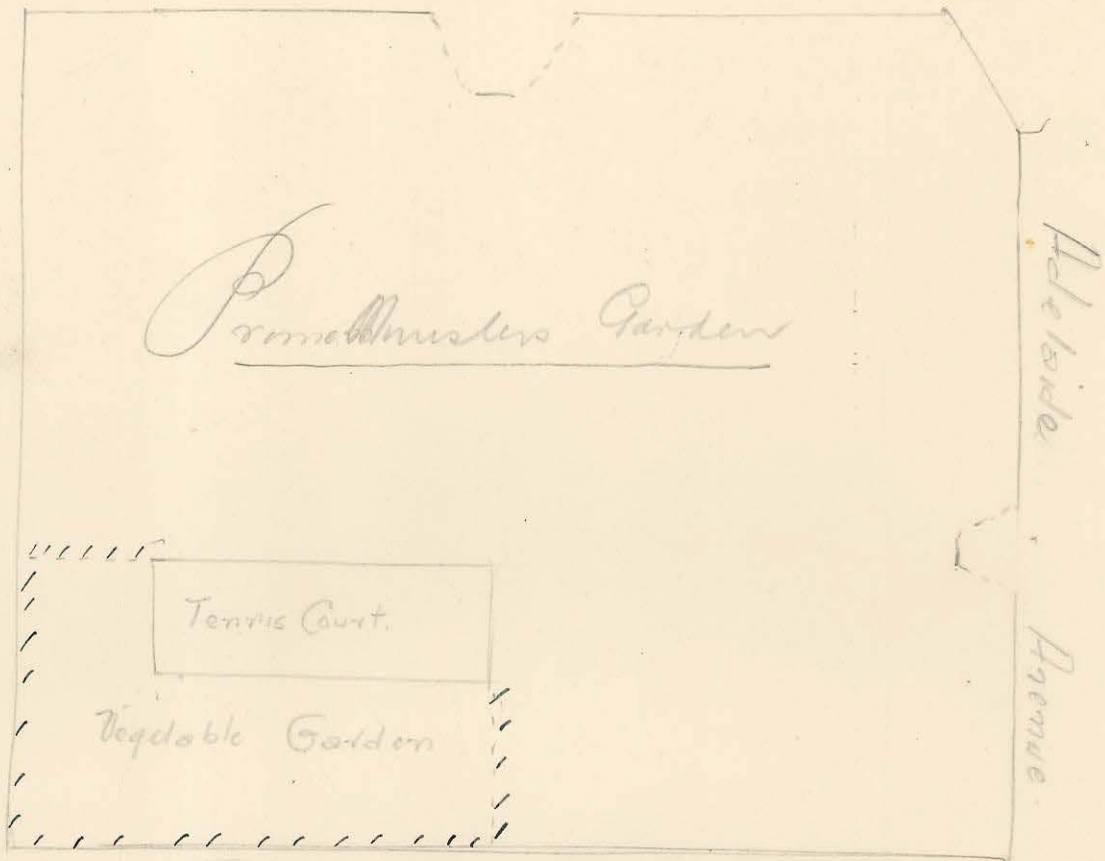
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16/ 9/37.

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17/9/1937
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Proposed Nelling and Gate.

DESTRUCTION OF HARES IN A.C.T.

The Surveyor-General and
Chief Property Officer.

From reports received from local residents and Rangers (and from the Superintendent of Parks and Gardens that Hares are seriously damaging the Roses in Parliament House Grounds), it is evident that young trees and plants are again being damaged by Hares, which are apparently sufficiently numerous to become a pest which should be destroyed.

Section 31 of the Rabbit Destruction Ordinance empowers the Minister to pay a bonus for scalps, and satisfactory results have been obtained by this method in the past.

On the 22nd October, 1946, the Minister approved of the payment of a bonus of 1/- for the period ending 30th December, 1946, for each hare destroyed in the A.C.T. if the scalp was delivered to the person authorised to receive same.

The bonus which was considered to be a fair reward for each scalp produced, resulted in the payment of £23.17.0 equivalent to 477 scalps.

It is therefore recommended that -

the Minister be asked to authorise the payment, until 30th November, 1948, of a bonus of one shilling (1/-) for each hare destroyed within the A.C.T. if the scalp is delivered to the person authorised by the Minister to receive the same.

As in the past, care will be exercised to ensure that scalps taken from outside the A.C.T. are not paid for.

I am forwarding herewith for favour of the Minister's signature two (2) draft notices, for gazettal.

- (1) the determination by the Minister of the rate at which the bonus will be paid for the period ending on the 30th November, 1948.
- (2) the form of appointment of Mr. G.F. Gee, Inspector of the Lands Agricultural and Stock Sub-section of this Branch as the receiver to take delivery of the scalps and issue the prescribed certificate as provided for in Section 21 of the Rabbit Destruction Regulations.

also

a form of Notice for signature by the Secretary in terms of attached draft for insertion in one issue of the Canberra Times.

The Secretary
Recommendation concurred in
& notices submitted for
signatures - J.H. Johnson
29/6/48
APPROVED AND CHIEF PROPERTY OFFICER
& forms (2) required

J.E. Morrow
28 JUN 1948
(J.E. MORROW)

28 JUN 1948

30th JUN 1948

J.H. Johnson
Minister for the Interior.

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