

**INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Members of the NSW Legislative Council Animal Welfare Committee,

I am writing to urge the Committee to grant full native species protection to the Dingo (*Canis dingo*) and to end lethal “wild dog” control programs within NSW National Parks.

The Dingo is a vital part of Australia’s natural heritage and plays a critical ecological role as the continent’s apex predator. For thousands of years, Dingoes have helped maintain ecosystem balance by regulating prey populations and suppressing invasive predators such as feral cats and foxes, which threaten many native species.

The current classification of Dingoes as “wild dogs” creates a loophole that permits trapping, shooting, and poisoning of a native animal, even within protected areas. Recent genomic research indicates that the majority of animals targeted under these programs are high-purity Dingoes.

There is also growing evidence that lethal control measures, including aerial baiting, can disrupt stable pack structures and increase the risk of interbreeding with domestic dogs. A more sustainable approach is to invest in non-lethal, science-based management strategies, such as Predator Smart Farming and the use of guardian animals like Maremma dogs.

In addition, Dingoes hold deep cultural and spiritual significance for many First Nations peoples. Current management practices fail to adequately recognise and respect this important connection.

I respectfully request that the NSW Government:

- Reclassify the Dingo as a fully protected native species across all public lands.
- End lethal baiting and culling programs targeting Dingoes in National Parks.
- Invest in non-lethal, evidence-based management strategies that support both conservation and agricultural outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Yours sincerely,