

INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Good morning, at a time when Australia's ecological health is under extreme duress, protecting dingoes is a critical step forward towards a more well rounded ecological balance.

Dingoes have been an integral part of our ecological landscape for thousands of years, & deserve far more respect for the place they inhabit as part of Australia's biodiverse ecosystems, & the far more appreciation for the massive ongoing role they play in helping to keep rabbit & other introduced pests numbers down.

The use of traps & 1080 is barbaric.

1080 is already banned in numerous other countries, yet for some benighted reason we still continue to use a poison that also causes secondary & tertiary poisoning in other native animals & birds, & also leaches into soil & waterways.

Which is as unwise as it is horrific.

I remember reading a statement from a bloke who was camped out overnight whilst working dropping baits in the national parks, & he described the crying, howling & screaming of the dying dingoes he'd baited as the worst sounds he'd ever heard. The screaming went on for many hours & the sound of the sheer AGONY those animals experienced was appalling.

He left the job next day. Refused to visit such unmitigated pain & prolonged suffering on his fellow mammals.

It's time we learnt to work with dingoes.

Not trap & poison them like backwards fools.

They can do so much good across the entire ecological & agricultural spectrum so please, please let's make civilised, judicious & humanitarian choices by protecting our magnificent Australian dingoes from here on in.

Regards, Anne Quinlivan