

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

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Submission to NSW gov re Dingo's.

I was **shocked** to learn that dingoes are not recognised as protected native animals in New South Wales and are instead classified as "pest animals." I urge the NSW Government to immediately recognise dingoes as protected native species and introduce meaningful penalties for harming them.

I also call for an immediate end to the use of 1080 poison baiting, foothold traps, and the routine shooting of dingoes. These methods cause immense suffering and raise serious animal welfare concerns.

Killing dingoes also disrupts their highly structured family groups. Removing a breeding adult can destabilise an entire pack, leading to changes in behaviour, increased dispersal, and greater opportunities for hybridisation with domestic dogs.

Based on the research I have read, many of the animals commonly labelled as "wild dogs" in New South Wales are, in fact, genetically dingoes or predominantly dingo.

Dingoes play a vital ecological role as Australia's apex terrestrial predator. They help regulate populations of feral pigs, goats, foxes, feral cats, feral dogs, and other introduced species, while also contributing to balanced kangaroo populations. Healthy dingo populations support healthier ecosystems, allowing native vegetation and biodiversity to recover over time.

The cultural significance of dingoes to Aboriginal peoples must also be recognised. For many Indigenous communities, dingoes are an integral part of Country, culture, kinship, and traditional knowledge. Their management should reflect both their ecological importance and their enduring cultural value.

I urge the NSW Government to protect this iconic native species through stronger legal protections, humane management practices, and policies that recognise the essential ecological and cultural role of dingoes.

End the killing of dingoes in New South Wales NOW.