

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

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Dingoes are integral for the survival of many of the threatened small mammal species of Australia which are proven (genetic scat tests) to be predated around 15 times higher by cats and foxes. While there are some conflicting studies around Dingoes being able to control foxes and cat numbers, it is well-known scientifically that any apex predator in an ecological context will control and reduce mesopredator numbers. That means scientifically, without a doubt, recently introduced predators are reduced when dingoes take their natural place in the ecosystem.

Landholders who live alongside National Parks have reported deaths of working dogs and pets due to baits being carried by birds onto their property. They also cite increased pigs and goat numbers coming into their properties from the National Park after heavy baiting has occurred there.

The Dingo is a management solution, not the problem. With millions of wild donkeys in Australia (70 percent of the world's wild donkey population) we have a national issue. Two donkeys can protect flocks of 200 plus sheep, so it is financially, economically and ecologically important to address dingo predation on stock with non-lethal alternatives.

We are on the brink of ecological collapse in Australia, and with the highest number of threatened mammal species in the world it is essential we turn to our Australian ecologists who are experts in their fields, and take their research with the weight and urgency that the research calls for.

National Parks are rapidly expanding in NSW. Our wildlife, and so Australia's future, are in their hands.