

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

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I am a concerned member of the public. I have worked in public land management since 1997 and currently work in threatened species conservation. I have been a key player in the successful recovery of the brush-tailed rock-wallaby at Jenolan Caves from 7 captive animals in 1999 to over 400 animals today.

I make the following points:

- Wild dogs, including 'dingoes' are an introduced predator and should be viewed as a pest animal that simply arrived in Australia earlier than the pest animals introduced by Europeans.
- Australia's native wildlife did not evolve in the presence of pack-hunting canids or any other pack-hunting carnivores.
- Dingoes contributed to the extinction of the thylacine on mainland Australia.
- Banning the use of 1080 poison for wild dog and fox control will, without a doubt, lead to the extinction of actual native Australian species. There is not currently any effective alternative for canid control.
- I have implemented ground and aerial baiting programs for wild dog and fox control in the same 6000 hectare area for around 30 years. During that time, the number of spotted-tailed quolls has recovered to the extent that the site is now a priority management site for that species. The koala population has exploded to around 20 koalas per square kilometre and the species has returned to areas it they had not been sighted for 50 years. The Jenolan Caves Brush-tailed rock-wallaby population has increased from 7 (captive) to over 400 (released to wild in 2007 due to success of canid control program). Lyrebirds have returned to Jenolan Caves following a decades-long absence. The site is now a hotspot for threatened species. This should be our priority. Not dog conservation.
- The animal welfare lobby's quest to protect wild dogs is a thinly veiled attempt to ban 1080 and this will result in the extinctions of small native mammal species in NSW.
- They are peddling misinformation about the impacts of 1080 on non-target species. Note my comments on the recovery of the spotted-tailed quoll. 1080 baiting is not harmful to Australian native species, in fact it is beneficial.
- I would be more than happy to answer questions on this matter at any time or to present my work in threatened species recovery and canid pest management.
- Please consider my submission carefully. I am an expert in my field and canids are a threat to Australia's native wildlife.
- Legislative protection of wild dogs / dingoes will adversely impact key canid pest control programs which are currently protecting threatened native species.