

INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am writing to make a formal submission to the inquiry regarding the management and protection of dingoes within New South Wales national parks.

As a member of the community who deeply values animal welfare and native wildlife conservation, I am profoundly concerned by the current legal status and treatment of dingoes in NSW. Currently, dingoes are the only native animal in the state that completely lacks protection under the Biodiversity Conservation Act. This legal loophole leaves them exposed to extreme violence, including being shot, trapped, and poisoned within the very sanctuaries meant to protect native flora and fauna.

Dingoes are highly intelligent, confident, and sentient animals with complex social structures. Furthermore, they hold immense ecological significance as apex predators and deep cultural significance for First Nations communities as traditional custodians of the land. Persecuting them through widespread lethal control programs—particularly the government's 1080 poison program, which experts warn could wipe out dingo populations entirely—is cruel, outdated, and out of step with the expectations of a compassionate, modern society.

Decision-makers must look beyond purely technical assessments and seriously weigh community concern, lived values, and our ethical responsibility toward sentient beings.

I urge the Committee to make the following recommendations:

Amend the Law: End the unjust exclusion of dingoes from the Biodiversity Conservation Act and grant them full legislative protection as a native species.

End Lethal Control: Immediately halt the use of 1080 poison, baiting, trapping, and shooting of dingoes within NSW national parks.

Transition to Humane Alternatives: Invest in and implement evidence-based, non-lethal management practices that allow dingoes to coexist safely within their natural habitats.

NSW's current approach to dingo management is out of step with modern, evidence-based wildlife management. I urge the committee to recommend that lethal practices be replaced with humane, non-lethal alternatives that allow dingoes to exist safely within our national parks.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns on this incredibly important matter.