

**INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW
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Submission to New South Wales Inquiry into Dingoes in National Parks

I am writing to make a submission to the inquiry into dingoes in national parks in New South Wales.

In New South Wales, dingoes are the only native animal not protected under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act*. This is wrong, and this inquiry has an opportunity to make sure that dingoes are recognised, for their roles in the ecosystem as well as for their heritage value as an iconic Australian native species.

I am concerned by the use of 1080 poison, baiting, trapping, and shooting to manage dingoes in NSW national parks. These are cruel practices applied to sentient animals, and they have no place in a modern approach to wildlife management. I urge the committee to recommend that dingoes be given full legislative protection in NSW and that lethal control methods be replaced with humane, non-lethal alternatives.

I also wish to draw the inquiry's attention to how the ACT Government has set up a consultative committee, chaired by the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna. The committee includes representatives from ACT **and NSW government agencies**, First Nations custodians, conservation and animal welfare organisations, scientific experts and rural stakeholders such as people with agricultural holdings who lose domestic animals to dingo attacks.

The ACT Government, and representatives from government and community with an interest in controlling Waragul ('dingo' in the Ngunnawal language) and wild dogs held an inaugural meeting in March 2026 and will be having further meetings to advance this issue.

The ACT Government's Waragul (Dingoes) wild dogs information covers topics such as cultural significance of Waragul, the length of time they have likely been on the Australian mainland (between 5,000 and 8,000 years), the high genetic purity of the ACT's Waragul, management policy and methods, research and updates to plans, legislation and management, the consultative committee, advice for encounters with Waragul in the ACT, reports of incidents involving Waragul and other information.

A link to the ACT Government's Waragul (Dingos)/Wild dog online information is here:
<https://www.act.gov.au/environment/animals-and-plants/animals/wildlife-management/waragul-dingoes-wild-dogs>

It is hoped that the NSW inquiry will build on the work already being done in the ACT on Waragul policy and management. It is essential to have representatives from all interested sections of the NSW and adjacent ACT community involved. Waragul must be protected and managed positively as an Australian native species.

Sincerely,