

INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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

I feel very distressed when I read about the cruel practices of culling dingoes with 1080 poison, traps etc. For sentient animals who have been here for thousands of years, this is just so wrong and barbaric.

I have seen the incredible return of biodiversity in America in places where wolves have been allowed to return. We settlers (and I say this despite my family being here for generations) have had in general a simplistic approach to farming, animal management and cohabitation with nature - it is time we became more sophisticated and learnt about interconnectedness. There are better, more humane and more advantageous ways of managing these intricate dynamics than simple inhumane killing. Indeed dingoes can provide great benefit to landscapes by helping control other, genuinely feral species such as rabbits, goats, deer and pigs. Let us evolve from the days of the thylacine, whom we drove to extinction - a tragedy. Can we learn from that?

You have a unique opportunity and the power to do something wonderful - reverse this shocking trend of cruel culling and pave the way for smarter ways to manage and protect farm animals - and a brighter future for dingoes and Australian biodiversity.

I urge the committee to recommend that dingoes be given full protection under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act, and that farmers be supported to find other means of protecting herds.

Thank you,

Lucinda