

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

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Attention to:

The Chair MLC Emma Hurst MP

For The Inquiry and Report in regard to Dingoes in National Parks in NSW.

I am writing to make a submission to the inquiry into dingoes in national parks in New South Wales. I am a NSW resident, and I am appalled by the treatment of dingoes in our national parks and by general land holders and 'thrill killers'. Dingoes deserve protection under NSW law, and the current approach to managing them does not reflect the values of a compassionate community.

In NSW, dingoes are the only native animal not protected under the Biodiversity Conservation Act. I am horrified by the continued persecution of Australia's apex predator who is a key animal in bringing back ecological balance to the Australian landscape. I have witnessed trees and fences where dingoes have been strung up by locals 'as a warning to other dingoes' which also serves as a grotesque colonial attitude towards native Australian dingoes. This occurs due to the lack of protection that dingoes currently have in NSW.

I have read and watched the evidence of the use of the terribly violent , indiscriminate killer poison 1080 , dingoes screaming in pain as a result of trapping, and cold blooded torture and shooting of dingoes by vigilantes who like to kill and are using the lack of protection of dingoes in which to continue their killing rampages. This is in addition to the outdated, colonial stance taken by NPWS who 'manage' dingoes in national parks through killing.

The outdated, cruel practices that NPWS always turn to are causing immense pain and suffering to sentient animals, and these practices have no place in a modern approach to wildlife management. I am also highly concerned about the labelling used to portray dingoes as 'wild dogs'. Evidence shows that most 'wild dogs' are in fact more dingo than 'wild dog'.

Poisoning, trapping, and shooting animals is outdated and no longer acceptable in modern day society. And yet, this appears to be the 'go to' despite their cultural significance to many traditional custodians and the sentient nature of native dingoes.

Experts have warned that the government's 1080 poison program could wipe out dingoes entirely. Dingoes are confident, intelligent, and strong-willed

animals and are a much needed species to be preserved as part of the Australian landscape. Dingoes deserve better than what NSW law currently offers them.

I therefore urge the committee to recommend that dingoes be given full legislative protection in NSW and that lethal control methods be urgently replaced with humane, non-lethal alternatives.

A concerned and saddened NSW resident.