

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

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Submission to the Inquiry into the Management of Dingoes in New South Wales National Parks

I am writing as a NSW resident who is deeply concerned about the treatment of dingoes in our national parks.

Dingoes are native animals and an important part of Australia's natural environment. It is unacceptable that they remain the only native animal excluded from protection under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act. National parks should be places where native animals and ecosystems are protected, not places where animals can be poisoned, trapped or shot.

I strongly oppose the use of 1080 poison, baiting, trapping and shooting to control dingoes. These methods can cause prolonged fear, pain and suffering. The use of 1080 poison is particularly disturbing because it does not distinguish between dingoes and other animals. Any animal that takes the bait, or is exposed through secondary poisoning, may suffer and die. This creates an unacceptable risk to other native wildlife, domestic animals and non-target species.

Such cruelty should have no place in modern wildlife management, particularly within protected national parks.

Dingoes also have an important ecological role as apex predators. Their presence can help maintain balance within ecosystems and influence the numbers and behaviour of other animals. Continually removing dingoes risks disrupting the natural systems that national parks are intended to preserve.

Dingoes should not be treated as pests simply because their presence may sometimes conflict with human activity. The answer should be better planning, education and investment in humane, non-lethal management approaches. This could include improved livestock protection, guardian animals, exclusion fencing, monitoring, deterrent methods and working with landholders and local communities to prevent conflict.

I urge the committee to recommend:

Full legislative protection for dingoes under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act.

An end to the use of 1080 poison, trapping, baiting and shooting of dingoes in NSW national parks.

The development and funding of humane, evidence-based, non-lethal management methods.

Recognition of the ecological and cultural importance of dingoes.

Greater transparency and public reporting about dingo control programs, including the methods used, the number of animals affected and the reasons for any intervention.

How we treat native wildlife reflects our values as a community. Dingoes are intelligent, social and sentient animals. They deserve to be protected and managed with respect, not subjected to methods that cause suffering and undermine their place in the Australian landscape.

This inquiry is an important opportunity for NSW to adopt a more compassionate and responsible approach. I ask the committee to recommend meaningful legislative reform and an end to cruel and lethal dingo management practices in our national parks.

Sincerely,

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