

**Submission
No 148**

INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dingo submission

My name is Sheridan Crowley and I am writing this submission on behalf of our native dingoes. Firstly I understand that some individuals have an issue with them being called 'native' and some also refer to them as 'wild dogs'. They may be a form of wild dog originally but their lineage goes back thousands of years and their cultural ties to our indigenous custodians also dates back many thousands of years. So for me and many others there is absolutely no doubt that the dingo is native to our land.

With this Parliamentary Inquiry into the use of 1080 in NSW I am urging our government to protect our native apex predator. The term 'wild dog' allows our dingoes to be subjected to the most cruel and inhumane death at the hands of government officials who still allow the use of 1080 baiting. I would implore everyone involved to bear witness to what this abhorrent poison can do to not only dingoes but other wildlife and domestic dogs. Most with a conscious would deem it absolutely inhumane..a slow, agonising, horrible death.

Dingoes help keep our ecosystem in balance and check. This has been noted in studies undertaken in regard to the 'dingo fence' ([abc.net.au](https://www.abc.net.au) 'In the Shadow of the Fence' February 2023). It has proven that dingoes excluded from the environment on one side of the fence have more feral animals such as foxes and feral cats, more kangaroos and less small mammals species which in turn has more land degradation. On the other side of the fence where dingoes can be found there are less feral animals, less kangaroo numbers, more small mammal species and more ground coverage of small shrubs which helps with lessening land degradation.

I really don't understand our war on dingoes and the fact that referring to them as wild dogs almost makes the culling of them seem less destructive. They play a crucial role in our landscape, our history and to our indigenous people. There are many other non lethal ways to protect graziers with their sheep and cattle.

For far too long our country has (embarrassingly) led the way in land clearing and mammal extinction due to harsh practices of our beautiful landscape and knee jerk reactions to grazer issues. I therefore request the NSW government to reclassify the Dingo as a protected native species across all public land and replace lethal baiting with other science backed non lethal practices.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sheridan Crowley