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INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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This is a submission into the enquiry into dingoes in national parks in NSW.

Dingoes are the only native species in New South Wales denied protection under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act*, despite their well-established ecological importance. As apex predators, dingoes play a critical role in maintaining healthy, functioning ecosystems. Due to the lack of large native land predators such as dingoes, cats often sit near the top of the food chain, decimating hundreds of native species like birds, reptiles, and marsupials. Dingoes presence supports biodiversity, stabilises dietary relationships, and contributes to the resilience of our natural landscapes. Failing to protect dingoes undermines these ecological processes and weakens the integrity of our national parks.

I am deeply concerned about the continued reliance on 1080 poison, baiting, trapping, and shooting to manage dingoes in protected areas. These methods cause profound suffering to sentient animals and are incompatible with modern animal welfare standards. They also risk harming non-target native species and disrupting the very ecological systems national parks are intended to safeguard.

I urge the committee to recommend full legislative protection for dingoes in NSW and to support a transition away from lethal control. Humane, non-lethal alternatives—such as coexistence strategies, improved livestock management, and targeted community education—offer far more ethical and ecologically sound pathways forward. Protecting dingoes is not only a matter of animal welfare; it is essential to preserving the ecological health of our national parks.

Yours sincerely

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