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INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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We run a 300,000 acre grazing property in far Western New South Wales, predominantly running 25,000 sheep and goats. Wild dog control is an extremely important part of the Western division pastoral livestock management program.

For the New South Wales national parks to stop controlling wild dogs/dingos in the parks across New South Wales it will come at a huge cost to the livestock industry through the killing of our stock, which the wild dogs do as a sport rather than just to eat

Once the wild dogs breed in the national parks or anywhere for that matter they have been showing through tracking and monitoring programs to spread hundreds of kilometres to set up their new home basis. These then have the ability to move off national parks into agricultural land. And cause havoc with lambing ewes and kidding goats, this is where they cause the most damage through mostly miss Mothering.

Put simply the sheep and goat industry does not coexist with wild dogs to any extent as much as it would be a pleasant idea.

With the use of 1080 poison on pastoral holdings through spring and autumn baiting for cats foxes and wild dogs we have seen a massive increase in the number of native animals on the land we manage ie . ground birds, echidnas, lizards, a variety of small marsupials.

This has come about with the reduction of foxes, cats and wild pig numbers through the bait /poisoning programs that have been more concentrated in the last 20 years

Figure from meat and livestock Australia state that gross value of production in New South Wales in the sheep and lamb industry is \$1.7 billion annually. With the New South Wales Goat industry contributing to 49 million dollars worth of gross production in the state . Our regional economies rely on production generated from these industries as the vast majority of this is spent locally in production efforts.