

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

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To all who are concerned regarding this matter,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the lethal management of dingoes within national parks, including 1080 baiting, trapping, and shooting.

National parks should serve as sanctuaries for native wildlife, not zones for ecological eradication. Currently the Australian government is at war with our native wildlife and it is nothing short of severe corruption. It disgusts me as much as it angers me.

REASONS WHY

1. Ecological Disruption: As Australia's apex predator, dingoes are vital for balanced ecosystems. They suppress invasive pests (feral cats and foxes) and regulate native herbivores. Removing them triggers trophic cascades that devastate smaller, vulnerable native species.

2. Misleading "Wild Dog" Label: Evolving genetic science confirms the vast majority of wild canids in NSW are predominantly of dingo ancestry. Treating them as invasive "wild dogs" is scientifically inaccurate. Furthermore, fracturing stable pack structures via culling actually increases breeding rates and potential livestock conflict.

THESE ARE NOT DOGS. THEY ARE APEX PREDATORS

3. Animal Welfare & Cultural Concerns: Methods like 1080 poison cause extreme, prolonged suffering. Additionally, lethal control deeply impacts First Nations communities, for whom the dingo holds profound cultural and spiritual significance.

If you have never seen an animal die by 1080 poisoning,

I believe it should be mandatory for those allowing its use to see the suffering that is inflicted on ANY animal that consumes it, whether it is first, second OR THIRD hand poisoning. It is a horrific INHUMANE way to end a life.

I urge the Committee to:

Transition from lethal control to non-lethal, on-farm deterrents (guardian animals, fencing). Classify and legally protect the dingo as a native species, ending the "wild dog" loophole.

Incorporate Indigenous leadership and modern science into conservation policies.

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