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INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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As a resident of NSW I would just like to say that I think dingoes should be protected and be allowed in National Parks in NSW to live their lives. I think their status should be upgraded to reflect their importance to First Nations people and also the importance to us newer Australians who have been here for the last 200 years. To say that they are feral and introduced is just a convenient tag to commit nationwide slaughter on them. They have been in Australia for at least 4000 years and probably longer. At what point in these thousands of years was the dingo ever considered to be feral? I think only when white UK and European settlers arrived with cows and sheep and the dingo was demonised for killing these animals – who are definitely feral as far as convenient tags go.

There are studies done by farmers who have decided to work with dingoes around their farms and have found that their presence does not mean massive stock losses. Please look at these studies.

There is also scientific studies on dingoes predating true ferals like cats, foxes, rabbits etc which helps the smaller native animals. Again, it would be good to look at these studies.

The other thing that causes me great concern is the indiscriminate use of 1080 which is now being used to poison dingoes in Kosciusko National Park. The NPWS are stuffing the dead brumbies with this poison. I mean, come on, this is just appalling as how many other animals will also be killed by this?

I am also concerned by the other terms being used by the lobbyists (and I'm including NPWS) describing dingoes as feral dogs. There have been so many studies showing that this just isn't true, but still using this term is a way of making it easier to target dingoes and to confuse the public.

I think there needs to be an investigation into any killing & demonising of dingoes as I feel that there are too many groups with hidden agendas. Whether it is that they are receiving grants or bounties to kill dingoes. Word count exceeded