

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

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An end to dingo killing within New South Wales National Parks to protect the ecological function of dingoes and support biodiversity conservation.

Australia's wild-living canids are dingoes, with hybridisation relatively uncommon in stable, undisturbed populations. In New South Wales, more than three-quarters of sampled wild canids showed over 93% contemporary dingo ancestry.

Research indicates that lethal control methods such as poisoning, trapping and shooting can disrupt stable dingo pack structures, increasing social instability and the likelihood of interbreeding with domestic dogs. Modern conservation science

Australia does not have an established continent-wide population of feral domestic dogs living independently across ecosystems, and it is now widely understood that the wild canids occupying these landscapes are dingoes performing important ecological functions.

Greater involvement of Cultural Custodians in decision-making and place-based management regarding dingoes in National Parks to ensure the cultural significance of dingoes is reflected in legislation and management.

* Dingoes are Australia's only native canid and are recognised as an important apex predator and keystone species.

* Dingoes regulate populations of kangaroos and wallabies, reducing grazing pressure on landscapes.

* Dingoes eradicate introduced goats, reducing pressure on vegetation.

* Dingoes suppress, and in some cases eradicate, foxes through territorial competition and predation easing pressure on smaller native wildlife.

* Dingoes suppress introduced cats through territorial competition and predation easing pressure on smaller native wildlife.

* Research suggests that stable dingo populations may suppress fox populations more effectively than poison baiting programs alone.

* Dingoes also contribute to the suppression of pigs, reducing pressure on landscapes

Financial support and extension services for landholders surrounding National Parks