

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

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I am writing to express my strong support for greater protection of dingoes in New South Wales.

Dingoes are Australia's only native apex land predator and play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Scientific research has shown that dingoes help regulate populations of kangaroos, feral goats, foxes, and feral cats, reducing grazing pressure and protecting native wildlife. Removing dingoes can destabilize ecosystems and lead to increased biodiversity loss.

Current widespread lethal control programs fail to recognize the ecological importance of dingoes. These programs can disrupt pack structures, resulting in increased breeding, altered animal behavior, and unintended consequences for livestock and wildlife alike. Modern wildlife management should prioritize evidence-based, non-lethal approaches wherever possible, including improved fencing, guardian animals, and better husbandry practices to reduce livestock conflicts.

Dingoes are also an important part of Australia's natural and cultural heritage. For thousands of years they have held deep cultural significance for many Aboriginal peoples and have been respected as an integral part of Country. Their conservation should reflect both ecological science and Indigenous knowledge.

I urge the NSW Parliament to:

- * Recognize dingoes as a keystone native species deserving meaningful protection.
- * Reduce reliance on broad-scale lethal control and invest in humane, non-lethal coexistence strategies.
- * Support independent scientific research into the ecological benefits of stable dingo populations.
- * Work in partnership with First Nations communities, conservation scientists, landholders, and local communities to develop balanced, evidence-based management policies.

Protecting dingoes is not only about conserving a single species—it is about protecting the health, resilience, and biodiversity of Australia's unique ecosystems for future generations.

Thank you for considering my submission.