

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

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I am writing this submission to support non-lethal methods of cohabiting with dingoes as I strongly object to the mindset that killing is an acceptable way of managing this apex predator species. Our ecosystems need predators to thrive, and dingoes have played an important part in the Australian landscape for many years. I call for an end to killing of dingoes in National Parks so as to preserve and support biodiversity conservation.

The government should provide funding and additional support to ensure NP's and surrounding properties can be supported to use non-lethal methods that encourage co-existence with dingoes similar to that of other unique Australian species.

As someone that emigrated from the UK I recognise how iconic Australian species encourage visitors to Australia who want to see them thriving in their natural habitats. So many Australian species can harm - from stinging octopus and biting spiders, to sharks, crocodiles and snakes - but each plays an essential role in their ecosystems. We must learn to co-exist and not just exterminate.

Current dingo management policies allow poisoning that causes indiscriminate harm to many species. These methods also encourage interbreeding between dingoes and dogs which interferes with dingo genetic delineation. Dingoes differ from domestic dogs and perform an important and essential ecological role in our landscape. They help control feral goats, pigs, cat and fox populations, macropod numbers and help control vegetation loss.

Dingo social structures & heritage must be preserved. They are the only native mammal species not to have protection under the Biodiversity Conservation Act. This must change.

They are also a species of great cultural significance to First Nations people and their importance cannot be dismissed and ignored any longer.

The cultural and environmental significance of dingoes must be recognized in our legislation and management practices across our National Parks.

Thank you.