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

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Hi,

I am writing because I am appalled by the treatment of our dingos by NPWS and believe that they deserve protection and respect as a native animal.

I know some people argue that they are not native but having been here for over 3000 years they have become an important part of their ecosystem.

In fact, I believe that if they were allowed to survive, as an apex predator they would solve many problems in our country.

Dingos have a very strict family structure and usually only the alphas mate so their numbers are kept down. If the pack is disrupted by an alpha being killed, all the others will breed so increasing their numbers. So if left alone their numbers are kept in check but are enough to keep down populations of kangaroos and invasive species like foxes, rabbit and feral cats.

It has been shown that where there are dingos there are no foxes or feral cats. Culling of kangaroos and other animals such as deer would no longer be necessary.

DNA testing has shown that most dingoes are pure, not "wild dogs".

The shooting, trapping and poisoning of dingos is wrong. Poisoning of dingos by 1080 is abhorrent and the most horrific way to die. No animal deserves that suffering, least of all our native dog.

It's time for us humans (most of whom are far from native) to realise that left alone our natural ecosystems will thrive. It is our continued disruption of their cycle that causes problems.

Please reinstate protection of these intelligent, sentient beings who belong in our Australian landscapes as much as our kangaroos and koalas.

It's time for us to learn to seek humane solutions, not default to killing everything.

We could learn a lot from watching nature rather than destroying it.

Yours sincerely,