

Submission  
No 289

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

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Dear Committee

I am writing to make a submission to the “ Inquiry into dingoes in national parks in New South Wales “.

Dingoes are part of our native wildlife. They are not domestic dogs gone wild or feral, but are deemed biologically unique and I find it incredible that they are not protected under the Biodiversity Conservation Act.

Dingoes have been living on the Australian mainland for at least 3,500 years. They play a significant part in first nations sacred geography of our continent and they deserve to be protected like all other native wildlife.

Dingo's are not a feral, a pest or invasive species, but are often treated as such with a disrespect and cruelty by those who seek to harm them through baiting; trapping and shooting or worse. Indeed the use of 1080 poison by the National Parks and Wildlife Service to kill foxes and feral cats is a leading cause of dingo deaths, already a vulnerable species, which could lead to the species extinction.

The use of 1080 poison indiscriminately dropped aerially in our national parks by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, along with allowing trapping, and shooting, are cruel practices being applied to wild and sentient animals.

By allowing these practices the National Parks and Wildlife Service appears to have questionable ethical considerations when it comes to animal welfare and the managing of our national parks and the wildlife within them.

Indeed, the indiscriminate use of 1080 in our national parks and parks generally across NSW by the National Parks and Wildlife Service kills a wide range of native animals beyond those intended species. The use of 1080 baiting in our national parks must end and dingoes should be given legal protection under the terms of this Act.

I urge the committee to recommend that dingoes be given full legislative protection in NSW and that lethal control methods especially the use of 1080 poison be replaced with humane, non-lethal alternatives by an organisation that cares about the wildlife within it.