

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

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Submission to the NSW Government – Protection of Dingoes (Warrigal)

Re: Strengthening the Protection of Dingoes in NSW

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support increased protection for the Australian dingo (*Canis dingo*) throughout NSW and oppose the continued use of broad-scale baiting, and policies that encourage the destruction of this native apex predator.

The dingo has been part of Australia's natural environment for thousands of years. It plays a vital ecological role by regulating populations of kangaroos, wallabies, feral goats, foxes and feral cats. Healthy dingo populations help maintain balanced ecosystems, which benefits native wildlife and biodiversity.

Scientific research increasingly shows that many wild dingoes remain genetically pure or predominantly pure despite concerns about hybridisation. Hybridisation should not be used as a justification for widespread lethal control. Instead, protecting healthy wild populations is the best way to preserve the dingo's genetic integrity.

The continued use of poison baiting, particularly with 1080, causes unnecessary suffering and can disrupt the social structure of dingo packs. Removing experienced adult animals often leads to younger animals breeding earlier, increased livestock conflicts, and instability within ecosystems. Non-lethal management methods, including exclusion fencing, guardian animals, improved livestock husbandry and targeted management where genuinely necessary, should be prioritised.

The dingo deserves recognition and protection as one of Australia's most significant native animals. It has lived on this continent for thousands of years and forms an important part of Australia's natural and cultural heritage. As our apex land predator, its conservation is essential for the long-term health of Australia's ecosystems.

I respectfully ask the NSW Government to:

- End dingo killing across all nsw national parks
- End broad-scale poison baiting and other indiscriminate letha