

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

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I am writing to make a submission to the inquiry into dingoes in New South Wales national parks because I believe these remarkable animals deserve protection, respect, and compassion.

To me, dingoes are far more than a species that can be managed or removed. They are a unique part of Australia's natural heritage and an irreplaceable part of our environment. They are intelligent, sentient animals that experience pain, fear, and strong family and social bonds. I believe they deserve to be treated with kindness and humanity.

Dingoes also hold deep cultural and spiritual significance for many First Nations peoples. For thousands of years they have been respected as companions, protectors, teachers, and an important part of Country. Their cultural importance should be recognised and respected when decisions are made about their

management.

Beyond their significance to First Nations peoples, dingoes are also an iconic part of Australia's identity. They belong in our landscapes and are an important part of what makes Australia's wildlife unique. Future generations should have the opportunity to know dingoes as a living part of our natural environment, not simply as animals that are routinely poisoned or destroyed.

I am deeply concerned by the continued use of 1080 poison baiting, trapping, and shooting in national parks. These methods cause unnecessary suffering to sentient animals. The use of 1080 poison is especially distressing because it can cause prolonged pain and distress before death. I do not believe these practices reflect the values of a modern, compassionate society or the purpose of

national parks, which should be places where native wildlife is protected.

Where management is necessary to reduce conflict with livestock, I believe governments should prioritise humane, evidence-based, non-lethal approaches wherever possible. Protecting farmers and protecting native wildlife do not have to be mutually exclusive.

I respectfully urge the committee to recommend that dingoes receive full protection under the Biodiversity Conservation Act in New South Wales and that lethal control methods, including 1080 poison baiting, trapping, and routine shooting, be replaced with humane, non-lethal alternatives wherever possible.

As Australians, we have a responsibility to care for our unique native wildlife. I hope this inquiry will recognise the ecological, cultural, and intrinsic value of dingoes and ensure they are

afforded the protection and respect they deserve.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

