

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

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I write a submission in support of protection of Dingoes in National Parks in New South Wales.

I cannot believe in this day and age and with the knowledge that this Country holds the worst rate of mammal extinction globally, that this needs to even be fought for. Since European colonization, over 100 native species have been lost. Currently, over 2,200 animals and plants are listed as threatened, driven largely by feral predators, land clearing, and climate change. The catastrophic loss of Australia's biodiversity is an ongoing crisis and to turn this around we must learn from our mistakes.

When we will learn to leave the natural environment, especially in National Parks and State Forests, alone? For thousands of years prior to Colonisation, the First Nations people of Australia lived side by side with nature and wildlife and did a remarkable job living sustainably. In less than 250 years the damage that has been done is immeasurable so is it not time that you learn from and listen to First Nations people who cared for this land for thousands of years?

With respect to the cruelty that humans, especially farmers, inflict on Dingoes is horrific. In my opinion people that shoot, trap and poison Dingoes are sick in the head. For decades they have used the excuse of the damage that Dingoes do to livestock but it is in fact the farmers that cause more pain and cause more death to livestock than Dingoes. If they care so much about their livestock why don't they protect them from the weather, i.e. extreme heat or freezing temperatures?

In NSW, dingoes are the only native animal not protected under the Biodiversity Conservation Act. I urge the committee to recommend that dingoes be given full legislative protection in NSW, not just National Parks but everywhere in NSW, and that lethal control methods be replaced with humane, non-lethal alternatives.