

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

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Hi, I am lodging my submission to parliament regarding the inquiry to dingoes in NSW national parks. I am against the cruel treatment of dingoes in NSW national parks. Decade after decade, dingoes are still poisoned with 1080 baits. This is inhumane, unethical and unnecessary. Dingoes are our top apex land predator. They hold an important role in the ecosystem and have done so for several thousand years. Our relentless poisoning and indiscriminate killing of dingoes need to stop. We need to start listening to the experts who have long known that they are truly important native species that we need, to keep our ecosystems healthy as a whole. Dingoes are not wild dogs. They are special unique native animal with a unique DNA and have long adapted to this continent over thousands of years. They need to be respected as important native animals and not villainized as pests like foxes, cats, and feral domesticated dogs. NSW national parks are supposed to be a safe haven for all native animals. Yet the dingo is poisoned with 1080 on mass. Are we truly aware of what ecological damage that this is doing to our environment? For one, having less dingoes creates many ecological issues. It is well documented that the less dingoes that are present in an area, the more foxes and cats move in and annihilate native animals. Foxes and cats have been the cause of many extinctions of small mammals. And they continue to push many other species of birds and small mammals to the verge of extinction. Yet the healthier dingo populations that are present, the more abundance of small native animals is present. Are we aware of what might happen to our forests as a whole if we drove dingo numbers to the point of no return? Dingoes are not wild dogs and yet are treated the same. We need to be educated and start listening to the dingo experts in depth to learn the difference. Secondly, 1080 poison is a vile cruel substance that should be banned. 1080 causes painful and horrific deaths to dingoes.