

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

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I am writing this submission because i feel dingoes are largely misunderstood in so many ways and are at great risk of eventually meeting the same fate as the Thylacine.

7 years ago i made the call to take on and raise an orphaned dingo pup that's parents likely met there demise from a 1080 bait in a local national park.

From that day on i have studied her and learnt so much about there natural instincts, honestly there is no question these instincts and physical features could only have developed through thousands of years of evolution. The fact that this isn't enough to even earn them protection within a national park let alone nationally is just insane.

I have spent thousands of hours exploring local national parks, state forests and private land and have been lucky enough to see and hear dingoes within these areas. Important key take aways when there is a healthy dingo population present in these areas is there are far less cats, fox's, deer, goats, etc and native animals like kangaroo's wallaby's, quolls, paddy melon's, birds and reptiles seem to thrive and as a result the native flora benefits. these things have been widely proven through science so there is no question dingoes should and need to be protected in national parks.

It has been reported that the government spends millions on 1080 baiting and trapping programs throughout NSW national parks every year. These funds should be used for aiding farmers bordering national parks and supporting non lethal methods to minimise livestock loss and educate farmers on updated methods and the important roll our apex predator the dingo plays in our environment.