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INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To the Upper House Animal Welfare Committee

I am a member of the South East Wild Dog Committee and I represent local land owners/farmers and livestock owners. My wife and I run a Suffolk sheep stud and Angus cattle.

I have experienced wild dog attacks on our livestock and neighbor's livestock.

In 2022 we had one third of our total sheep killed over the period of a month. Three wild dogs (dingoes) were responsible. Two were trapped by a DPI trapper and one was shot by myself, all 3 definitely dingoes.

In 2024, two more dingoes were responsible for more sheep mauling's/deaths but were trapped quickly by the DPI trapper.

All farmers are responsible for the welfare of all their livestock. Every one without fail are also caring custodians of the natural wildlife we share our land with.

Wild dog/dingoes will not remain in National Parks. The result is that they move to where they can eat and this often results in livestock deaths and conflict with farmers who are responsible for the welfare of their livestock.

In our area of the southern Shoalhaven, wild dogs/dingoes are regularly sited on trail cameras and are a constant source of concern for farmers with vulnerable livestock.

Local landowners are members of our Local Lands Service 1080 baiting program, laying baits to mitigate the wild dog and fox problem.

The issue is that wild dogs/dingoes reside in National Parks, State Forest and Reserves, using these areas as a base from which they breed and move onto properties to attack livestock.

Until someone can work out how to keep wild dogs in National Parks, they will be a source of livestock deaths and mauling's, causing farmer stress and worry affecting their mental health, and adding to financial loss due to loss of valuable animals.

Regards,

Paul Hogan