

INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The persecution of dingoes must stop for three major reasons:

Environmental:

Dingoes are native to this country, yet are persecuted by a persistent colonialist mentality which is often justified by labelling them with the misnomer 'wild dogs'. They are apex predators, assisting in controlling invasive species such as foxes and rabbits. We are not doing such a great job in controlling these invasive animals - clearly we require their assistance in a problem we created in the first place.

We have an example of the importance of apex predators from the reintroduction of wolves into Yellowstone Park, USA. Let us learn from this extraordinarily successful example.

Moral:

The use of horrendous baits such as 1080 and using traps do not discriminate who the intended victim is. 1080 is a dreadful poison that causes extreme suffering, as does trapping. It is morally reprehensible to use such torturous methods on sentient beings.

First Nations:

I have heard several First Nations people speak about their ancestral, spiritual relationships with the dingo. While I am an atheist, I defend and respect others' religions and spiritual beliefs. First Nations people must be shown respect and consideration in this matter, as we would apply respect and consideration to Buddhists, Christians, Jews etc regarding their spiritual beliefs. This is the way forward for true social cohesion.

We are now in the 21st Century. It is time as a country for us to grow up and find sustainable solutions for managing our environments. Australia has THE worst rate of mammal extinction in the WORLD while having a comparatively small population in relation to the size of our country. Nothing to be proud of here, we are failing miserably and we cannot afford to do 'business as usual'.