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INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I support stronger protection for dingoes in New South Wales and urge the Committee to recommend ENDING routine lethal control of dingoes in national parks.

Dingoes are Australia's largest terrestrial apex predator and play an important ecological role by helping to regulate ecosystems and maintain biodiversity. As a native species, they should be managed primarily for their conservation value within national parks, rather than being treated as pests.

Current management practices: aerial and ground baiting with 1080, trapping and shooting, raise significant animal welfare concerns and can disrupt dingo family structures. Just imagine one of your family members dying from 1080 in front of you.

Loss of stable packs will reduce their ecological function and increase conflicts with livestock by encouraging dispersal of younger, inexperienced animals.

I recognise that livestock producers face challenges from wild dog predation. However, within and adjacent to national parks, greater investment should be directed towards evidence-based, non-lethal approaches, including exclusion fencing, guardian animals, and targeted support for affected landholders. These measures can help protect both agricultural livelihoods and native wildlife.

I also encourage the NSW Government to recognise the cultural significance of dingoes to many Aboriginal communities and to ensure that Traditional Owners have a meaningful role in future dingo management.

I respectfully ask the Committee to recommend:

- legislative protection for dingoes in national parks;
- a phased transition away from routine lethal control methods in conservation areas;
- increased investment in non-lethal coexistence strategies for neighbouring landholders;
- management decisions that reflect the ecological, cultural and animal welfare importance of dingoes.

Protecting Australia's native apex predator is an investment in healthier ecosystems and a more balanced approach to wildlife conservation.