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INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I can't believe we are still discussing this after so many decades of our native animals going extinct due to effects of pollution, global warming, deforestation and then there's the inability of people that have been elected to do what's right for the people of this country and protection of this beautiful land that we call home.

I never understood how dingoes a native animal, became a pest in the first instance. An apex predator necessary to maintain balance in the ecosystem without man having to intervene. Look what happened to the Tasmanian tiger! An apex predator made extinct. An animal that can only be seen in a museum. We have increased numbers of kangaroos so what do you do about it you organize a bunch of guys to unethically murder the most docile animals that are known all around the world! Joeys murdered in deplorable methods! Is this humane! Dingoes kill to eat, to survive! They also control numbers of feral animals such as foxes and wild pigs that are making survival more difficult for our native animals as it is!

The numbers of dingoes do not need to be 'managed in such drastic ways that include poisoning, trapping and culling. This is inhumane and has drastic consequences on animals that ingest the poison meant for dingoes, not to mention the animals that ingest the animals affected by poisoning. The end does not justify the slow and cruel death of a living, breathing animal that feels pain!

I feel very disappointed in the way our government disregards the welfare of our native animals. Animals that are famous around the world as being uniquely Australian. It would be nice for the dingoes to be recognized as a native animal and not as a pest. I don't think the government would want to be known for the further extinction of another animal in this country. Instead work with the custodians of the land who understand the dingoes, work with them to see what can be done to make sure that we respect the welfare and maintenance of our fauna and flora.