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INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Our dingoes are an important part of our history and biodiversity.

They assist in helping to keep many native species and pests from overpopulating therefore helping to maintain a sustainable environment.

Problems started when farming came into practice with European settlers who brought sheep to Australia but never erected appropriate fencing.

Their attitude always was that everything and anything needed controlling with a bullet to protect them and their sheep.

Unfortunately this is a harsh environment totally unsuitable for sheep. They were bred on green pastures and now were roaming on hard harsh lands where grasses were few in some areas.

These were dingo lands and they were now classed as pests when hungry they were handed a good meal on a plate.

No fences or appropriate deterrent were in force - nothing had changed it is their land and farmers have never taken responsibility for bringing sheep here and not keeping them safe - has always been their responsibility.

To be killing them with 1080 is an atrocious, cruel and totally unnecessary knee jerk reaction to their problem that they created. It also kills so many other native species as well.

Trapping is also inhumane and unnecessary as the farmers caused this problem themselves.

Instead of asking governments to throw money to solve their problem or give permits to eradicate dingos how about the farmers fixing the problem in a way where everyone wins without anyone needing to be put to death. Killing dingos is not the problem.

What happens when they are all gone.

Look what happened in Tasmania with bounties on Tasmanian Tigers - extinction - an environment highly disturbed with the apex predator gone. It still is to this day because of their demise.

Please stop, think and come up with a non lethal solution that solves everyone's concerns.