

INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Members of Parliament,

I am writing to urge you to strengthen protections for Australia's dingoes and to support policies that prioritise coexistence over widespread lethal control.

Dingoes are sentient, intelligent, and highly social native animals. They experience pain, fear, and distress, yet they continue to be subjected to lethal control methods such as poison baiting, trapping, and shooting. Wildlife management should reflect modern animal welfare standards by recognising the intrinsic value of native wildlife and ensuring that their welfare is considered in management decisions.

Dingoes also play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. As Australia's apex predator, they help regulate populations of large herbivores such as kangaroos and wallabies and can suppress introduced predators such as foxes and feral cats. By maintaining ecological balance, dingoes contribute to healthier landscapes and support biodiversity across Australia.

In addition, dingoes hold profound cultural significance for many First Nations peoples. They are deeply connected to Country, Dreaming stories, kinship systems, and cultural responsibilities that have existed for thousands of years. Decisions about dingo management should respect First Nations knowledge and ensure Traditional Owners have a meaningful role in shaping future policies.

I also believe governments should invest more in practical, non-lethal approaches that enable people and dingoes to coexist. Livestock guardian dogs, improved fencing, and better husbandry practices have been shown to reduce livestock losses while allowing dingoes to continue fulfilling their important ecological role. Supporting landholders with these measures can protect both rural livelihoods and Australia's biodiversity.

I respectfully ask Parliament to:

Strengthen legal protections for dingoes.

Reduce reliance on poison baiting and other widespread lethal control methods.

Increase investment in non-lethal coexistence strategies for landholders.

Ensure dingo management is guided by the best available scientific evidence, strong animal welfare principles, and meaningful collaboration with First Nations peoples.

Australia has a unique responsibility to protect its native wildlife. By adopting evidence-based, humane, and culturally informed approaches to dingo management, Parliament can help conserve this iconic species while supporting healthy ecosystems and resilient rural communities.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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