

**INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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Submission for the Inquiry into Dingoes in national parks in New South Wales

I have been a Dingo Guardian/Wildlife Carer short of eight (8) years and live in Rural NSW. Through my lived experienced with these special creatures, I advocate and support the following:

- That the genetic differences of the Dingo (*Canis Dingo*), is acknowledged as a unique genome and different to the domesticated dog (*Canis Familiaris*) for the benefit and betterment of the species' treatment. Extensive research supported by Kylie Cairns of Dingo Genetics Research from the University of New South Wales;
- It is imperative that the Dingo is recognised as a native species to this continent and afforded the Respect, Protection and where needed/acknowledged, sanctuary on Country especially in all New South Wales national parks. In doing so, these sacred animals may freely undertake their varied roles as an Apex Predator in sustaining and restoring the flora and fauna of their respective ecosystems returning balance, harmony and good health to and for the land;
- As recognition is observed that Dingoes are an ecologically vital native animal, current government pest management programs (i.e. 1080 baiting, shooting and trapping practices), cease immediately;
 - One example where Dingoes play an ecologically important role is along 'The Dingo Fence' stretching from Queensland to South Australia. It is evident that where Dingoes are free to frequent ecosystems thrive.
<https://www.unsw.edu.au/newsroom/news/2018/07/how-dingoes-sculpt-the-shape-of-sand-dunes-in-the-australian-des> (accessed on 17th July 2026).
- Equally important, if not the most is the recognition and acceptance of '*The National First Nations' Dingo Declaration*'. This declaration ought be regarded as a cornerstone in acknowledging the realities of the cultural and ecological significance of these sacred animals existence, role thus the shameful harms witnessed since Colonisation. This acknowledgment paves the way with a view to restore the Dingo's rightful and honourable place in nature as 'Boss of Country';
 - Dingoes are highly intelligent beings and have much to teach us and within their family group. Coexisting with dingoes highlights the importance of how they demonstrate and teach trust, respect, compromise and love for another (the Dingo way). Something which tends to be lacking in mainstream society in modern times.
- I echo 'Defend the Wild's' position that "*Cultural Custodians must be involved to help shape a future where dingo management better reflects ecological science, cultural knowledge, and respect for Country*" (defendthewild.org). Not only in NSW National Parks but also beyond where co-existence is achievable.
 - Examples of achieving co-existence include guardian animals around livestock such as the Maremma dog breed and donkeys to name a few.
- That the language used such as the terms "*pest*" and "*wild dog*" associated with Dingoes cease as they are disrespectful and do not reflect the reality of this sacred animal.

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