

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

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Submission to the New South Wales Parliamentary Inquiry into Dingo Management in National Parks

I welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into dingo management across New South Wales National Parks.

I strongly support the conservation of dingoes as Australia's native apex terrestrial predator and believe that management within National Parks should be based on the best available scientific evidence, ecological principles, and recognition of the dingo's cultural significance to Aboriginal peoples.

National Parks exist to conserve native biodiversity and protect ecological processes. As Australia's apex predator, the dingo plays an essential role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Research has demonstrated that apex predators can regulate prey populations, influence herbivore behaviour, and suppress invasive mesopredators such as foxes and feral cats through direct competition and behavioural effects. These ecological interactions can contribute to healthier ecosystems and improved outcomes for many native species.

Current management practices that rely heavily on lethal control within protected areas warrant careful review. Scientific studies have shown that indiscriminate killing can disrupt established pack structures, leading to increased breeding, greater dispersal of younger animals, and altered social dynamics. Such disruption may reduce the ecological functions performed by stable dingo populations and, in some situations, may even undermine management objectives.

The inquiry should also consider the importance of maintaining genetically viable dingo populations. Ongoing lethal control can reduce population stability and may increase opportunities for hybridisation where social structures are disrupted. Conserving genetically healthy populations is an important component of protecting Australia's natural heritage.

The cultural significance of dingoes to many Aboriginal communities must also be recognised.