

To Review Panel

I have endeavoured to research your voluminous literature published on Biodiversity & conclude my recommendation has already been outlined in my letter, 10/8/14, to [REDACTED], who responded on behalf of the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Minister for Primary Industries to whom I wrote on 26th March 2014. May I point out:

1. 6,763,629 hectares of National Parks cannot be adequately cared for by 800 personnel. More funds & more park employees are necessary.
2. Until the ratio, area of parks : management personnel is improved, no new Parks should be declared.
3. Funds have now been allocated to develop a National Wild Dog Action Plan (reference Barnaby Joyce). Expedite this plan & implement it with pertinent instructions. The preamble presented to attendees at the recent UNE meeting arranged by wool growers was too "Yes-Ministerish"!
4. Recognise the importance of National Parks caring for their areas as well as their neighbouring grazier's care.
5. The terrain bordering Parks is often impossible to fence effectively & trapping of dogs has its limitations. This leaves aerial baiting & ground baiting as the most cost effective control method.
6. Refer to Guy Ballard's research & aerial bait accordingly on borders & into National Parks.
7. Have all National Park Administrators cooperate in meetings with Wild Dog Associations.

In summary, we all appreciate & enjoy National Parks, but, unless they are better managed & the feral pests, especially wild dogs, are controlled our grazing industry will rapidly disintegrate.

Yours Faithfully

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