

**Submission
No 80**

**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Organisation: UPPER HASTINGS WILD DOG ASSOCIATION

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WE farm Simmental Cattle, South African Boer Goats & Alpaca
on 700 acres at Birdwood NSW

Our entire herd of Boer Goats has now been completely (100%) wiped out by wild dog attacks ex the Werrimbbee National Park & Mount Boss State Forest.

Our Alpaca herd has been (100%) wiped out by wild Dogs

We are still loosing up to 11 month old Steers to Wild Dogs weighing in between 58 - 85 Kg!

These dogs are running in packs of up to 23 dogs in a pack and are absolutely out of control.

I am currently seeking over a Million Dollars in Compensation for Stock Losses from the NSW Government for their total neglect in providing Wild Dog control to only 2 off of the 28 National Parks / State Forest & Crown lands in our region during the period 2000- 2010 (from the Governments own records)

This negligence has caused a massive build up in Wild Dog numbers and the thinking that placement of baits at a few locations just on the fringe of these parks is simply naive.

If the Government is able to harness the skill and ammunition of professionally skilled hunters (at no cost) then it is insane not to negotiate this situation immediately.

HOWEVER, to help prioritise "wild dogs" and "foxes" as target species, there should immediately be placed a Bounty, similar to what applies in Victoria.

This matter is **DESPERATELY URGENT**

Whatever assistance you can provide is vitally needed to keep us afloat

Regards

Gerry Swindale - "Tumbleweed"