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Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns on the wild dog problem in our area.

I am a farmer of over 40 yrs and I live at Turtalaba in North East Victoria. Wild dogs have been a problem for us for around 10-15 yrs, although they have been in nearby areas we have seen an explosion in numbers & the spread into almost all areas.

They have caused devastating loss of domestic livestock, also I have seen the loss in great numbers of the black Rock wallaby, as these unlike kangaroos are an easy target for dogs.

We ourselves lost 19 calves on their mothers 4-5 yrs ago, Dogs were witnessed carrying out attacks, last year we had another mangled, rendering it unsaleable. Nearby neighbors have suffered losses also.

The Department of Sustainability, employed a further "dog man" for I believe 3 yrs, he is 2½ yrs into his contract, he has had to be trained by other experienced dogman & we believe he has had great success. Between 30-40 dogs killed in our area, and

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100+ in other areas. To our dismay  
we understand his employment will  
be terminated in January. He would then  
have to be on the permanent staff, I understand  
he is being retained in fire deployment, know  
doubt on a contractual arrangement.

My neighbors and I are very disturbed  
as the Dog problem still exists, they  
can be heard howling, after seen, and  
their evil work continues, last week one  
was feasting on another freshly killed Black  
Wallaby.

My experience with Government  
& its departments i.e. Sustainability & Environment,  
the office staff grows, the paper shufflers  
but the ones that count, the doers not  
the talkers are in decline

Show us that you care & we  
are not just like the dogs "a cry in  
the wilderness.

Thank you

Phillip J. Boyd.