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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 STANDING COMMITTEE ON
 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES
 AND FORESTRY

INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE OF PEST ANIMALS

WILD DOGS ON MONARO

Wild dogs have been allowed to breed unobstructed in National Parks and Forests, they infiltrate private lands and continually massacre live stock and native animals. This persecution has been continual and worsening since 1969.

Dogs were introduced to National Parks after grazing was eliminated in 1968 to reduce wild pig numbers and discourage illegal sheep grazing. The predation of Wild Dogs on livestock is still increasing and destocking has not diminished.

I have included statistics that I have and would elaborate on if need be.

I have encountered Ms dog problem personally for many years. Our family is a neighbour to the Kosciusko National Park.

I have represented The Snowy Plain Area in meetings with the Kosciusko National Park, Rural Land Protection Board and NSW Farmers over the last two years with dismal results. Dog numbers are increasing. Country is still being destocked.

The 3 year Rocky Plain Snowy Plain Co-operative Wild Dog Fox Plan is flawed.

The use of Bait Stations has educated Wild Dogs and made trapping a nightmare. The cessation of Aerial Baiting has stopped any reality of control.

In the las five years we have lost over 100 sheep at Snowy Mountains and at "Meekathara" near Adaminaby.

The stock losses, loss of income, heart break, value reduction of Property must surely be the lack of concern of the NSW Government through their policies.



Robert Maguire

Report over the phone 27 September 2003 to Bob Maguire

From Allan West

NSW. 30

1967 - Allan West ran 4500 sheep

1969 - 70 - first dog attacks

1970 - 71 - lost over 1000 sheep to dogs

1972 - lost over 700 sheep to dogs

1972 - 78 - Allan cut sheep numbers in **half** and ran **some** cattle

April 1978 - some cattle strayed into the Kosciusko **National Park** - Allan's Mother died and the Park pounded his cattle

1980 - 81 - sold 6000 acres to keep going **for not** much **money** - no sheep on this country today.

2003 - this year lost 4 calves, 5 months old to **dogs** (out of 50 cows & calves)

2003 - Allan has 100 + goats. Dogs have killed 5 this year

2004 ~ Allan has **180 +** goats 6 bulls no cows

11 May 2004 - Allan has **80** goats that he can find

Last kill \$500.00 stud buck (11 5 2004)

Bill Fogarty and Allan West have caught 51 dogs in the last 12 months

(copy)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

15 February 2004

My name is **Ben** Reardon from **Yass**. I was fishing around **the Tantangara Dam** area fishing the **Eucumbene River** on 23 January 2004 when **two wild dogs approached** me from behind. When I first **noticed them** they were **15 meters behind me**. They were creeping up with **their front legs lowered** when I started throwing rocks. This made them back pedal a little but it **wasn't until after many rocks** they disappeared.

Also a fellow **work mate** has come across a pack of wild dogs **whilst** fishing on the Eucumbene river. The pack **of** dogs surrounded him **forcing** him to try and **beat** them off with their fishing **rod**. Unsuccessfully he was forced to **wade** in the water until the dogs lost **interest**.

Ben Reardon

(The area the boys were fishing was between Providence **Portal** and the gauging **station** upstream on the Eucumbene River)

Contact Peter Reardon

or Sue **Litchfield**

Attention

Dale Maguire for Bob
Maguire. From Tim Russell (DOG TRAPPER)

Here are stocks losses in the
Adaminaby/Yaouk areas since
Christmas. I will try and get in
this afternoon.

Regards Tim

Marion Kennedy	22	Sheep killed
Oscar Blyth	17	Sheep killed
- Alan west	2	Goats killed.
- Hugh Stephens	4	Sheep killed
Ernie Brayshaw	4	Sheep killed
Tim & Greg Russell	82	Sheep killed
Tony Russell	18	Sheep killed, xbl
Geoff Miners	8	Sheep killed
Bolaro Station	96	Sheep killed
Noel Luton	8	Sheep killed
Rodney McMahon	9	XBL'S killed
Bob Maquire	51	Sheep killed
Hughbert Dickson	4	Sheep killed

Total 325

since

Christmas
2003

2003

KENNEDY'S SHEEP KILLED BY WILD DOGS AT YAROOK VALLEY
 BUGHT + SHOT YAROOK VALLEY

YEAR	DOGS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1975	1			2								23		23
1977	1							8						8
1978	1						12							12
1980	1							27	8	11	2	10		58
1983	2													5
1984	2		5											5
1985	2		33	32										65
1986	2							6						6
1988	1													12
1991	2							14						16
1992	9		13	10	1	9				20	19	7		79
1993	3		8	13								9		21
1994	2													9
1995	2		19	13	8			12	5					57
1997	1									7				7
1998	1							8						8
1999	3							5						5
2000	12		23	21										64
2002	25						32							32
2003	14		1	2	11	6		50	50	50	50	50	50	20
	87													567

Plus hundreds of hours going around district cleaning
 we spend about 1/2 hr from your haircuts
 hundreds off 1/2 hr going around traps pulling
 horses out and hours around traps along
 to try and shoot a better dog. I think I want to
 check numbers have been cut down to half in
 the last few years due to increase in dog
 numbers
 You can only take so much of dogs
 get to the point of no return about 1/2 hr
 year after year