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267-04

Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry Committee

Secretary: *S.M. [unclear]*

Dear Sir/Madam.

- 2 AUG 2004

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STANDING COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES
AND FORESTRY

Re: Wild Dogs

Submission regard pest animals

An increasing problem, killing and maiming hundreds of sheep & young calves yearly.

Electric fences are only a tool to work with they only shift the problem they do not destroy the dog, electric in some country block native animals from water the only available water being on private land.

With the increasing number of people visiting our mountains and national parks wild dogs have no fear of people as shown by the recent confrontation with a stoker in the Tullangatta district also a young lady was confronted by three wild dog at Dargo about two year ago, it is only a matter of time before someone is killed by these animals.

I strongly advise that dog trappers are retained and a program be commenced to train young trappers before the old skills have died out.

Yours Sincerely
John V. Gell



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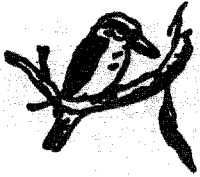
Re European Wasps.

The problem of European wasp is ever increasing with wasp penetrating further into mountain country, recently a stockman being attacked while mustering cattle resulting in several days in hospital.

Being involved in tourism I have had reports of people camping in Liola and Dargo districts having to eat inside vans etc. because of wasps.

Through with some research a bait could be developed that field wasps would carry back and kill out the nest.

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Re foxes.

The increasing number of foxes becomes an ever increasing problem to sheep farmers and farm yard birds etc. With the death of hundreds of new born lambs yearly. Victorian government introduced a \$10.00 bounty for a short time this certainly had an effect on the fox population judging by the dead foxes hanging on fencing.

I believe a bounty should be introduced at a Federal level this would eliminate the problem of tails, scalps etc. crossing state borders and would be a fairer approach to protecting native fauna that is being decimated by these pest.

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Re unidentified predator:

As there has been numerous sighting of an unidentified cat like animal through out most of Gippsland and other parts of Victoria. This animal is responsible for the death of hundreds of sheep several calves up to 7-8 months old it is only a matter of time before a human being is attacked by this cat like animal.

I believe the people have a right to know what is out there, it would be simple to obtain the services of someone from overseas trained in catching large cats to come and capture these animals so a positive identification can be made.

Yours Sincerely