

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE OF PEST ANIMALS

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I WRITE THIS SUBMISSION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE IMPACT OF WILD DOGS FOLLOWING 6 POINTS 1-5 OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

(1) BOTH STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS MUST RECOGNISE THE EFFECT THAT WILD DOGS HAVE ON AGRICULTURE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. THESE PROBLEMS - BOTH STATE & FEDERAL MATTERS OF BAITING, TRAPPING, ELECTRIC FENCING, RESEARCH, MANPOWER, DRUGS, FERTILISERS & EDUCATIONAL MUST BE CO-ORDINATED

(2) REGULATING SYSTEMS MUST BE IDENTICAL ACROSS STATE BOUNDARIES A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH TO REDUCE IMPACT IS VITAL & CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY COMMONWEALTH LEADERSHIP OR LEGISLATION

(3) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE MUST BE GUARANTEED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS DANGER TO TOURISM (DOG ATTACK) HEALTH - HYDATIDS & PROBLEMS OF WILDLIFE SPECIES OF POTENTIAL ARE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

(4) INDUSTRY GROUPS & R+D CORPORATIONS WILL ONLY IMPROVE THEIR RESPONSE TO LANDHOLDER CONCERNS ABOUT PEST ANIMALS WHEN THEY SEE BOTH STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS FACING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND GIVING A LEAD TO THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY & SHOWING THEY CARE

(5) AREA PLANS AS ARE BEING DEVELOPED BY WILD DOG MANAGEMENT GROUPS AT A LOCAL LEVEL ARE ABLE TO INVOLVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND HENCE GIVE THE COMMUNITY A GOOD UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHAT IS BEING DONE BUT THIS IS OF LITTLE VALUE IF INADEQUATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT THE PLANS. THIS ONLY LEADS COMMUNITIES TO FEEL FRUSTRATED AND ANTAGONISTIC TO STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS WHO THEY CONSIDER TO BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE

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