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STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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Dear Mrs Elson

Trying to make a living out of sheep on the Yaouk Valley has nearly become impossible.

Over the last six months I have lost to Wild Dogs 110 ewes and lambs and as you can see by the records enclosed 678 sheep over the years.

Since Aerial Baiting was stopped in the late nineties a large build up of Dogs have occurred in the Parks surround the Yaouk Valley. seven dogs have been seen this last week and quite a few heard howling.

It's not a pretty sight to go into your paddocks each morning to find lambs dead, some about half eaten, still staggering about and you have to destroy them and as often as it happens to you it's a sight you can never get use to. many tears are shed and a sick feeling in the gut knowing it's going to happen again and again.

These dogs are costing us thousands of dollars in lost income not to mention the cost of going around your sheep every day destroying and picking up dead stock work which you shouldn't have to do.

It is hard enough battling a drought feeding stock without Wild Dogs chewing away at your assets and livelihood and I think compensation should be paid for the loss of your sheep.

Yours faithfully
Malcolm Kennedy

