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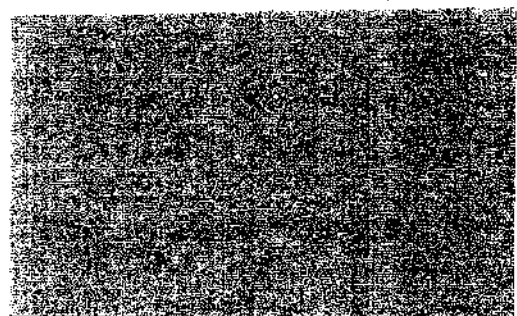
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The Secretary,
Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry Committee,
House of Representatives,
Canberra, ACT 2600.



Re- Inquiry on the Impact of Pest Animals on Agriculture.

There needs to be a coordinated plan across State borders.

There are too many Government Departments all having a say in Pest Animal control. Pest Animal control should be coordinated by ONE Department, including National Parks.

In Victoria funding is always a problem. Whether it is for control or other integrated measures, (eg. Electric fencing.) In fact one Government Department mid- level Manager even asked how long they needed to fund Wild Dog Control.

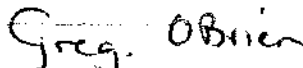
There is too much money wasted on inquiries. In Victoria we seem to have one annually. (They all cover the same old ground, and do not change anything.) The money would be much better spent on control measures.

Guide lines for clearing fence need to be made more flexible. As every area is different.

Funding for a program to educate the Community on why Pest Animals have to be controlled. (Eg. Human health as well as for other animal welfare.) This probably should be funded by the Federal Government.

The Victorian Government set up The North East Wild Dog Management Group, 18 months ago. As yet none of their recommendations have put in place. There are too many branches of the one Government Department involved, all blame the other, (Eg. Parks and Forests and Agricultuer).

Yours sincerely



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