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The Secretary  
Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry Committee  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Via Email – Primary.Industties.Reps@aph.gov.au

Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE Wild Dog Public Debate scheduled for Albury on 18 June 2004**

I would like to attend the enquiry at Lake Hume Resort as I have had some personal experience with the wild dog problem.

I am a third generation farmer who has had a big wild dog problem in the past. I have now been elected to the North East Wild Dog committee ( NEWDC ).

1. The wild dog is a very cunning animal and we need to be twice as cunning to control.
2. We need to erect electric fences to a “standard “.
3. We need to be more scientific in our baiting program.
4. We need to form small Committees in Local areas to find out what is needed. (i.e. to deal with problems specific to those areas - i.e. I have a survey going at the moment to find out information from farmers in my local area – see attachment)
5. Extrusion fences - electric fences need to be erected between National Parks - State Forests, on a given line to protect Farms from wild dogs (and other pest and feral animals including wild pigs and Deer)
6. Governments, both State and Federal, need to listen to local people, and Dog Men / Trappers who have had experience with these animals.
7. It is only a matter of time before someone is hurt or killed by these animals
8. Dogs are becoming more widespread which is also impacting on our native flora and fauna.
9. Diseases (such as hydatids) which these dogs could be carrying may impact on people and could have serious effects on our local and export market.
10. Baiting needs to be done in behind electric fences (i.e. on forestry or parks side) by professional people i.e. Dog Men. / Trappers.
11. We need more Indians and less Chiefs!

I trust the above is in terms of your request however should you require further information please contact me on the above number.

Yours faithfully

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