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Hon. Steve Dimopoulos  
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Dear Minister,

**Re: Review of current approach to Dingo conservation and management in Victoria.**

At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 26 June 2024, concern was raised regarding the Victorian Government's review of the future policy for dingo conservation and management in Victoria with the target completion date of October 2024. We would like to bring your attention to the impact of the recent lift of "unprotection order" over dingos in Northwest Victoria.

This order has precluded Hindmarsh farmers in controlling dingos to protect their livestock. As a result, farmers are telling us that they will be either selling their livestock and land or having to invest heavily in creating a good quality fence at a significant cost. Farmers in Hindmarsh Shire are heavily impacted by this change. In the economic scenario, where a farmer and business are already struggling, this lift in "unprotection order" will have an even bigger impact.

On behalf of Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Hindmarsh farming community I urge you to reconsider your position towards the future policy change sighting the distress of farmers in the Northwest region of Victoria and Hindmarsh Shire.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive Officer**