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Dear Ms Revell

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 July 2024 regarding the dingo unprotection order and dingo management in Victoria.

The Victorian Government has commenced a review of the policy and regulatory settings for the conservation of dingoes and the management of livestock predation from dingoes to inform future policy, which is expected to be completed by 1 October 2024.

The review is considering the research, alongside the rights and cultural obligations of Traditional Owners, and the need to balance the conservation of the dingo with the need to minimise the impacts from predation on livestock. The review also involves a comprehensive assessment of the dingo conservation status, including an assessment of dingo population and distribution across Victoria.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is also implementing a \$550,000 pilot program in north-west Victoria to promote collaborative, cross-tenure management of vertebrate pest species, including foxes, feral goats and pigs, and to build awareness of non-lethal options available to mitigate predation impacts on private land. A livestock predation survey was also conducted seeking up-to-date information to better understand how predation by dingoes affects Victorian livestock farmers.

In coming weeks, DEECA will consult with key stakeholders, affected farmers and border communities across Victoria, Traditional Owners and ecologists to inform the development of future approaches to the management of livestock predation and dingo conservation.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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