



Reporting the key to success with wild dog management

There are currently three Wild Dog Management Plans functioning within the Cumberland LHPA – Southern Highlands, Oberon/Blue Mountains and Shoalhaven. A plan for the Maitland/Gosford area (Division A) is being developed.

Wild dog management plans are developed to allow for coordinated and cooperative management in controlling wild dogs across all land tenures in order to minimise the impacts on livestock and the environment.

Of the three declared pest species in NSW requiring control, the wild dog is by far the most challenging.

The Cumberland LHPA in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and other agencies is ensuring there is a reliable management structure for wild dog control through the establishment and implementation of wild dog management plans. For these plans to be effective, a reliable framework of reporting sightings and impacts is essential. This reporting is absolutely critical in wild dog prone regions.

Immediately notify your local ranger every time you notice signs of wild dog activity such as sightings, tracks, scats, howling and stock attacks. If wild dogs are not causing damage on your land, be assured they will have some negative impact for someone else in your local community.

So report all wild dog activity and any information relating to wild dogs. It's essential data aiding the efficient operation of wild dog management plans that benefit the rural community and the broader environment.

Under the *Rural Lands Protection Act 1998* it is the landholder's statutory responsibility to continuously control wild dogs. For wild dog assistance and control options contact your local ranger.

Copies of the wild dog management plans are available from the Cumberland LHPA upon request.