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Windsor to raise Walcha Wild Dog issues in Parliament this week

Issues arising from the Walcha Wild Dog Meeting held on Wednesday 29 August 2007 will be raised by the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor in Parliament this week.

The meeting was held after concerns were raised in relation to the dramatic increase in livestock attacks from wild dogs in the Oxley Wild Rivers area. The meeting also reflected concerns that other parts of Australia are experiencing.

Mr Windsor said he would raise the issue of the proposed reduction in baiting rates for 1080 poisoning of wild dogs.

“A recent recommendation by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (AVPMA) in a review of the use of 1080 poison suggested a reduction from 40 baits per km to 10 baits per km”.

“This was considered by landholders to be a step backwards and needed revisiting” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said he would also speak with the Chairman of the Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (AFF) Committee, Mr Alby Schultz, to discuss the issues and also follow up on recommendations that the AFF Committee made to the Parliament in 25 November 2005.

Mr Windsor was also a Member of the AFF Committee “*Taking Control: A National Approach to Pest Animals*” Inquiry into the impact on agriculture of pest animals, which made certain recommendations that could assist landholders with wild dog problems.

The Inquiry included the following recommendations:

Recommendation 27

The committee recommends that the proposed National Pest Animals and Weeds Committee work with government representatives to agree on appropriate guidelines for the construction and maintenance of exclusion fencing and remove regulatory impediments to land clearing required specifically for fencing for the purposes of pest animal control.

Recommendation 28

The committee recommends that local government and declared animal groups in areas requiring pest exclusion or barrier fencing upgrades or construction apply for funding under the Australian Government’s Regional Partnerships Program.

Recommendation 29

The committee recommends that the Australian Government ensure that available tax concessions for landcare operations apply to pastoralists who contribute funds for pest animal exclusion fences.

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