

STATEMENT by Dr. Ernest Healy...

The dingo is an ancient (pre-neolithic – pre-agricultural) domesticate (in my view sem-domesticate). Therefore, the position underpinning the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy (FIDMS) that the dingo is a wild animal, cannot be allowed any contact with humans and must be forced to live in the wild without assistance, is based on a misconceived understanding of the nature of the animal.

The dingo is unique in being both wildlife and the direct descendant of the world's first domesticated animal. As such it is a unique part of all human cultural and wildlife heritage. Therefore there is no inconsistency in seeing the dingo as wildlife, while accepting the need to afford it human support/management in settings like Fraser Island....

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