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Dingo destroyed on K'gari (Fraser Island) for aggressive behaviour.

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A male collared dingo identified by tag Pink 22 was destroyed on K'gari earlier this week. SFID was informed by QPWS that the decision was made after the dingo (wongari) displayed increasingly dangerous behaviour between April and June of this year. As a result it was declared an unacceptable risk to the public.

Despite the justification by the Dept of Environment & Science and Qld. Parks & Wildlife Service that this animal warranted euthanasia, SFID will never support the destruction of any healthy animal.

Apparently there were numerous incidents of Code D and E Interactions, that is, threatening and high risk behaviour, which can include nipping or biting, but these negative incidents are the end result of irresponsible visitor behaviour, whether it be enticing or encouraging animals, feeding or leaving children unattended. Therefore it is really a human problem rather than a dingo problem. SFID does not feel this is sufficient justification for the animal's destruction.

It has been four years since the last animal was destroyed and we had hoped that the era of euthanizing 'problem' dingoes was at an end. SFID understands that human safety must be a consideration but the public has their part to play in exercising care and responsible behaviour. It is disappointing and disheartening that, once again, a young, healthy animal has lost its life.



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