

Wild Dogs

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has decided to restrict the maximum permissible aerial baiting rate for 1080 to 10 baits per kilometer. The Association has previously lodged a detailed submission with the APVMA, arguing against this decision.

The APVMA has advised the Association that insufficient scientific research exists for it to at this stage revise its position. It has, however, encouraged the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and the State Council of Rural Land Protection Boards (SCRLPB) and now established arrangements for a transitional period during which current bait rates can be maintained.

The APVMA has undertaken to give serious consideration to any data and information it receives as a result of this research. A useful outcome of the 1080 review is that it has conclusively established that 1080 is an appropriate method for wild dog control. The APVMA's charter is to establish a minimum effective rate for use of chemicals, and if it can be shown that a higher rate is essential to achieve effective control, then it will promptly revise its position.