

Supplementary material for

Attitudes towards dingoes (*Canis dingo*) and their management: a case study from a mining operation in the Great Sandy Desert, Western Australia

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Attitudes towards dingoes and dingo management at Telfer Mine

YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT DINGOES

1. Overall, how would you describe your feelings towards dingoes?

- Very favourable Somewhat unfavourable Neither favourable or unfavourable
- Somewhat favourable Very unfavourable

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about dingoes?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. I have a good knowledge of dingoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The dingo should be protected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. People and dingoes should be able to co-exist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Predators like dingoes keep nature in balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. My appreciation for dingoes has increased since I began working at Telfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. I like knowing there are dingoes around	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Telfer Mine would be a better place to live and work if there no dingoes present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. I think about dingoes often	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DINGO POPULATION SIZE AND LOCATION

3. How often do you see dingoes when you are on site at the **accommodation village**?

- Never Once a week Almost every day
- Once a month Daily

4. How often do you see dingoes when you are on site at your **work site/s**?

- Never Once a week Almost every day
- Once a month Daily N/A I work in the village

5. In my opinion, the number of dingoes living around Telfer can be considered...

- Very abundant Present but not abundant Very rare
 Abundant Rare I have no idea

SAFETY PERCEPTIONS

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about dingoes?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Dingoes are dangerous to people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I worry about my personal safety while I walk around the accommodation village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I worry about my personal safety while I am working	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I worry about the safety of others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Dingoes are causing unacceptable damage or disruption to the Telfer operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. I have been adequately informed how to act when a dingo approaches me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH DINGOES AT TELFER

7. Considering your experiences with dingoes at Telfer, please answer the questions below.

About how many times have you?	Never	Once	More than once	Don't know
a. Witnessed a dingo <i>attempting</i> to damage mining equipment/property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Believed a dingo to have damaged mining equipment/property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Been prevented from carrying out work duties because of a dingo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Been prevented from carrying out personal activities at the village because of a dingo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Had a dingo attempt to take something of yours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Had a dingo/dingoes follow you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Experienced a dingo being aggressive towards you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Felt threatened or scared because of a dingo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Had a positive interaction with a dingo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Have had to adjust the way I do things to accommodate dingoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Please describe a **positive** interaction that stands out in your mind.

9. Please provide a **negative** interaction that stands out in your mind.

10. What percentage of dingo encounters (e.g., interactions with people, equipment, wildlife etc), do you report to the Telfer Environment Department?

_____ %

11. What influences your decision to report an interaction?

OPINIONS ABOUT DINGO MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

12. Do you think there is a wild dingo problem at Telfer?

- They are a major problem They are not a problem
- They are a minor problem I don't know

13. How important are the decisions regarding dingo management at Telfer Mine to you personally?

- Very important Somewhat unimportant
- Somewhat important Very unimportant
- Neither important nor unimportant

14. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement regarding the Telfer Environment Department and their role as management authority for dingoes.

With respect to managing the dingo population, I feel that Telfer Environment Department	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Have been effective in managing the dingo population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Actively engage with staff about dingo management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Should be doing more	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Needs to provide more education about dingoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. To what extent should the following objectives be given priority in dingo management decisions?

Potential management objective	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not at all a priority	Not sure
a. Eliminate dingoes from the mine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Ensure the safety of mining staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Reduce the number of dingoes only where they are causing problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Maintain enough dingoes to allow for sustainable population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Use of non-lethal management approaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Leave dingoes alone and let nature decide how many dingoes are present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Increase enforcement efforts/sanctions for those that interfere with dingoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Use lethal methods if necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Provide more education about dingoes to staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Prevent access to all artificial sources of food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Do you have any thoughts about how dingo management could be improved at Telfer?

GENERAL INFORMATION

17. Please indicate your sex:

- Male Female

18. Please indicate your age:

- _____ years Prefer not to say

19. What is your position/primary role? _____ Department: _____

20. How long have you been employed at Telfer: _____ years and/or _____ months

21. If you have any additional comments or thoughts please write them in the space below:

Thank you for your cooperation.