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### **Response to recent Article in the Australian on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 regarding Wild Dog 1080 Baiting in the APY Lands "*Kids at lethal risk from feral animal poison.*"**

Recently, independent Pastoralists in surrounding areas of APY lands undertook a 1080 baiting program to reduce the number of Wild Dogs, Dingos, Cats and Foxes in and around the APY lands. The article stated that APY Land Management laid the Baits near Indulkana. This is absolutely incorrect, APY have not laid single baits on any parts of the APY lands during this most recent baiting program.

As the General Manger of the APY lands, I have investigated the incident and I am satisfied that the program was done correctly with baits being placed 8 to 10 km's from the community in question.

That said, these 1080 baiting programs are extremely important in protecting our already endangered species across these APY lands where we have lost a number of Australian endangered animal to extinction from predators like foxes, cats, wild dogs and dingo dogs. The threat that these introduced animals pose to our finely balanced ecosystems cannot be under estimated. 1080 has very little effect on native animals and reduces the number of feral animals affectively.

APY have recently grown our reintroduced and previously extinct Black footed Wallaby to three colonies, with numbers growing from 23 to 500 in the past three years. This is something we are very proud of and sets the way forward for APY to reintroduce other extinct marsupials back into the APY Lands. This is something that could not have been done without the professional and affective use of tools and like 1080.

1080 has been used in the pastoral industry for the past 50 years. It is the most effective way to control feral animals. APY is the land council of the APY Lands and are tasked with the protection of the lands on behalf of all Anangu. The protection of traditional endangered species are part of our responsibility and APY will continue to implement programs that protects the lands and its people in perpetuity.

  
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