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## Wild dogs must be controlled

IMMEDIATE and concentrated control programs were needed to stop the frightening damage wild dogs were causing to sheep and cattle across Queensland, the LNP said today.

LNP Member for Gregory Vaughan Johnson said western sheep graziers were suffering untold damage from wild dogs which were decimating flocks.

“The destruction is frightening,” Mr Johnson said.

“We need immediate and co-ordinated programs across whole regions to limit the losses.

“We need to force the Bligh government to work in conjunction with regional councils, to run a co-ordinated program across all western shires, especially those with national parks and state forests where dog numbers have built-up after years of neglect.

“Dog numbers have blown-out and with large numbers of pups whelped over winter and now starting to run and learn with the packs, co-ordinated programs are desperately needed,” Mr Johnson said.

“This is not just about graziers losing valuable sheep and cattle, it’s also an important animal welfare issue – about protecting animals from horrific pain and suffering, protecting lambs and calves from being killed by packs of wild dogs.”

LNP Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Food and Regional Queensland Andrew Cripps said while western sheep flocks were suffering huge losses, wild dogs were also taking a heavy toll on cattle herds – killing calves and attacking cows.

“I’m calling on the Minister to get cracking and co-ordinate region-wide control programs,” Mr Cripps said.

“A real concern is the mismanagement of national parks and crown land by the Bligh government has allowed wild dogs to breed-up, in big numbers.

“Landholders across the state are disillusioned and angry with Labor’s failure to control wild dogs and other feral animals which do enormous damage, not just in the parks but in neighbouring properties – threatening the viability of grazing enterprises.

“An LNP government will restore and revitalise frontline rural services.”

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