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National Standards Sub Committee  
C/ - The Department of Agriculture  
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**RE: In support of the use of 1080 on organic properties**

Dear Secretariat

WAFarmers would like to add their support to the application to include the use of Sodium Fluoroacetate (1080) poison in the Australian organic farm standards.

1080 is the most commonly used bait to control wild dogs and foxes in WA. 1080 is a naturally occurring poison in native plant species. Native WA animals are relatively immune to the poison because they have adapted to its presence in plants. One dose of poison is fatal to a dog or fox, but it would take 30 or 40 doses of the bait to kill a small native animal.

Research by Murdoch University has found that 99 per cent of monitored baits were taken by creatures other than dogs or foxes. Other creatures included 95 per cent by native animals and the remaining four per cent by other introduced species including pigs and black rats. Sites were monitored in the state's South West and Great Southern, around Jarrahdale, Dwellingup, Mt Barker and Darkan.

Many of our sheep producer members have had their livelihoods threatened by the presence of wild dogs and foxes and many sheep producers in WA actively participate in dog control programs across communities and regions. These effective and successful control programs can be undermined if certain property owners are not permitted to actively participate in baiting programmes as this allows feral animals to avoid baited areas thereby undermining the most effective method of control.

WAFarmers recommends the use of 1080 should be permitted under normal best practice on organic farms and should not be restricted to use only for emergency pest management situations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Park".

Dale Park  
President