



## BACKGROUND TO RESOLUTION

### REASON FOR THE MOVE:

The Dingo Sanctuary's Lease expires in November 2006, making their future at the present location insecure. Relocating to Wirrimbirra will give them a more permanent home, and a far better home for the dingoes.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

SF = Stead Foundation  
 WS = Wirrimbirra Sanctuary  
 ANDCS = Australian Native Dog Conservation Society  
 DS = Dingo Sanctuary  
 DPI = Department of Primary Industries  
 MOU = Memorandum of Understanding

### WHY WIRIMBIRRA?

- The ANDCS would like to stay in the local area and a 5-year search has not found any other suitable location.
- The objects of both organisations are similar, including the conservation of and research into Australian native fauna.
- The Stead Board sees it as an opportunity to extend the work done by David G. Stead and Thistle Harris with regard to the conservation of Australian species.
- We see it as an opportunity to expand the attraction of Wirrimbirra to visitors, especially those outside the region who are not frequent visitors at present.
- It will allow much better use of Wirrimbirra's facilities (cafe, accommodation).
- We see the opportunity to expand the volunteer base for WS, which is desperately needed.
- It will bring in additional sponsorship and revenue, greater than the expenses involved.

### BACKGROUND RESEARCH:

The following issues have been researched by both the Stead Foundation and the Australian Native Dog Conservation Society, individually and/or together.

#### ANIMAL WELFARE:

- Expert opinion (Dr. Alan Wilton and Barry Oakman)
- DPI Regulations
- Council Regulations
- Animal enclosure facilities

#### OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

- Constitutional review
- Legal and commercial due diligence
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Budget – the trading surplus from the DS last year was \$6,200, and the cash flow from WS in the last financial year was + \$4,777. Cost savings can be expected from both organisations operating jointly on the same site.
- The name "Wirrimbirra Sanctuary" will remain as the name of the joint operation.

#### STAKEHOLDER ISSUES:

- Public meeting
- SF Members meetings
- Consultation with National Trust
- Flora and Fauna surveys of proposed site
- Site survey
- Wollondilly Shire Council regarding land use

Detailed information on any of the above research is available from the Stead Foundation if required.

### OVERLEAF – DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL

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### NUMBER OF DINGOES

- A map of the area within the Sanctuary and detailed map of the proposed dingo site are enclosed.
- The ANDCS will initially have to relocate up to 42 dingoes currently housed at the DS. However, 17 of these animals are over the age of 12 years, which is above the average life expectancy of a captive dingo.
- The long-term maximum number of adult dingoes at WS will be 34 (as per the MOU). This number will include Wirrimbirra's existing two dingoes.

### DINGO ENCLOSURES

- DPI minimum enclosure size requirement is 220 square metres per pair of dingoes (increased from 100 square metres approximately 2 years ago).
- All proposed enclosure sizes exceed the minimum, with the average size being 252 square metres, which is larger than the current average at the DS.
- The external security fence will be screened in public areas, initially by brush fencing and eventually by landscaping. The dingo runs will begin 5 metres inside the security fence in public areas.
- The enclosures will be designed to minimise disturbance to the bush, and will be similar to the existing dingo enclosure at Wirrimbirra.

### SANCTUARY MANAGEMENT

- It is proposed that the Sanctuary will be operated by a Management Committee comprising equal numbers of members from both the SF and the ANDCS (as per the MOU attached).
- The Stead Foundation will continue to exist, the Stead Board will meet regularly, and there will be an AGM as usual.
- The Management Committee will report formally to the Foundation at least twice a year.

### COST OF RELOCATION

All costs involved with the relocation of the Dingo Sanctuary to Wirrimbirra will be met by the ANDCS.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- All surveys
- Legal advice
- Development Application
- Cost of additional DPI Licence
- Fencing
- Dingo housing
- Relocation of existing storage room
- Provision of services to the area

NB – The ANDCS has funds set aside for the move. Their day-to-day running account is separate, so relocation costs do not affect their operational budget.