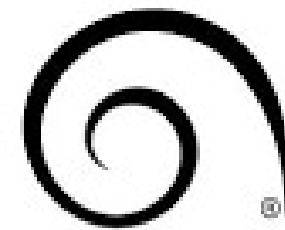


# The Sheep's Back Autumn Optimiser Wild Dog Management



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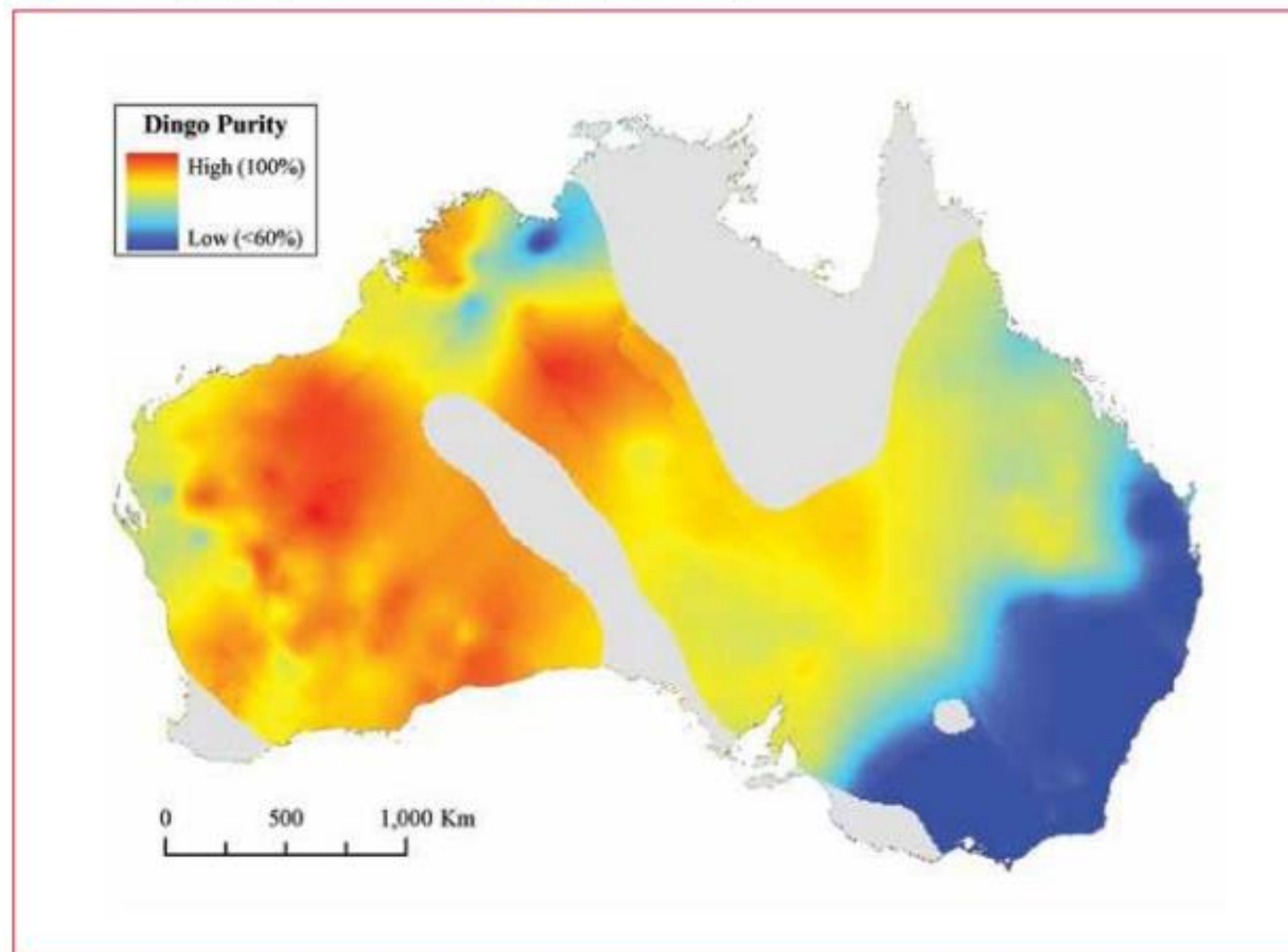
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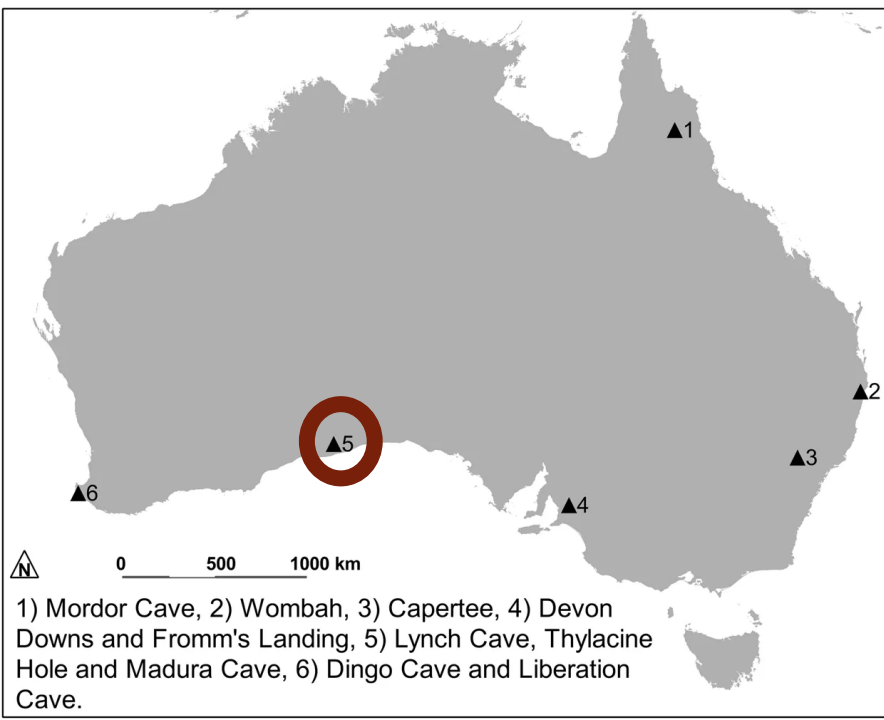
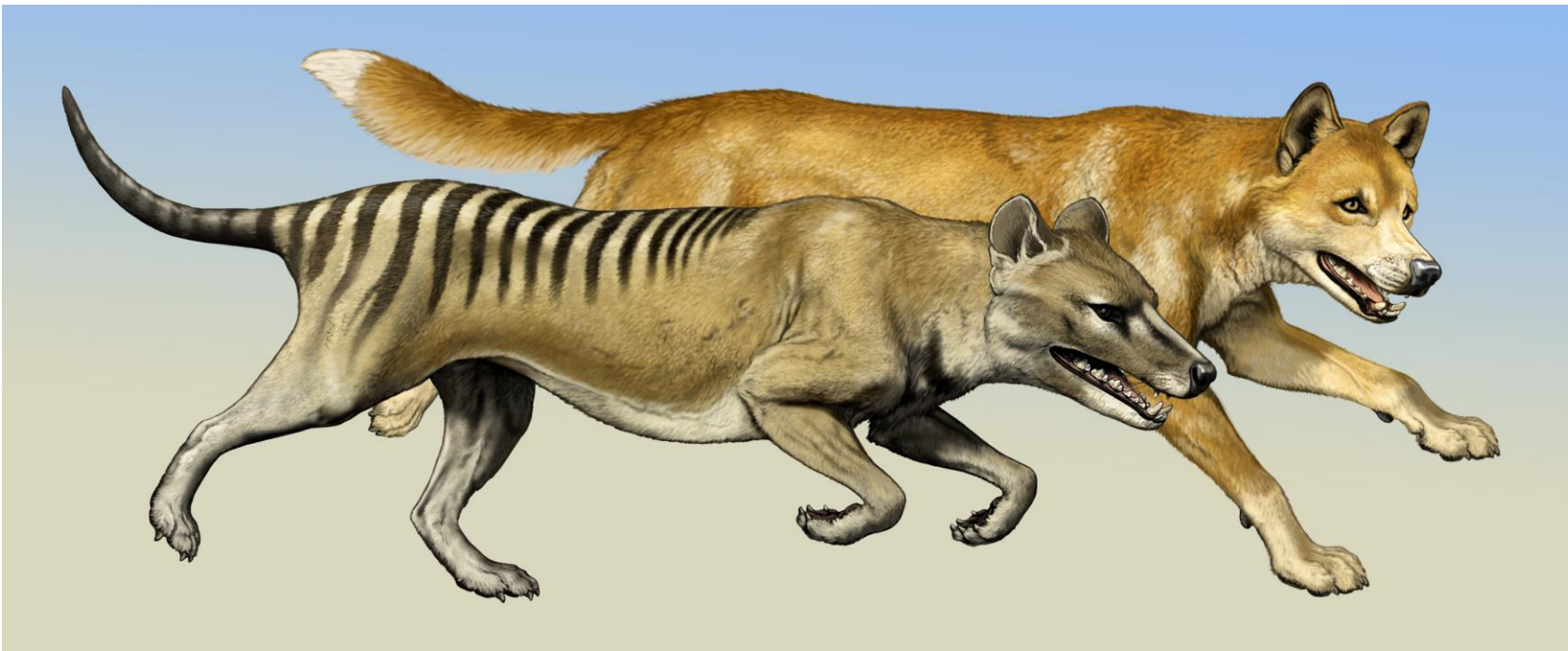
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**Figure 2:** Dingo purity from DNA samples (Stephens 2011)



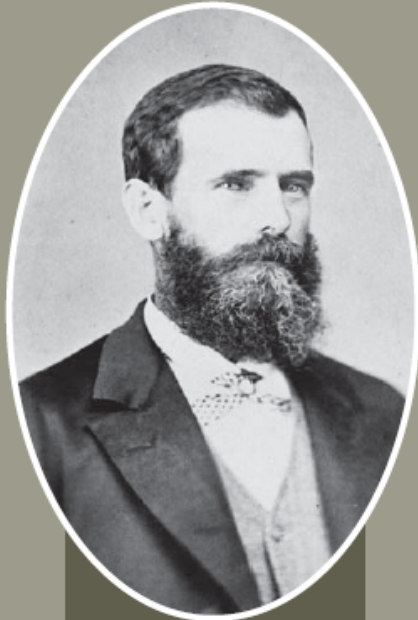
*Note: Unsampled areas shown in grey.*



Oldest dingo bones in Australia found on the Nullarbor have been accurately dated between **3348 and 3081** years old. Estimating the first dingos arrived **3500** years ago.

Tasmanian tiger and devil populations began waning **3000** years ago around the same period on the mainland.

# Old Stock Route Trail



In 1866, E. T. Hooley pioneered Stock Route 9701 when he drove 1,945 sheep from the Geraldine Mine to the Fortescue River, incredibly with the loss of only eight sheep.

Edward T. Hooley (c1880). Courtesy of Royal Western Australian Historical Society (Inc).

## *Journey onwards to:*

**Tallering Peak and Gorges**  
(access via Wandina Station, contact Station Manager on 9962 9597)

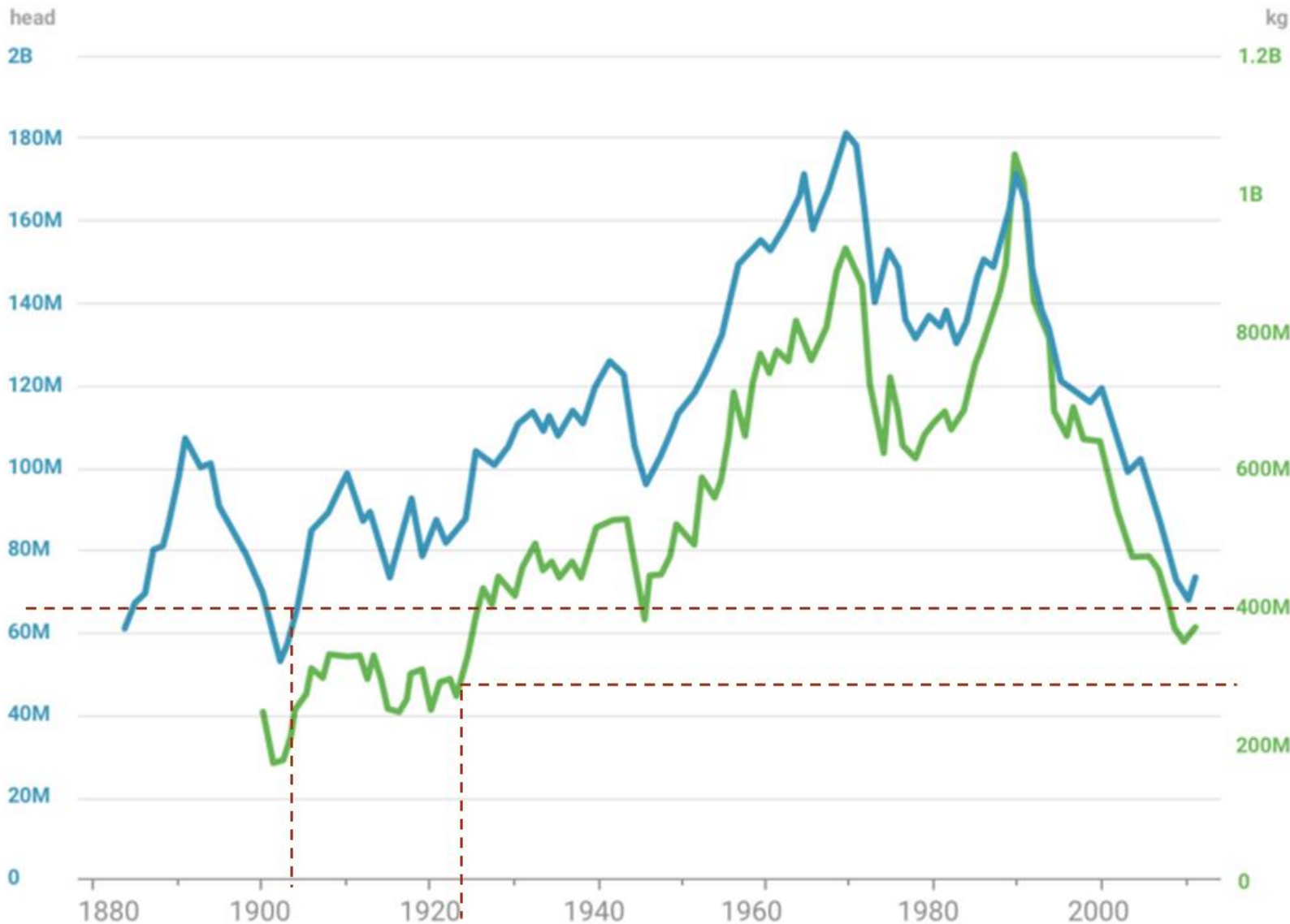
**Murchison Settlement**  
(more info at Shire of Murchison. Phone 9963 7999)

**Wool Wagon Pathway**  
(more info at [www.australiasgoldenoutback.com](http://www.australiasgoldenoutback.com))





# Australian Sheep Stock and Wool Production

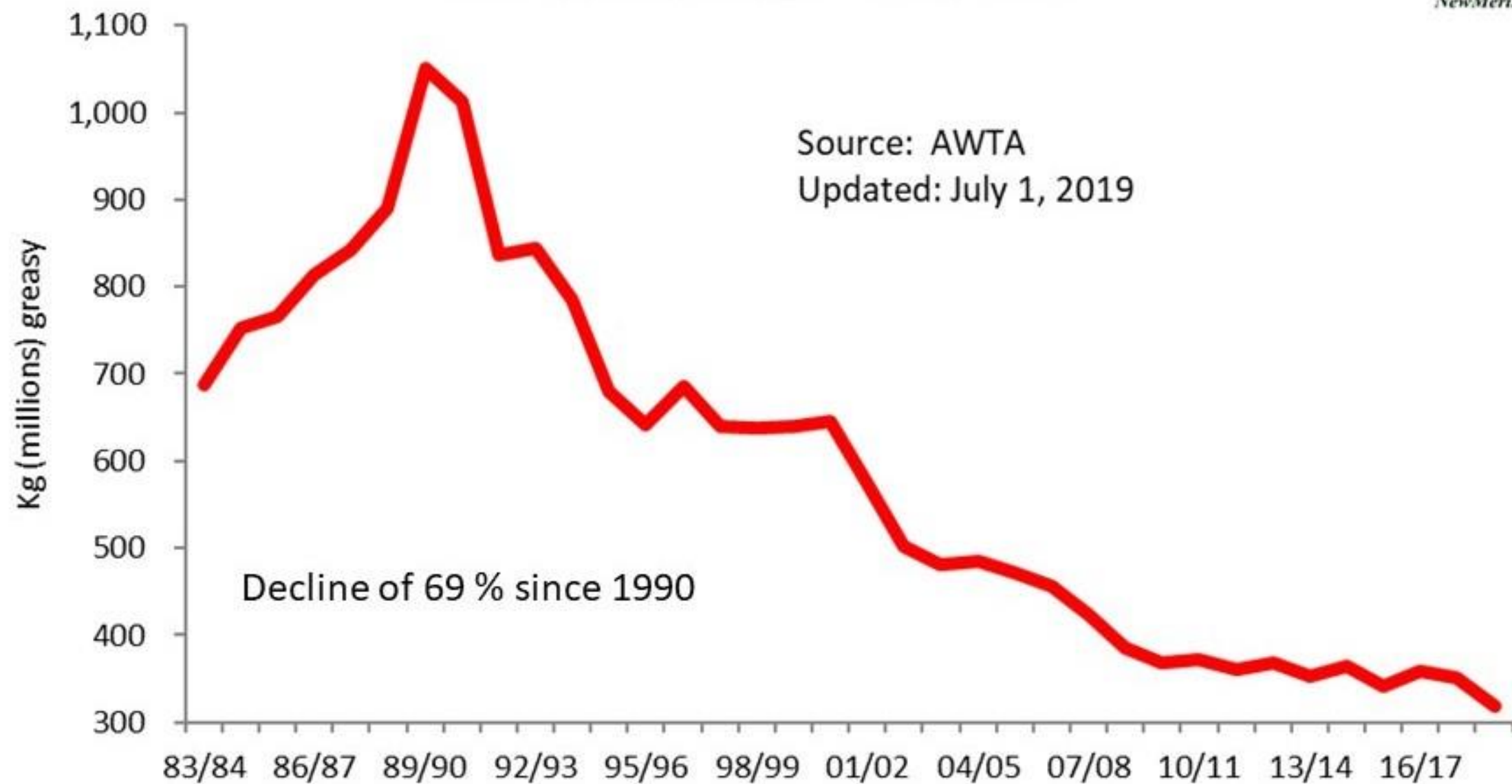


## 2020 Forecast

National sheep flock 63.7 million  
lowest number since 1904

National wool production 272 mkg greasy  
lowest number since 1925

## Total Wool Production - 1983 - 2019





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# Key components of the Western Australian Wild Dog Action Plan 2016-2021

1	Repair and maintain the existing 1190km long State Barrier Fence using a model that maximises Aboriginal employment - \$4,800,000. Aboriginal contracts have been awarded to registered Aboriginal businesses to replace and repair old fence infrastructure. A panel of Aboriginal businesses is being established to continue these works in 2018/19, 19/20 and 20/21.	4,800,000	SBF
2	Funding eight additional Licensed Pest Management Technicians via Biosecurity Groups over three years - \$2,360,000. The eight 'Doggers' are employed until 2019/20 and focus their efforts on government lands and adjacent properties.	2,360,000	LPMT
3	Murdoch University Veterinary Graduate Program to sterilise dogs in Aboriginal communities over the next three years - \$165,000. This will assist to protect the genetic integrity of the dingo and reduce wild dog impacts on the livestock industry.	165,000	Sterilise
4	4. Rangelands Cell Fencing Program - \$2,550,000 State and \$2,000,000 Federal funding to contribute to four demonstration cell fences in the WA rangelands	4,550,000	Cell Fencing
5	Employment of a DPIRD Project Manager and Development Officer over four years \$1,000,000 plus the delivery of community engagement \$200,000.	1,200,000	DPIRD Employees
6	Wild Dog research and development (R&D) - \$615,000. Employment of an early career research officer working on wild dog R&D initiatives and developing a competitive R&D grant.	615,000	R&D
7	Seek approvals and build the 660km long proposed extension to the State Barrier Fence in the Shires of Ravensthorpe and Esperance (the Esperance Extension - \$6,900,000). Refer to the Esperance extension	6,900,000	Esperance Fence
8	Capacity building and skills development in wild dog management (\$1,500,000 in Federal funds). This includes Biosecurity Group wild dog management capacity building grants, monitoring and evaluation and an R&D contribution.	1,500,000	Federal Grant
		<b>22,090,000</b>	

New Wild Dog Action Plan is currently under construction

## Other Wild Dog Funding

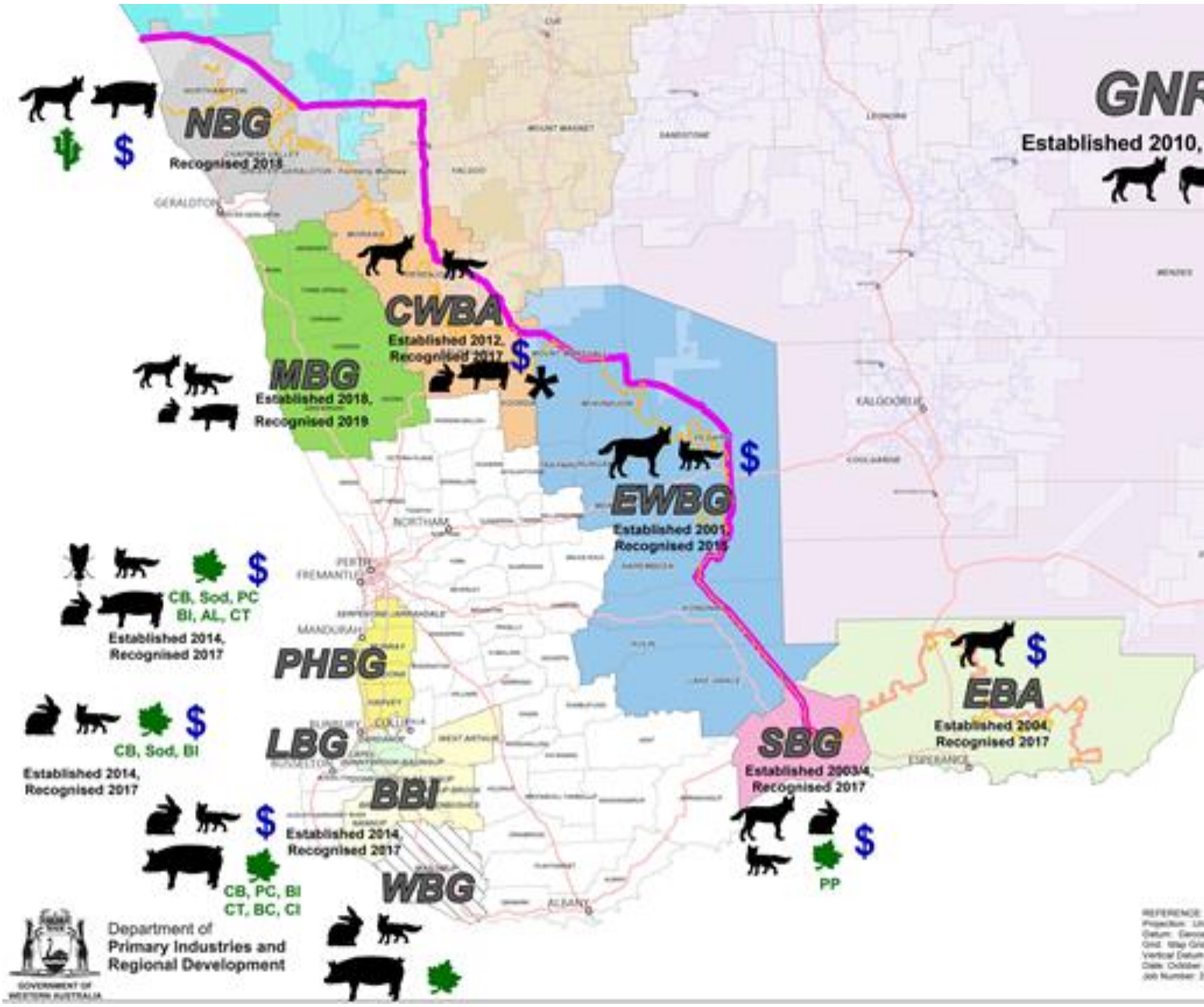
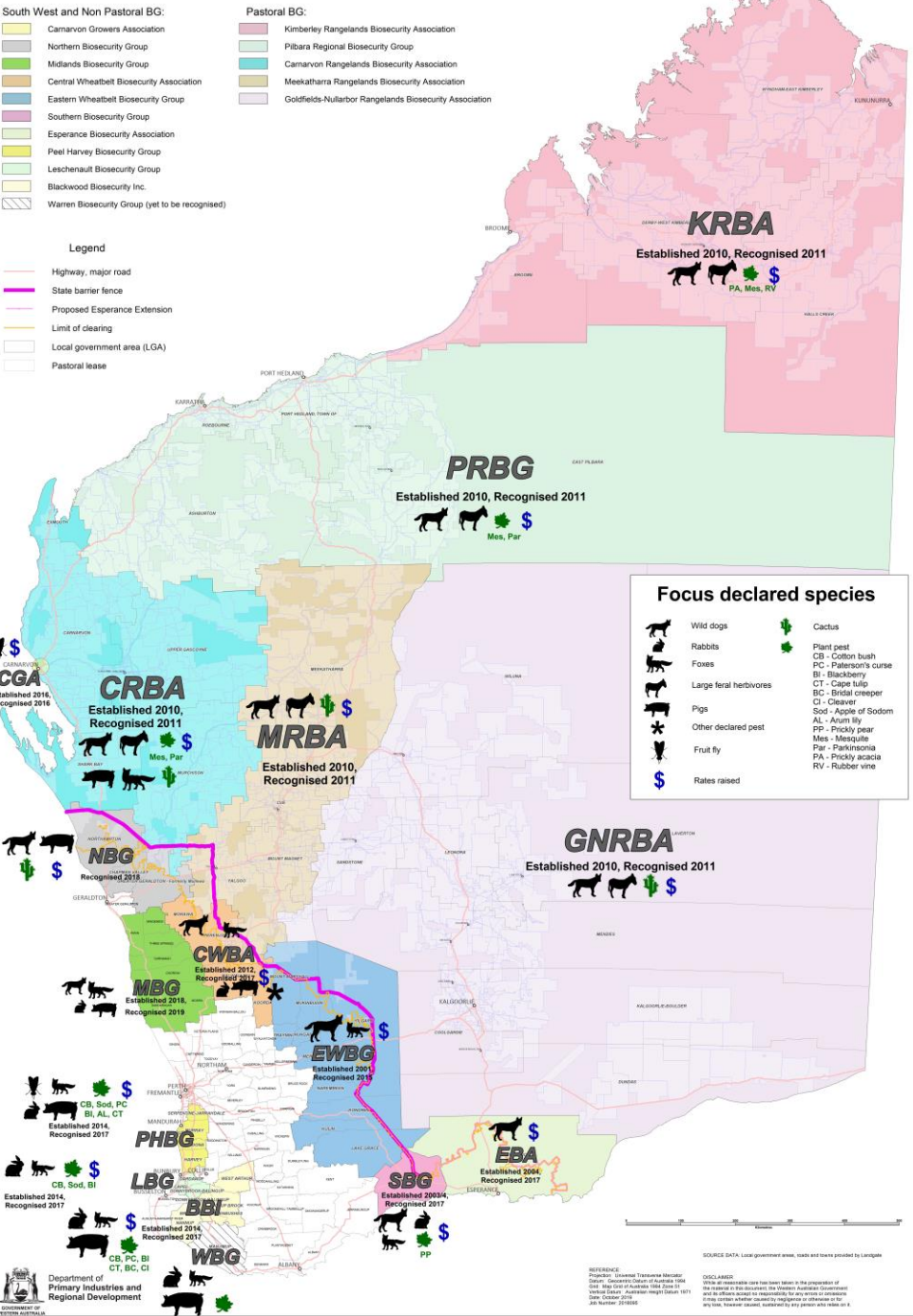
- IFS Sheep and Goat
- RBG State and Landholder Funding
- AWI Fencing Unit

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<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/invasive-species/western-australian-wild-dog-action-plan-2016-2021>



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