



SUBMISSION TO PARLIMENTARY COMMITTEE RE DINGO BARRIER FENCE

Before colonization of Australia, it was a country very much divided into huge paddocks. The boundaries of these paddocks were the waterless plains. The native animals were restricted in their travel patterns by the lack of water.

Today, there is manmade water infrastructure that ensures that they can move when an area is in drought. This allows herds of native and feral species to migrate without restriction. The original Dingo Barrier Fence was previously the only barrier to stifle these migrations. It stopped wild dogs, as well as kangaroos and other feral animals. It was reinforced by a network of private netting fences. These fences were composed of “chicken wire” type netting supported by many plain wires and posts dug deep into the ground. That was back in the 1800’s.

Most graziers today regret when netting disappeared from boundary fences and 3 or 4 barbs replaced it. With barbed wire, animals discovered that the barbs only slowed them. This type of fencing became an obstacle, not a barrier. An electric Barrier fence would provide a greater deterrent for animals trying to pass through. Animals are smart. They soon get to know that the particular fence will “bite” and they never attempt to pass. While a normal fence is just an obstacle that they can find or make a hole in.

When people propose netting today, they are referring to ring lock and hinge joint type fencing supported on poor quality imported posts that have a short lifespan. It has proven that it is a short term solution.

No wonder there is dispute about what type of fence to put up. There are multinational companies all advocating that their product is best and most suitable. However, fencing suppliers should be sourced locally, as they are most familiar with the types of issues that Queensland farmers face.

Electric fencing is relatively new as of last century. And it took many years for the product to “come of age”. Cows will stay behind simple electric fencing. But feral animals need a multistrand fence that is a reasonable barrier in itself, enhanced by the electric technology of this century.

MONITORED ELECTRIC FENCING is the up and coming modern fencing. It is now available and proving its worth around the World. Here in Queensland we have a leader in this technology.

This Brisbane based Company is the World leader and the equipment is made right here locally. These electric fences even provide a deterrent for larger animals in Africa such as elephants and lions. They also act as security fences keeping homes safe in South Africa. Due to its proven

effectiveness in these areas, monitored electric fencing will provide a solid barrier, keeping out wild dogs.

Monitored Electric Fencing works. And the maintenance cost is insignificant when compared with the proposed netting style fence. And when combined with our Aluminium Posts (Australian made) and erected by our Fencing System (Queensland made), it can stretch double the distance per dollar and be erected in a short time, using local labour.

All of this can be achieved with locally made products and people.

There are 2 websites that explain how and both are Queensland private companies.

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Yours Sincerely

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