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From the Office of the Mayor

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The Research Director Mr Rob Hansen Agriculture and Environment Committee Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000



Dear Mr Hansen,

Inquiry into Barrier Fences in Queensland

At the meeting of the Maranoa Regional Wild Dog Advisory Group held on Monday 23 November 2015, your letter advising that the Queensland Parliament's Agriculture and Environment Committee had resolved to investigate and report on the management of barrier fences by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board (DDMRB) was tabled for discussion.

At the general meeting of Council held on Wednesday 9 December 2015, Council resolved (GM/12.2015/14) to write a formal response incorporating the committee's recommendations that:

- 1. The Wild Dog Barrier Fence continue to be maintained as a multipurpose barrier, not only for the control of wild dogs, but also to mitigate the potential spread of disease; and
- 2. A review of the fence alignment through the Maranoa Regional Council area be undertaken if a major upgrade is to occur (with a view to straightening the fence for efficiency and ongoing maintenance requirements); and
- 3. Where restoration or replacement of the existing barrier fence is required, new products/materials for exclusion fencing be used in restorative works; and
- 4. The Wild Dog Barrier Fence be re-named "The Wild Dog Barrier & Bio-Security Fence".

Maranoa Regional Council Cnr Bungil & Quintin Streets Roma Queensland 4455 P 1300 007 662 F 07 4624 6990 www.maranoa.qld.gov.au Postal Address PO Box 620 Roma Queensland 4455 ABN: 99 324 089 164 The management and maintenance of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence by officers of Department of Agriculture and Fisheries meets a high standard of barrier, protecting stock, crops and natural vegetation from introduced feral species.

By implementing changed practices and processes over the years of managing and maintaining this protection fence shows that the Department Officers are displaying initiative to meet the needs of an evolving holistic environment.

If you need more information regarding this matter please contact Kay Crosby on 1300 007 662.

Yours sincerely /7

Robert Loughnan Mayor