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The Research Director Agriculture and Environment Committee

Dear Sir. We wish to lodge a submission in relation to your inquiry into the future management of Queenslands rabbit fence.

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Sir. We John S.and Beryl J. Fearby being owners of lot 38 W311490 and Glen R.Fearby being owner of lot 122 W312048 Parish of Melcomb wish to lodge our objection to any likely decrease in State Government funding to the Darling Downs, Morton Rabbit Board.

Our objection is based on the following.

# Any reduction in maintaining of the existing fence will provide an opportunity for rabbits to enter this area.

#We are located in close proximity to the highly productive Fassifern horticultural region. #We are aware of rabbit numbers increaseing in the Dalveen and Karara localities since the removal of grids on major roads.

#We acknowledge the role science has played in controlling rabbit numbers in recent years, however there is no guarantee of future control methods.

In conclusion we consider it would indeed be a short sighted move to jeopardise a highly productive vegetable growing area which are in close proximity to South East Queenslands densely populated areas.

Thank you. Yours faithfully

