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The continued maintenance of the Rabbit Fence Barrier serves two purposes.

1. As a resident living on the Qld. side of the Rabbit fence, and as someone who has, on many occasions, with members of the Fassifern Field Naturalists Club, viewed the impact and numbers of rabbits on the NSW side of the fence when spotlighting at night whilst on Field Nats Camps in in the White Swamp and Koreelah areas, we can only appreciate the importance of maintaining the Rabbit Fence. Occasionally a rabbit may be encountered on the Qld side of the fence but this is very rare especially in the Scenic Rim area, so we can verify that the current maintenance of the fence is serving a very important barrier to the migration and infestation of this feral species. We would hate to see this maintenance program discontinued as the resultant damage to the adjacent, and over the years, further afield, pastoral, dairying and grazing lands and also the natural environment would be severe and past history shows just how serious a problem a rabbit infestation can become.

2. The maintained Rabbit Fence also serves another purpose, especially in our beautiful scenic border areas. It provides walking access for bushwalkers to areas of our natural environment which would, over time, become inaccessible and overgrown, should the cleared fence lines be left un-maintained regularly. Bushwalkers, such as the Fassifern Field Nats and others, regularly schedule walks and field outings to areas accessed along the rabbit fence especially around the Boonah Border Gate area and the Wilsons Peak area. Habitats along and adjacent to these fence lines are varied and of great interest to bushwalkers and those interested in the natural environment so not continuing this management of Queensland's rabbit fence would also impact this area of tourism with walkers from far and wide currently using these cleared trails.

As members of the Fassifern Field Naturalists we ask that you consider our submission for the continuation of the Maintenance program of the Qld. rabbit fence.

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