

To: The Research Director,  
Agriculture and Environment Committee  
Parliament House  
Brisbane, Qld – 4000

Secretary  
Bremer Catchment Association Inc  
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Ipswich, Qld. 4304  
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29-02-2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Management of Wild Dogs/Pigs/Rabbit barrier.

Submission of Concern.

On behalf of the Bremer Catchment Association Inc (BCA) members, I am referring to the above mentioned issue.

The fence provides a significant opportunity in controlling and managing environmental effects such as erosion, clearly observed historically through over-population of animals such as rabbits (i.e. decline of vegetation, effects of extensive burrowing, ring-barking of trees).

Our members, who also constitute many farmers within the Bremer Catchment, have expressed their concern about the migration of wild dogs/pigs and rabbits. Reporting of rabbit sighting has increased. Cost for deep-ripping destroying borrows is extremely expensive. Evidence of wild pigs, for example, has shown to cause extreme damage to crops in the Rosevale area.

One of our members, a retired DPI Soil conservationist, explained its potential tunnelling/soil erosion devastation to agricultural and grazing lands.

Hereby it is requested by BCA:

- To improve the research and management of the said animal pests.
- To maintain the barriers in order to avoid the increasing sighting of rabbits and other mentioned pests.
- To enclose BCA on the Board's Newsletter mailing

On behalf of the Bremer Catchment Association (BCA) I am forwarding this submission of concern for your attention..

Yours faithfully,

Marianne Steentsma,

BCA Secretary