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Rabbit Fence - Queensland Border:

The rabbit-proof fence in Queensland is a pest-exclusion fence constructed between 1893 and 1997

keep rabbits out of the farming areas in Queensland.

The fence is basically our boundary with NSW.

The importance of keeping rabbits out of Queensland is paramount. Rabbits are one of Australia's

most destructive agricultural and environmental pests. It is clear that the work of the Rabbit Board

saves the local area millions of dollars per year. These savings are achieved through better stocking

rates, less accidents due to the absence of rabbit burrows, a more productive small crops industry and

less land degradation.

My forebears the Drynan Family have been members of the Rabbit Board since the inception and saw the

benefits of maintaining the fence over a long period. On our property we muster the cattle on horses so

from a safety point it would be dangerous to ride where the rabbit burrows are.

It does concern me that the Rabbit Fence may not continue to be maintained.

Therefore I do urge

the Government to consider this proposal very carefully. On the land we have enough to contend with

e.g. wild dogs, noxious weeds etc and certainly do not want rabbits to be added to the list. I live and farm in the Scenic Rim.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Drynan.