

Submission to QLD Parliaments Agriculture and Environment Committee
on Government funding for fencing to control wild dog numbers in Western Queensland

To whom it may concern

I have little time to write this, as its been a difficult 18 months as a wool grower with the drought in Western Queensland. To be brief, I am concerned that:

- 1 It appears that Government 'wild dog' funds may be spent to assist a very small number of landholders to construct new fences to protect against dogs, and to keep control on kangaroo numbers.
- 2 For the majority of properties outside these cluster fences, the **PROBLEM WILL GET WORSE** - dogs will be funnelled away from the clusters and into the areas without Government funded fences.
- 3 If this is the intent of the program, it does not seem very fair? Cluster fencing would also increase the land value of the enclosed properties.

With limited government funds, what do we do about the increasing dog numbers and the effect on livestock production (particularly sheep)? Perhaps an answer is to construct 2 or 3 very large fenced areas per Regional Shire Council area - depending on the topography of creeks and rivers etc.

Please think carefully before putting Government funds into limited 'clusters'.

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