From:

Agriculture and Environment Committee

**Subject:** Re:Barrier fence review

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## To the committee reviewing the Barrier fence.

I have a property 35 kilometres north of Chinchilla which is surrounded by the barrier fence on two sides.

I have many points to say but will only talk about the most important ,because time is limited.

Firstly I had no idea there was a board in my 30 years of contacting different people no one has ever mention this

The practice of grading dirt on to the fence has been a disaster, where the top soil has been taken away from years of this practise,

the water soluble clay underneath just washes away and has created large gully erosion.

the barrier fence has had to be moved into our property after the fence fell down.

This practise makes it difficult to drive along in the wet as a hole is left.

In the last ten years the grading had stopped in the highly erodible soil near Caanan creek, after much trouble on my part.

Now The management have bought a new dozer and the patrol man is using it to clear trees further out from the fence.

He has pushed trees into the creek, when the law for everyone else is you cant clear with in 100 metres from this creek.

The wild dogs are the most numerous they have been for 30 years.

I told management of 4 holes in the fence, the patrol man said he fixed it but there were still 3 holes left.

They need to advertise for workers a lot more, as there are a lot of people out of work in this area.

The people on the fence need wire strainers to strain up the wires holding the netting ,when a wallaby hits the netting it wont rip it then.

Regards

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Ps I don't know how to do an electronic signature Please ring me for verification, around noon.