



DOG FENCE B O A R D

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Quarterly Report from the Dog Fence Board on the activities of the Inspector of Dog Fences

November 2017-February 2018

Fence inspection

An inspection of the fence was conducted from 1-9 February, starting at Fowlers Bay and finishing at Witchelina. This western section of the fence covers about 1,440 kilometres. The section of the fence that was inspected is shown in Figure 1.

Fence maintenance

Unless stated below, the fence is in good condition and will keep wild dogs from crossing to the south.

Fowlers Bay

- Wombats have been digging near the highway and will require wire mesh footings.

Penong

- An 8.3 km of section of fence that was damaged by fire about three years ago has deteriorated and will need replacing.
- A further 15 km of fence needs to be upgraded with new posts, droppers and a top wire.

Pureba

- A 3 km section of fence (between Nurka Gate and where the electric fence starts) that was damaged by fire about three years ago has deteriorated and will need replacing.
- Sand has been cleared from the fence by the patrolman.

Malbooma

- The maintenance track along the fence is in poor condition and the vegetation has grown, making one third of the fence section increasingly difficult to inspect. One kangaroo hole in the fence was noted.

Mulgathing

- The vegetation has grown making inspection of the fence difficult. Two kangaroo holes in the fence were noted near the grid at the start of this fence section.

Millers Creek



- An increase in damage caused by kangaroos was noted in this section of fence. In some places, the wire mesh has been torn from the fence. Emergency repair work was undertaken, but is to be completed by the patrolman.
- The maintenance track at the creek crossing 6 km west of the Anna Creek/Billa Kalina boundary is in very poor condition and requires immediate attention.

Parakylia

- The damage caused by kangaroos continues into this section of fence. There were a lot dead kangaroos along this section of fence.

Roxby Downs

- The damage caused by kangaroos continues into this section of fence. The fence is weak in parts due to age and will require attention soon.

Mulgaria

- The damage caused by kangaroos continues into this section of fence, with seven kangaroo holes were noted in this section of fence. There were a lot of dead kangaroos along this section of fence.

Witchelina

- Most of this fence has recently been upgraded, with new droppers installed and the height of the fence raised.

Baiting

- Nil

Personnel

- Met with the patrolman at Coober Pedy for a discussion about the fence.

Assets

- Nil

Other

- Signs have been erected on the gates at:
 - Fowlers Bay – advising of no public thoroughfare, and for the gate to remain closed at all times;
 - Lake Everard – to direct traffic around the sand dunes (instead of over them)
- Vegetation along the fence between Malbooma and Commonwealth Hill needs to be managed. Overgrown vegetation makes maintenance and inspection of the fence difficult.
- No live wild dogs were observed during the inspection.
- About 8-10 dead wild dogs were observed north of the Balta Baltana section of the fence. It is most likely these dogs died from recent poison baiting.
- About 8-10 feral cats were observed during the inspection. This is more cats than are usually observed. Cat traps are being set along the enclosure fence at Roxby Downs (John Read project).



Figure 1: The Dog Fence between Fowlers Bay and Witchelina was inspected in February 2018.

