



## **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**

**February 2018- May 2018**

#### **Fence inspection**

An inspection of the fence was conducted from Mulyungarie to Roxby Downs. This eastern section of the fence covers about 820 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.

##### *Mulyungarie to Erudina*

- The fence condition is relatively unchanged since the last inspection. The patrolman is repairing tear holes in the fence caused by a large number of kangaroos.
- There has been an increase in the numbers of dogs seen and shot on the outside of the fence. The patrolman continues to bait this section of the fence.

##### *Wertaloona*

- The fence condition is relatively unchanged. The patrolman is repairing tear holes in the fence caused by kangaroos. There is some sand drift that has lowered the height of the fence and so will require some topping. The mesh to upgrade the last 16 km of electric fence has been delivered on site. This will be completed as soon as possible.

##### *Balcanoona and Wooltana*

- The upgrade from electric fence to 5 foot mesh fencing is complete. This has strengthened this fence.

##### *Moolawatana*

- The fence has been strengthened with 70 km of electric fence upgraded to 5 foot mesh fencing. A large number of wild dogs (42) were observed in the north-east corner of Moolawatana along 11 km of the fence. In one case, five dogs attacked and killed a sixth dog for feed. A further 30 km of fence is to be upgraded in the hills around Prospect Hill. This upgrade should start in June.



### *Mt Freeling*

- This fence was upgraded about two years ago and is still in good condition, but floodgate needs to be lifted as it is hanging too low.

### *Mt Lyndhurst*

- A contractor has completed additional work on this section. He has replaced some corner box sections (the assembly that holds the strainer post upright), and fixed some track access gates to make them swing. New star droppers and strained top wires have made the fence stronger.

### *Wilpoorinna*

- This fence will require upgrading soon. The flood gate at the sandy creek needs lifting before the rains come. The patrolman has been made aware of this.

### *Mundowdna*

- A part of this fence was upgraded about two years ago and is still in good condition; the remainder of the fence will need to be upgraded in the near future. The maintenance track for this fence will need some repair work once environmental conditions are suitable.

### *Muloorina*

- This fence was upgraded one year ago, including a new section along Lake Harry and on the western side along Finniss Springs. Mesh topping has been added to the fence around Crows' Nest Bore to increase the height.

### *Callanna*

- This fence was upgraded about two years ago and is still in good condition, though emus are causing the footings to curl up by walking on it. The patrolman will fix this in the near future.

### *Witchelina*

- A contractor recently upgraded part of this fence with topping and additional star droppers for reinforcement.

### *Mulgaria*

- The fence condition is relatively unchanged since the last inspection. The patrolman is repairing tear holes in the fence caused by a large number of kangaroos. The bottom mesh will also need to be replaced due to rust.
- There has been an increase in the numbers of dogs seen and shot on the outside of the fence. The patrolman continues to bait this section of the fence.

### **Personnel**

- The Inspector met with the patrolman at Frome and Marree for a discussion about the fence.

### **Assets**

- Nil

### **Other**

- The Inspector will be doing some more injecting of baits over the next weeks.



Figure 1: The Dog Fence between Mulyungarie and Roxby Downs was inspected in May 2018.

