

Dog Fence Board

Activity, Inspection & Condition Report

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Objective

The purpose of this quarterly report is to provide stakeholders with a clear and comprehensive overview of the Dog Fence Board's activities for the reporting period. It outlines strategic and operational actions undertaken by the Board and staff, and details inspection, maintenance, and repair work delivered by local Dog Fence boards and the private owner. This report aims to keep stakeholders informed of progress, highlight key achievements, and identify any emerging issues or priorities related to the ongoing protection and performance of the Dog Fence.

Key Activities

During the reporting period:

Operational:

- Coordinated purchase and delivery of materials and equipment to patrollers for routine maintenance and repairs
- Oversight of the installation of a new grid and grid-top, and removed the existing grid in the Penong section
- Continued assessment of the condition of the Dog Fence in areas not replaced under the Rebuild Project
- Completed a search of the Central Archive for reported and registered Aboriginal objects and sites through Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (SA–NSW Fence Extension Project).
- Submitted the Monitoring Plan for Aboriginal Heritage to the Crown Solicitor's Office for review (SA–NSW Fence Extension Project)
- Submitted Acquisition Plan to the Minister of Primary Industries and Regional Development for approval for the supply of materials and the supply of fencing services (SA-NSW Fence Extension Project)
- Obtained written consent to access land to build the fence from all landholders (SA-NSW Fence Extension Project)

Recruitment and Staffing:

- Supported onboarding of new patroller, including provision of site induction, materials and operational procedures (Frome LDFB)
- Completed recruitment process for the Business Support Officer position

Technology and Innovation:

- Engaged a supplier to scope the manufacture of PVC covers for herbicide applicators
- Continued working with PIRSA Spatial team on the digital patroller reporting app
- Submitted a new business initiative proposal to replace the Board's rates database

Collaboration and Capacity Building:

- Oversaw and confirmed completion of Telstra contractor works along the Eyre Highway, including reinstatement of the Dog Fence to standard following installation of new cabling.
- Travelled the Frome section of the Dog Fence with the local board's secretary, outgoing patroller and incoming patroller as part of the fence induction process
- Sought and received permission from Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation to undertake repair and preventative works on the clay-capped sandhills along the Roxby Downs section
- Engaged with the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board, local Dog Fence boards and Livestock SA (administers of the Sheep Industry Fund) to discuss funding proposals for ongoing predator control
- Held engagement meetings with South Australian and New South Wales landholders (SA–NSW Fence Extension Project)
- Approached Epic Energy to discuss a cost-sharing proposal to replace gate with stock grid on Moolawatana
- Approached the Department of Infrastructure and Transport to discuss a cost-sharing proposal to improve the stock grid on Muloorina.

Governance and Reporting:

- Issued the 2025-26 Dog Fence inside rates
- Issued the 2024-25 Dog Fence outside levies
- Undertook collection of rates and levies
- Submitted Progress Report to the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development in accordance with the Service Contract (SA-NSW Fence extension project)
- Paid fence maintenance subsidies to local boards and private owner
- Completed Annual Financial Audit and presented the report to the Minister of Primary Industries and Regions
- Commenced the 2024-25 audit process for all local Dog Fence boards

Inspections and Patrols

During the reporting period the Dog Fence Board undertook the following inspections:

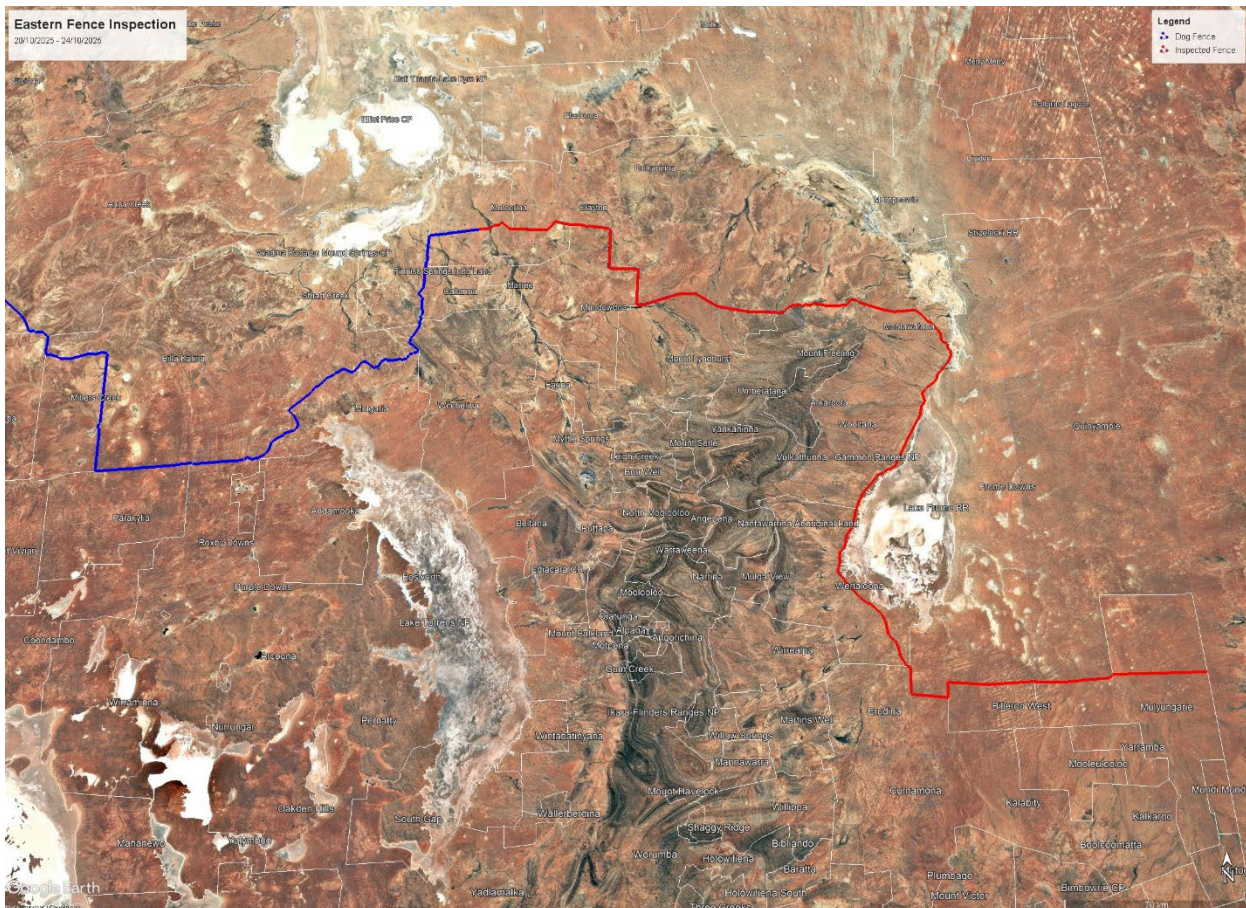
Eastern Fence Inspection

20/10/2025 – 24/10/2025

Sections Inspected: Frome, Marree

Inspected by: Auditor, Dog Fence Maintenance

- Conducted site induction with new patroller
- Inspected and surveyed the floodgate on Wooltana following a significant water event and arranged for debris to be cleared by a contractor
- Identified that the grid alarm on Mt Hopeless Road had been tampered with and reinstated the motion alarm sensor
- Recorded materials stored in containers for inventory and asset records
- Collected material for delivery to the Penong Local Dog Fence Board for use as foot-mesh replacement
- Observed the Muloorina grid full of sand and submitted a request to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport for immediate clean-out
- Noted sand movement along the Erudina section due to dry conditions, with patroller to continue monitoring
- Noted minimal vegetation growth along the Fence due to dry conditions
- Observed very little wild dog activity
- All grid alarms were operational, and fence remained dog-proof unless otherwise stated







Debris caught in new Floodgate – Wooltana (Frome)



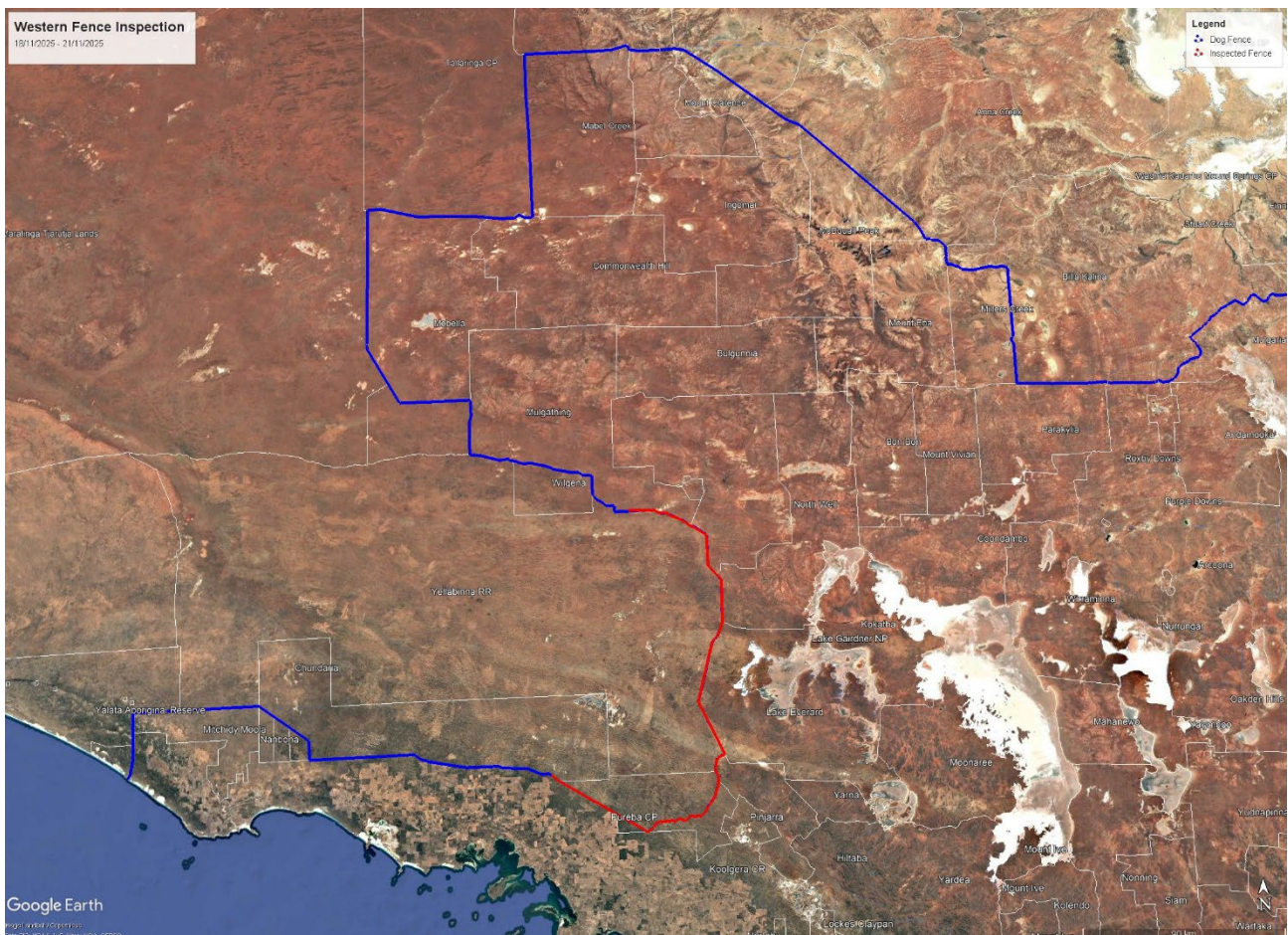
Dirt build up in stock grid – Muloorina (Marree)

Western Fence Inspection

18/11/2025 – 21/11/2025

Sections inspected: Northwest Private, Penong
 Inspected by: Auditor, Dog Fence Maintenance

- Delivered materials for lap-replacement works
- Delivered large batteries for use in electric fence energiser boxes
- Significant rainfall occurred along parts of the Fence, with no damage observed
- Noted vegetation regrowth on Malbooma section, consisted mostly of annual plants
- Observed dog and wombat activity along the Wilgena section of fence
- Noted little camel activity in the area
- All grid alarms were operational, and fence remained dog-proof unless otherwise stated



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Local Dog Fence Boards & Private Owner

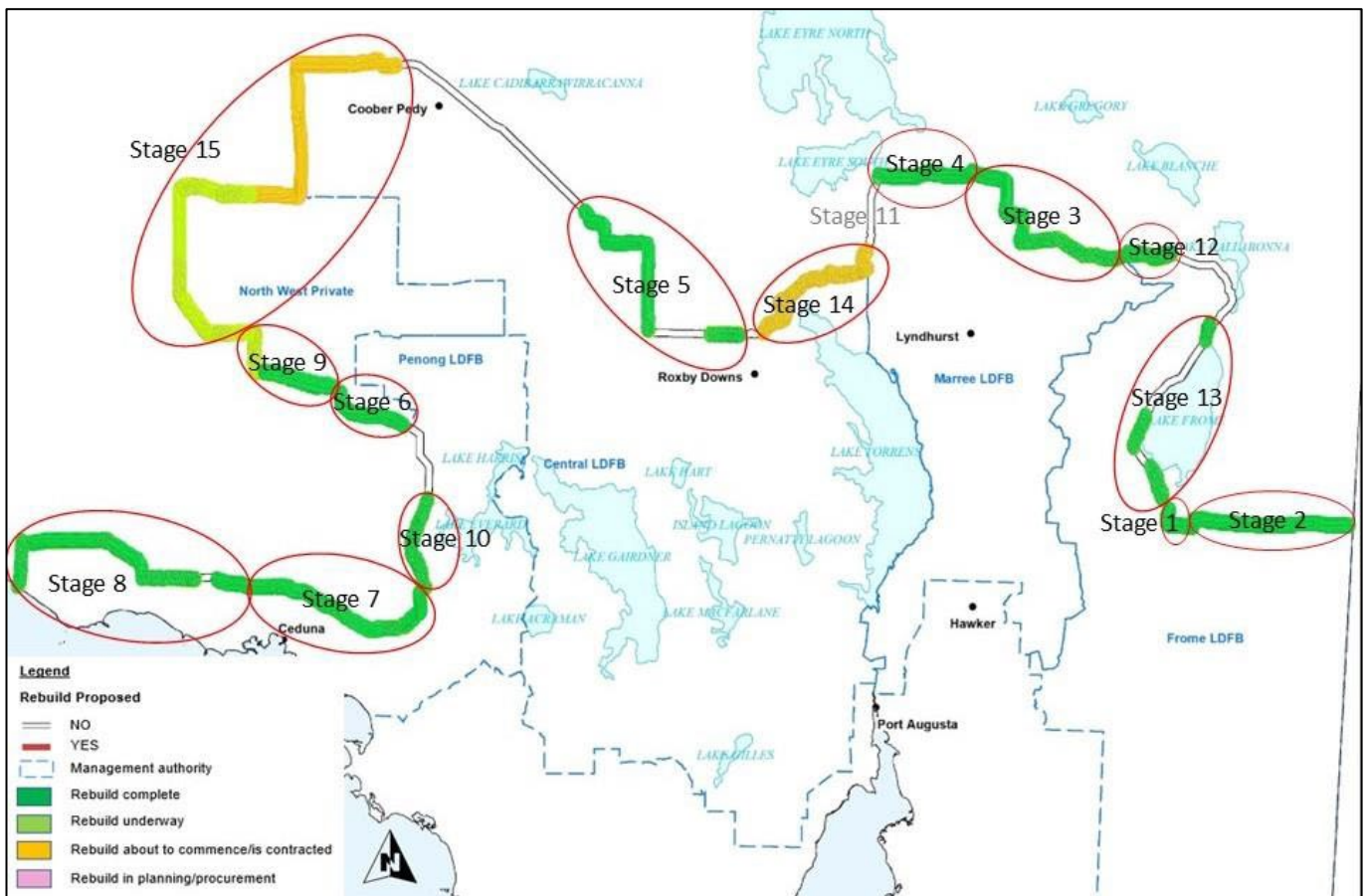
During the reporting period:

- The fence was inspected a minimum of every 14 days by the Penong, Northwest Private, Central, Marree and Frome patrollers.
- Patrolmen baited at a rate of 1 bait per 1 kilometre, or 1 bait per 200 metres where there was dog activity.
- Patrollers reported wild dog activity in all sections.
- Wombat activity south of the Eyre Highway towards the coast. An electric fence has been installed on the inside of the fence (Penong)
- Camels reported causing fence damage along Mabel Creek (Central)
- Pegs have been installed on the sandy sections of Millers Creek and Parakylia (Central)
- Large numbers of kangaroos and emus reported along the fence.

Dog Fence Rebuild

Progress as of 31 August 2024

Rebuild completed	1092.5 kilometres
Rebuild underway	385.5 kilometres
Rebuild about to commence/contracted	122 kilometres
Rebuild planning/procurement underway	0 kilometres



Frome Local Dog Fence Board area:

- All sections proposed for rebuild in the Frome LDFB have been completed - 239 kilometres of fence built (59 per cent of fence) as part of the rebuild project.

Maree Local Dog Fence Board area:

- 221 kilometres of fence has been completed in the Marree LDFB.
- Part of the fourteenth stage is the rebuild of the fence adjacent to Witchelina (18 kilometres). Contracts have been awarded for the rebuild of the fence, which is expected to commence in early 2026.
- The completion of the fourteenth stage will see 239 kilometres of fence built in the Marree LDFB (85 percent of fence) as part of the rebuild project.

Central Local Dog Fence Board area:

- 157 kilometres of fence has been completed in the Central LDFB
- Part of the fourteenth stage is the rebuild of the fence adjacent to Mulgaria (104 kilometres). Contracts have been awarded for the rebuild of the fence, which is expected to commence in late 2025/early 2026.
- Part of the fifteenth stage is the upgrade and installation of electric fence for to deter feral camels adjacent to Mabel Creek and Mount Clarence (156 kilometres).
- When completed, 417 kilometres of fence will be built in the Central LDFB (68 per cent of fence) as part of the rebuild project.

Privately-owned Northwest section:

- 122 kilometres of fence has been completed in the north-west section.
- The ninth stage of the rebuild is 84 kilometres adjacent to Mulgathing. All clearing and grading work has been completed, 61 kilometres of fence has been completed.
- Part of the fifteenth stage of the rebuild of the Dog Fence runs adjacent to Mobella (192 kilometres) and Commonwealth Hill (21 kilometres). This rebuild requires installation and upgrade of electric fencing to deter feral camels from damaging the fence. About 76 kilometres of spacers have been tied to hand-cut posts to support the electric camel wire, and about 30 kilometres of wire has been rolled out and strained but still needs to be clipped.
- When completed, 294 kilometres of fence completed in the privately-owned north-west section (82 per cent of fence) as part of the rebuild project.

Penong Local Dog Fence Board area:

- All sections proposed for rebuild in the Penong LDFB have been completed - 349 kilometres of fence built (77 per cent of fence) as part of the rebuild project.

As of 31 October, about \$23.3 million has been spent in the rebuild of the Dog Fence. This is about 80 percent of the total project budget of \$29 million.

SA Trapper Program

The Wild Dog Trapping Program commenced in 2018 and continues to be hailed as a necessary tool in the drive to eradicate wild dogs from inside the SA Dog Fence. Landholders are extremely supportive of the program because trappers can get the wild dogs that landholders have been unable to trap themselves.

- Since 2018, 923 wild dogs have been removed through the program; most of these have been trapped.
- The annual trapper meeting was held on 31 October at Kyancutta, with four of the six trappers in attendance.

The program is currently funded until June 2026, though funding is substantially reduced for 25/26 FY; if funding is secured the program may extend until 2030. The trappers have spent 349 hours training property staff in how to trap dogs; this needs to continue or preferably increase so that when the program is completed, property staff can continue to trap wild dogs.

Aerial Baiting Program

PIRSA conducted an aerial baiting program in October 2025 to target wild dogs along the SA Dog Fence and the 35-kilometre buffer zone. The operation covered 24 properties and 2,740 kilometres, distributing 20,500 baits from Tallaringa National Park to Lake Frome. The program, which cost approximately \$50,000, marked the final aerial baiting run of a three-year initiative funded jointly by state and federal governments.

Upcoming Priorities and Key Initiatives

The Dog Fence Board will focus efforts in coming months on:

- Completing condition assessments of the remaining sections of Dog Fence not rebuilt under the Rebuild Project
- Working with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport on a suitable grid replacement for Muloorina, and with Epic Energy regarding replacement of the double gates on Pipeline Road with a grid
- Collecting materials stored in containers along the Central area of the Fence and delivering them to the Roxby section to support preventative and repair works
- Installing new bait-enclosure panels on organic properties
- Continuing development and testing of the Digital Patroller Reporting App
- Continuing development of the new rates database
- Collection of 2025-26 inside rates and recovery of previous years' debts
- Submitting the dollar-for-dollar funding minute to the PIRSA Chief Executive
- Progressing the procurement for the supply of materials and fencing services (SA–NSW Fence Extension Project)
- Continuing engagement and coordination with SA and NSW landholders for the SA–NSW Fence Extension Project

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- Ongoing collaboration with SA Arid Lands Landscape Board and Livestock SA on long-term predator control funding models
- Continuation of the 1600-kilometre Dog Fence Rebuild Project

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