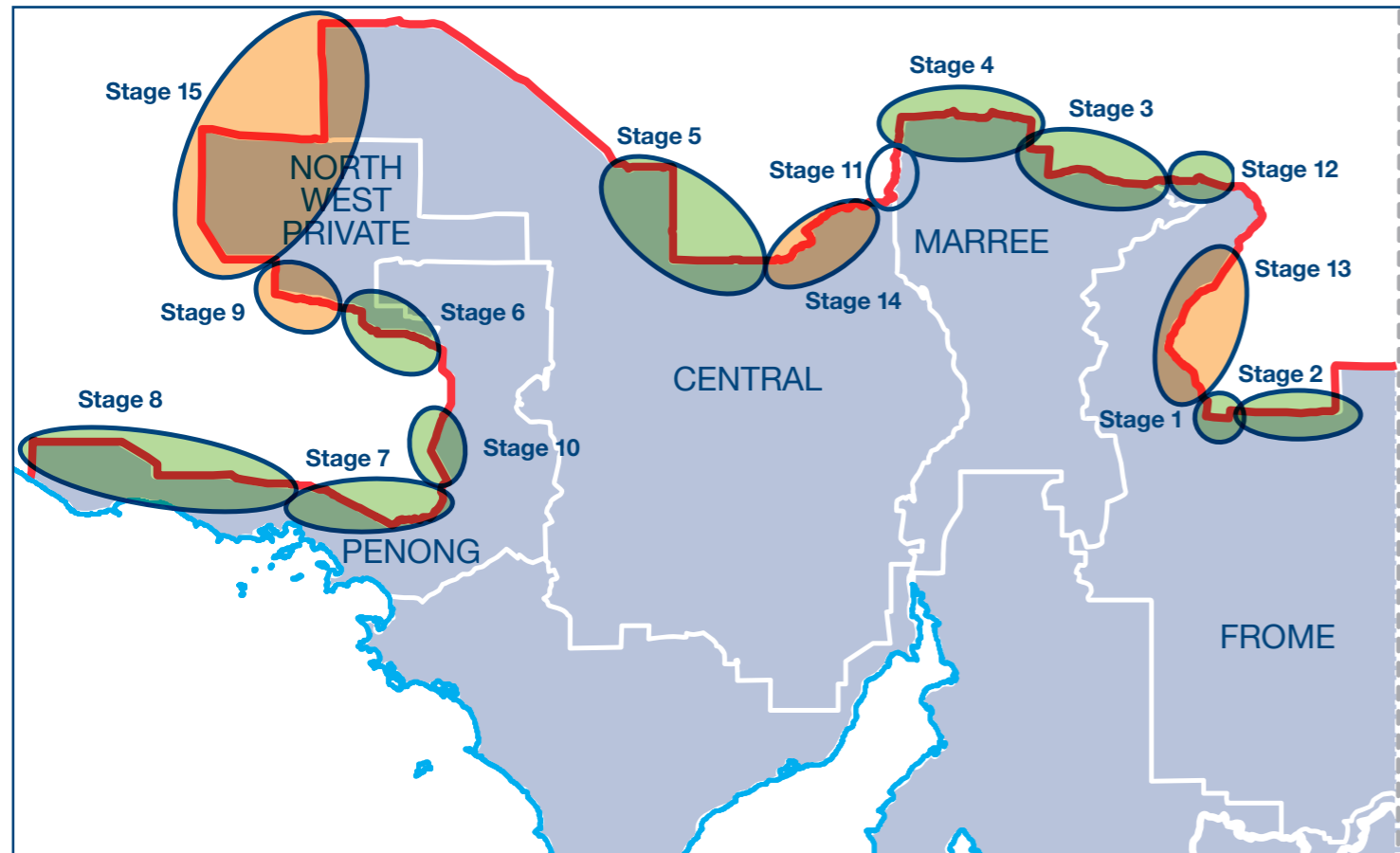


# SA Dog Fence Rebuild



## Stages of Rebuild

### Completed

#### Stage 1

26 km in North East pastoral area

Completed 17 July 2020

#### Stage 2

115 km in North East pastoral area

Completed 29 May 2021

Includes a small realignment to the NSW border, which has reduced the overall length of the Dog Fence in SA by 30 km

#### Stage 3

133.5 km in Northern Flinders Ranges

Completed 30 June 2023

#### Stage 4

87.5 km in Northern Flinders Ranges

Completed 15 August 2021

#### Stage 5

157 km between Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs

Completed 23 March 2023

#### Stage 6

61 km in the Far North West

Completed 16 November 2021

#### Stage 7

131km near Penong

Completed 11 February 2023

#### Stage 8

154.5 km in the Far West, where the fence meets the Great Australian Bight

Completed 30 April 2024

#### Stage 10

63 km in the Western pastoral areas

Completed 27 September 2023

#### Stage 12

30km in Northern Flinders Ranges, replacing temporary repairs following flood damage in 2022

Completed 31 May 2024

## Next Steps

### Stage 9

84km in the Far North West  
Commenced 20 November 2023

### Stage 13

68 km adjacent to Lake Frome  
Commenced 20 November 2023  
Fencing continues with some sections completed

### Stage 14

122 km between Roxby Downs and Marree. Materials delivered and procurement is underway to secure a fencing contractor

### Stage 15

369 km in Far North West.  
Procurement is underway to secure a material supplier and fencing contractor

### Progress challenges

Caused by multiple rain events, labour shortages, substantial price increases, COVID-19, export and import restrictions, wharf strikes, container shortages and misplaced materials.

Rebuild due for completion in June 2025

Almost 1,000 km of the Dog Fence has been completed as of July 2024.

## The governance of the rebuild

The Dog Fence Rebuild Committee includes chairs of four SA Local Dog Fence Boards, Livestock SA president, chair of the SA Dog Fence Board, one private fence owner, and the Department.

Each section of the new fence is designed and built to suit the terrain, substrate, and pressure from wild dogs and other wild animals.

## Community updates

Regular updates are made to stakeholders through their local Dog Fence boards and with information available on [pir.sa.gov.au](http://pir.sa.gov.au)

## Wild Dog eradication

The rebuild of the Dog Fence is central to the eradication of wild dogs. Other elements include:

- Aerial and ground baiting programs, delivering about 200,000 baits per year
- \$2.7 million trapper program has removed 850 dogs since July 2018
- Wild dog bounty for outside the fence has seen 770 bounties claimed (\$92,640 paid)
- MLA productivity program - \$2.9 million to build producer capacity

## Industry support

- Loan of Exclusion Fencing Construction Unit from Australian Wool Innovation Ltd. This has been used by contractors in the rebuild of 330 km of fence
- Donation of drill rod by SANTOS and Oz Minerals that is used during the rebuild



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## About the Dog Fence

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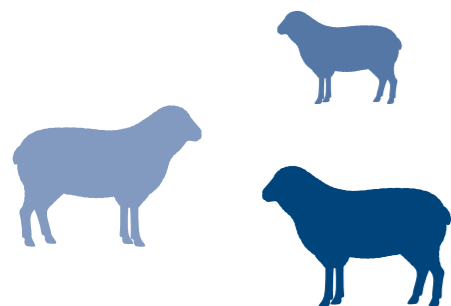


The total budget for the Dog Fence Rebuild is **\$27.4 million**

The rebuild will have economic benefits of up to **\$113 million over 20 years.**



**The funding is from** the Australian Government (\$10 million), the State Government (\$11.6 million) and the livestock industry (\$5.8 million).



The Dog Fence is the **longest continuous fence in the world** and is crucial in protecting the South Australian sheep industry.

## Maintenance and inspection of the Dog Fence

Local Dog Fence boards have contractors who patrol the fence every 14 days to:

- undertake repairs
- place poison baits along the fence line
- destroy dogs in the vicinity of the fence
- remove vegetation from fence to prevent damage.

The Dog Fence Board inspects half of the fence every year to:

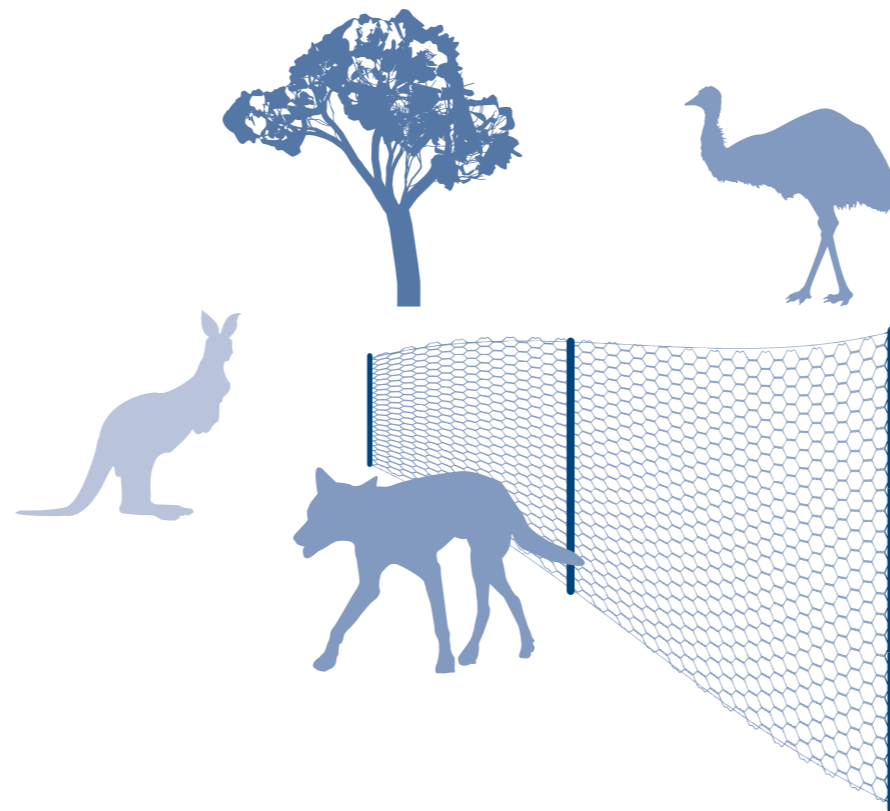
- identify sections that need updating or replacing
- prioritise capital works.

## Why is the Dog Fence being rebuilt?

In 2018, more than two-thirds (1,600 km) of the Dog Fence was more than 100 years old, and was ageing and brittle.

Many sections had been degraded by kangaroos, emus, feral camels, wild dogs, weather events and sand erosion.

Wild dogs threaten South Australia's **\$4.3 billion livestock industry** – the Dog Fence stops wild dogs from migrating into land used for sheep production.



## Procurement for the Dog Fence Rebuild

Construction of the Dog Fence is happening in stages. Two panels were created in 2020, one for suppliers of materials and the other for fencing contractors. The suppliers listed below have completed contracts throughout the rebuild.

### Suppliers of materials

- AES Scott & Co. P/L
- Elders Rural Services Australia Ltd.
- Nutrien Ag Solution Ltd
- Platinum Operations P/L
- Senturion Steel Supplies P/L

### Fencing contractors

- A and K Rural Contractors P/L
- Burra Fencing Contractors P/L
- SA Outback Company P/L
- Sooty Black Transport P/L
- Vietrillion P/L

### Material Manufacturers

- Austral Wire Products
- Southern Wire
- Waratah
- Gallagher (electric fence)

More than 40 small to medium enterprises (SMEs) have been engaged to provide goods and services, such as freight, mechanical servicing and repairs and cable locating.



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