

Dog Fence Board

Activity, Inspection & Condition Report

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Objective

This report, prepared by the Dog Fence Board, provides Dog Fence stakeholders with a quarterly report summarising Board and staff activities, and Dog Fence maintenance and repair activities undertaken by Local Dog Fence Boards and the private owner.

Key Activities

During the reporting period:

- Patrolmen deployed approximately 1,450 baits along the fence.
- Completed procurement of 2 species recognition machine learning camera systems to trial on stock grids, triggered only by wild dogs. Installation to commence shortly.
- Continued herbicide project – Applicator being assembled Feb 2023.
- 1 day maintenance work completed at Lyndhurst depot.
- Completed grant application for a dual axle trailer fitted with a “MaxiLift” crane to allow safer and more efficient transport of small batches of fencing materials to the fence, containers and Lyndhurst depot.
- Continued collection of Dog Fence rates. Final notices for the 2022/23 financial year issued 15 December 2022.
- Commenced installation of electrical wiring in Dog Fence Board vehicle.

Inspections and Patrols

The Inspector did not visit the fence during the current reporting period.

During the reporting period, Local Dog Fence Boards have reported the following:

Penong LDFB

Coast - North Well

- Rectification of wombat damages to the fence continues.
- Observed signs of dog activity.
- Liquid herbicide applied to Pureba/Wilgena sections of fence.
- Coastal section of Stage 8 has been completed and signed off by the Dog Fence Rebuild Committee (DFRC)

Central LDFB

Mabel Creek – Mulagria/Witchelina

- Rebuild of Stage 5 (Millers Creek – Parakylia) almost complete.
- Foot netting along Parakylia section currently being covered by grader windrow.

Marree LDFB

Mulgaria/Witchelina – Mount Freeling

- Rebuild contractors have returned to Stage 3 after Christmas/New Year's break.
- Fencing material delivered to Marree LDFB for floodway repairs, commencing upon completion of Stage 3.
- Track erosion noted Northeast of Marree. Local Board to arrange earth moving contractors to repair.
- Some dog activity around Callanna, Muloorina sections.

Frome LDFB

Mount Freeling – Mulyungarie

- Track erosion along Moolawatana section. Local Board to arrange earth moving contractors to repair.

Local Dog Fence Boards & Private owner

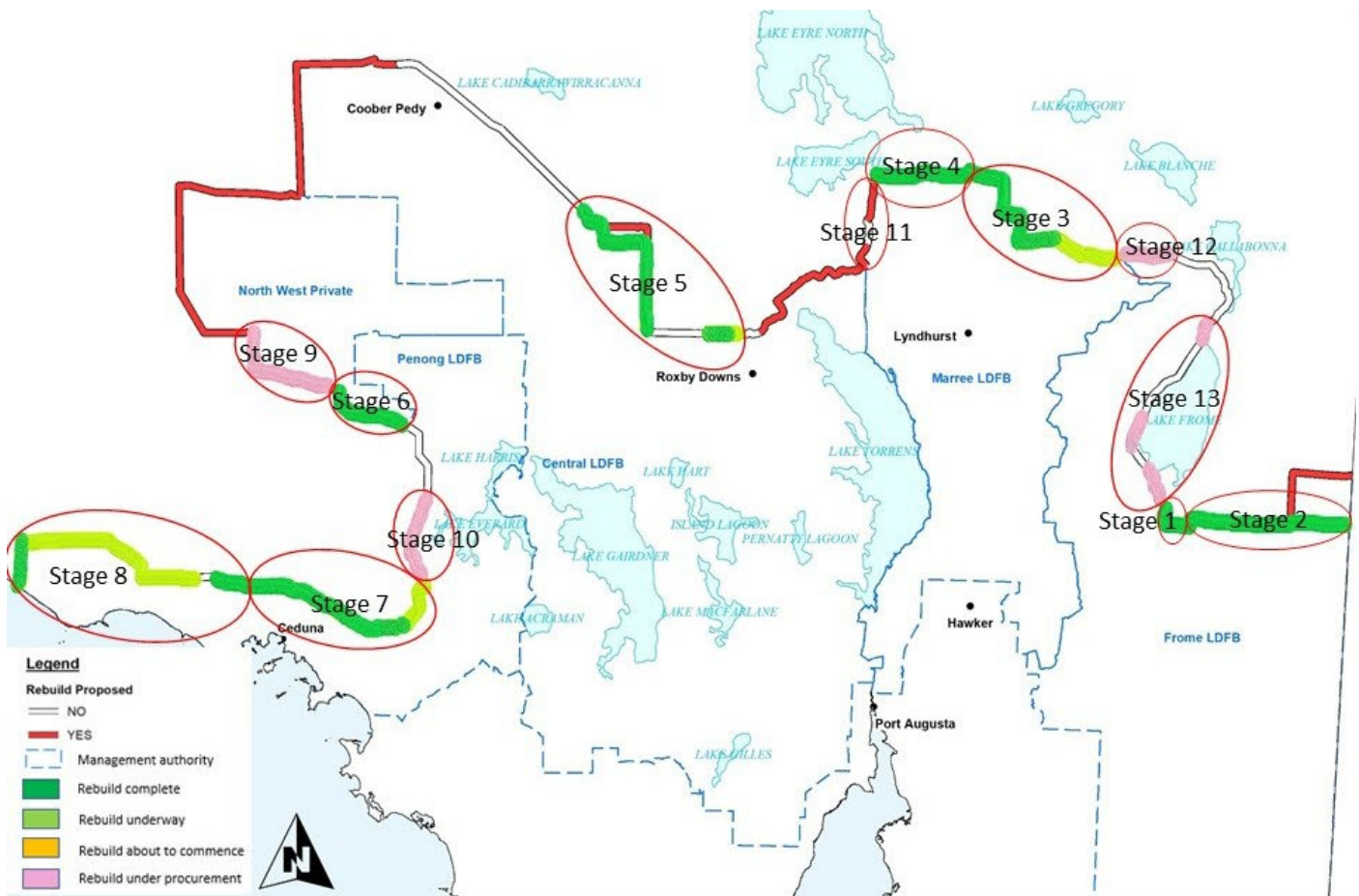
During the reporting period:

- The Local Dog Fence Boards engaged contract Patrolmen to inspect their sections of fence at a minimum of every 14 day.
- Patrolmen baited at a rate of 1 bait per 1km, or 1 bait per 200m where there was dog activity.
- Patrolmen reported wild dog activity in Penong and Marree sections.
- Increased camel and kangaroo pressure noted outside the fence.

Dog Fence Rebuild

To date, 683 km of fence rebuild has been completed and the rebuild of 179km of fence is underway.

- Rebuild of the third, fifth, seventh and eighth stages of the Dog Fence continues.
- The delivery of materials for the tenth stage has commenced.
- The supplier of materials for the thirteenth stage has been appointed.
- The RFQ for the supply of fencing services for the thirteenth stage is being evaluated.



Rebuild progress map

Conclusion

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

- Commence broad scale herbicide applicator trials.
- Continuation of Dog Fence Rebuild.
- Consolidate and store leftover flood repair materials that are located along fence.
- Organise grading of damaged tracks along fence (Marree + Frome).
- Investigate options for a second material storage location (Coober Pedy).
- Install E-Vorta cameras on Trans-Australian Railway and Oldea Road for testing.
- Install organic exclosures on selected properties.
- Continued collection of 2022/23 Dog Fence rates.



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