



1 August 2018

The Hon. Niall Blair MLC
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Email via: borderfence.submission@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Re: Border Fence Maintenance Regulation 2018 - Remake

Dear Minister,

NSW Farmers Association has been invited to provide a submission to the NSW Government's remake of the *Border Fence Maintenance Regulation 2018*.

I write, as Chair of the NSW Farmers Western Division Council (the Council), to inform you that at the Council's meeting on 23rd July 2018 in Sydney, a motion was unanimously passed supporting Option 2: Remake the 2009 Regulation without amendment of the Border Fence Maintenance Regulation 2018.

The Council considers that due to the current drought conditions and financial constraints experienced by Western Division landholders, the most appropriate way to ensure ongoing fence maintenance will be achieved by maintaining the rates as identified in Option 2.

The Wild Dog Boarder Fence is the frontline to protect grazing in NSW. The management of the fence in NSW is a long-standing policy priority for the Council and is an issue that the members devote a considerable amount of time and interest. The ongoing protection and safety of both managed sheep stock and rangeland goats by the fence infrastructure, is critical for the ongoing viability of agricultural production, and therefore the strong economic input from Western NSW.

The Council looks forward to continuing our fruitful engagement with the Department beyond the enactment of the new Regulations.

Should you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact the Council via Kathy Rankin, Policy Director on 02 9478 1008 or rankink@nswfarmers.org.au.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg Rogers'.

Greg Rogers
Chair, Western Division Council

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