

The Hon Ian Hunter, MP
Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation
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The Hon Ian Hunter,

As chairman and on behalf of the Penong Local Dog Fence Board I request that you reconsider demolishing our board.

○ The dog fence was put in place to protect the livestock industry and without this protection, dingoes would be able to freely roam inside the fence and cause havoc amongst local farming livestock or wandering into local towns & communities. If the dog fence wasn't in place the livestock industry would cease to exist.

Each of the local boards owns a certain part of the fence and with this comes the responsibility of maintaining the fence in a dog proof condition. Our local board employs a patrolman to monitor and maintain the fence, on which he reports back to the board monthly. Our board consists of all local landowners who do this job voluntary and have a vested interest in successfully maintaining it's existence and we feel that any decisions made dealing with issues that arise are best dealt with people who know the meaning of the fence. There are really no alternatives that would substitute our board which consists of local people who volunteer to be on this board. There is no cost to the government in the running of our board.

○ There have been recent discussions with maybe amalgamating the Penong Local Dog Fence Board with the Fowlers Bay Local Dog Fence Board.

Yours sincerely

Craig Trowbridge
Chairman
Penong Local Dog Fence Board