

PO Box 528  
Esperance WA 6450



Esperance Shire Council  
Att: Mal Osborne  
PO Box 507  
Esperance WA 6450

Dear Mal,

I write on behalf of the Esperance-Ravensthorpe WAFarmers committee. We would like to express our support for the proposed specified area rates to be applied to rural land holders for the extension to the State Barrier Fence.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011, Peter Harkness updated the WAFarmers members on the proposed fence and how this would affect rural landholders. The members present felt that the advantages the fence offered producers would certainly outweigh the additional expense.

Not only will the fence provide benefits to livestock producers by reducing the mortalities caused by dogs. It will also provide benefits to the grain growers who lose a substantial amount of income because of the damage caused by Emus and Kangaroos.

Yours since

Glenn Mitchell  
WAFarmers  
Zone President  
Esperance-Ravensthorpe Zone