Fowlers Bay Local Dog Fence Board

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Hon Ian Hunter, MP Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation 9th Floor Chesser House 91- 97 Grenfell Street ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Minister Hunter,

I am writing to you as the chairman of the Fowlers Bay Local Dog Fence board. We consider the abolishment of the Local Dog Fence Board would take the local knowledge away from the efficient running of the Dog fence.

In supporting our continuing present form our points are;

- 1) Board members are all volunteers, so we do not receive any sitting fees or travel expenses for our once a year meeting. So there is no cost to the Government.
- 2) The Local Dog Fence Board owns the dog fence.
- 3) Local Dog Fence Board employs the Fence patrolman who checks the fence.
- 4) We are at the frontline in maintaining the fence for the benefit of the livestock industries inside the fence.
- 5) Preventing wild dogs getting to towns and cities therefore causing problems in the future as this is arising elsewhere.
- 6) To stop wild dogs breeding with more aggressive and stronger breeds which will create a greater problem in the future.
- 7) There are no alternatives that substitute the local board which consists of local people on the board with local knowledge of what the problems we are experiencing.

 If the board is from away from the area they will not have first-hand knowledge of the local issues.

Yours Faithfully,

Ricky Miller Chairman

Fowlers Bay Local Dog Fence Board