

EXCLUSION FENCING RECOVERY GRANTS

BALONNE | BULLOO | MURWEH | PAROO | QUILPIE

APPLICATION TOOLKIT

1. INTRODUCTION

The *Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant* is a financial support program for grazing enterprises impacted by the *Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding* that began on 21 March 2025.

This grant helps eligible producers repair or rebuild exclusion and cluster fencing damaged by the disaster. Strong fencing protects livestock and pasture, improves biosecurity, and builds resilience against future floods, fires, and storms.

The program is jointly funded by the Australian Government and Queensland Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Quilpie Shire Council will be delivering the program for applicants in these Local Government Areas (LGAs): Balonne, Bulloo, Murweh, Paroo and Quilpie.

Funding Available

- Up to **\$500,000** per eligible grazing enterprise
- Initial payment of up to **10% of eligible costs** (max \$50,000)
- Remaining payments: based on **milestone completion** in your approved work plan
- **Exceptional circumstances** may be considered for additional funding



Australian Government



Queensland Government

2. ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES *(Am I eligible?)*

To apply, you must:

- ✓ Operate a **sheep, cattle, or goat grazing enterprise**
- ✓ Be a **registered landholder** in one of the eligible LGAs
- ✓ Be **registered for GST**
- ✓ Have had **functional exclusion or cluster fencing** at the time of the disaster
- ✓ Provide **evidence of damage** caused by the 21 March 2025 event

Note: Owner labour is not eligible for reimbursement, but costs like fuel, oil, and wages for temporary staff or family members (not owners) are.



YOU MUST MEET ALL OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE ON YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT YOUR QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

3. PRE-APPLICATION PREPARATION CHECKLIST

(What do I need?)

Before you start your application, make sure you have the following paperwork and evidence ready. Having everything on hand will save time and make filling out the online form much easier. It also helps ensure your application is complete and can be assessed without delays.

Pre-Application Checklist

Use this checklist to prepare your materials:

- Evidence of Damage**
 - Photos or videos showing damage to exclusion or cluster fencing caused by the 21 March 2025 disaster.
 - Include date and location/GPS coordinates
 - Include the total length (kms) of fencing needing repair and/or replacement, divided into already completed works and planned works.
 - Optional: compatible drone footage or mapping overlays

HELPFUL TIP! USE GPS TO SAVE TIME

Providing GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude points) for your damaged fencing can **greatly reduce the amount of information you need to enter** in your application.

- ✓ Include start and end points for each section of fence
- ✓ Add GPS metadata to your photo files if possible

Need help? See *Appendix A: How to Turn on Location Settings on Your Phone's Camera* for step-by-step instructions.

Proof of Existing Fencing (Before the Event)

- Photos or videos of fencing prior to the disaster
- Tax invoices for original fence construction
- Cluster group documentation (if applicable)
- Fencing location map (with GPS start/finish points)

HELPFUL TIP! MINIMUM REPLACEMENT FENCING STANDARDS AND DOCUMENTATION

Specification	Minimum Requirement	Example Documentation
Fence height	Mesh must be at least 1.5 metres high	Supplier specs, photos of installed fencing
Apron size	Minimum 300mm , strained or sprung	Photos showing apron, fencing contractor notes
Distance between uprights	No more than 8 metres apart	Fence layout map, installation photos
Mesh size	Must prevent wild dog movement	Product label/spec sheet from supplier
Construction quality	Must withstand floods, storms, fire, corrosion	Contractor certification, inspection report
Special cases (creeks, roads, etc.)	Alternative methods allowed with approval	Written approval from service provider

Ownership and Legal Documents

- Rates notice, title search, or lease documents showing landholder status
- ABN and GST registration details

Quotes and Invoices

- Quotes for proposed repair or replacement works
- Invoices for any work already completed since 21 March 2025
- Must meet ATO standards (itemised, supplier details, payment evidence)

HELPFUL TIP!**IS IT ELIGIBLE?**

Type of Cost	Can I Claim This?	Example Documentation
Fence materials (wire, posts, panels)	✓ Yes	Supplier invoices, receipts
Contractor labour for repairs	✓ Yes	Contractor invoice, payment receipt
Temporary staff wages (not owners)	✓ Yes	Timesheets, payroll records, employment contract
Fuel and oil for machinery used	✓ Yes	Fuel receipts, logbook entries
Equipment hire (e.g. post drivers)	✓ Yes	Hire agreement, invoice, payment receipt
Transport of fencing materials	✓ Yes	Freight invoice, delivery dockets
Repairs to machinery used for fencing	✓ Yes	Mechanic invoice, parts receipt
Owner's labour (your own time)	✗ No	Not eligible
Buying new machinery or vehicles	✗ No	Not eligible
Repairs to standard fencing (e.g. barbed wire)	✗ No	Not eligible
Costs before 21 March 2025	✗ No	Not eligible
Insurance-covered expenses	✗ No	Not eligible

Work Plan

- Schedule of activities with milestones, if feasible
- Fence sections, lengths (km), GPS coordinates
- Estimated costs and timeframes
- Expected outcomes (e.g. restocking, biosecurity improvements)
- *See Appendix B: Work Plan template*

Declaration and Insurance

- Signed Landholder Declaration form (to be signed by you and a Justice of the Peace).
See Appendix C
- Signed Neighbour Declaration Form (where damaged boundary fences are being claimed).
See Appendix D
- Public liability insurance certificate
- Bank statement extract (BSB, account name only)



IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING THIS INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

4. APPLICATION PROCESS *(How do I apply?)*

You will need to lodge your application online using the official form from Quilpie Shire Council. The process is straightforward, but remember—only one application can be submitted per grazing enterprise. Make sure you have all your documents ready before you start to avoid delays.

Step-by-Step Guide to Completing the Online Form

Step 1: Applicant Details

Provide:

- Full names of all applicants
- Enterprise/trading name
- ABN
- Property name(s), address, and lot details
- Grazing enterprise type (e.g. beef, sheep, goats)
- Land tenure (freehold, leasehold)



Upload: Rates notice, title search, or lease documents

Step 2: Eligibility Confirmation

Answer “Yes” to all eligibility questions, including:

- Grazing enterprise status
- GST registration
- Evidence of damage
- Responsibility for costs
- Functional fencing prior to the event



Upload: Photos/videos, receipts, quotes

Step 3: Work Plan

Enter in work plan details from your completed template work plan (*See Appendix B: Work Plan template*), including:

Fencing Background

- Total km of fencing
- Date of establishment
- Whether fencing was part of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative



Upload:

- Fencing location map
- Photos/videos of fencing before the event

- Original construction invoices
- Cluster group documentation

Damage Details

- Description of damage (e.g. fence washed away, posts down)
- Location of damage (section, paddock name)
- GPS start/finish
- Shared fencing details (if applicable)



Upload: Photos/videos of damage, GPS data

Completed Works Since 21 March 2025

- Section of fence repaired
- km repaired
- Invoices for materials, contractors, wages, equipment



Upload: Detailed invoices, claim form

Proposed Future Works

- Fence sections to be repaired
- km of future repairs
- Quotes for materials, labour, equipment



Upload: Quotes, claim form

Step 4: Financials

- Estimated claim amount for completed works
- Estimated claim amount for future works
- Total grant funds requested (max \$500,000)



Upload: Bank statement extract (BSB/account name only)

Step 5: Declaration

Confirm:

- Eligibility
- Accuracy of information
- Understanding of guidelines



Upload: Signed declaration form and funding agreement

Step 6: Submitting Your Application

- Submit your application:
 - **Online:** Complete the form through the official portal at <https://form.fillout.com/t/nhnJHdb9SYus> OR
 - **Offline:** Print the form, fill it out, then scan and email with attachments to your Quilpie Shire Council Project Officer:

Maree Tulley

mareet@quilpie.qld.gov.au

- Deadline: **30 June 2026***
- Contact your Quilpie Shire Council Project Officer if you need help uploading large files or completing the form

*Applications will be processed as they are received. We encourage early application (before the deadline) for streamlined processing.

HELPFUL TIP! UPLOADING PHOTOS

Photos for your application are submitted via the Dropbox link provided in the online application form. Dropbox is an online secure digital storage space that retains the GPS image data.

Need help? See *Appendix E: How to submit photographic and video evidence* for step-by-step instructions.

5. DELIVERY PROCESS (What Happens Next?)

Once your application is approved:

- ✓ You'll receive an initial payment to start work
- ✓ You'll complete fencing repairs as per your work plan
- ✓ You'll submit progress reports and invoices
- ✓ Your service provider will inspect the completed work
- ✓ Final payments will be made after successful inspection

Key Dates

Stage	Date
Disaster Event	21 March 2025
EOI Deadline	30 June 2026
Works Completion	31 March 2027
Acquittal Deadline	30 April 2027

6. CONTACTS (Who to Call for Help)

Need help or have questions? Get in touch with us at:

Quilpie Shire Council Project Officer

Maree Tulley

mareet@quilpie.qld.gov.au

Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant information

EFRG@quilpie.qld.gov.au

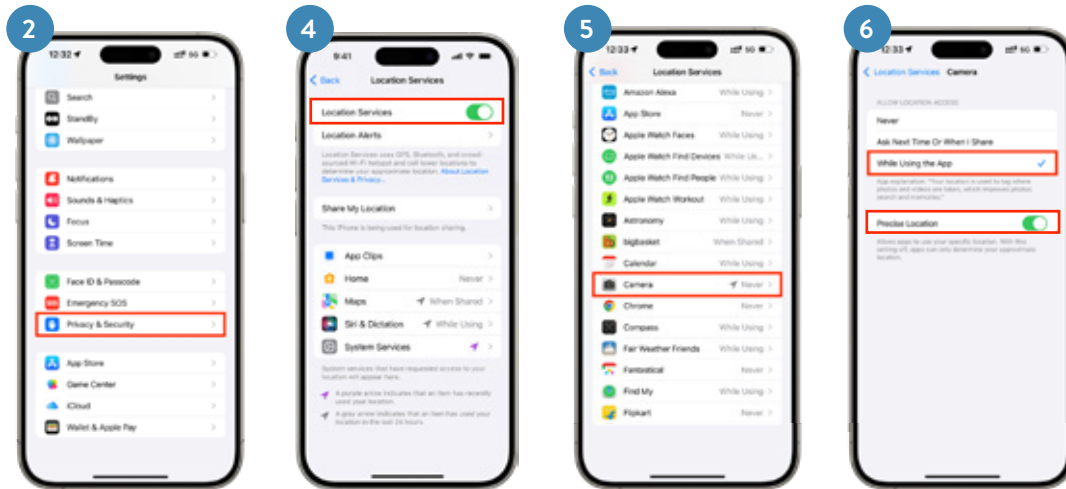
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7. APPENDICIES

Appendix A: How to Turn on Location Settings on Your Phone's Camera

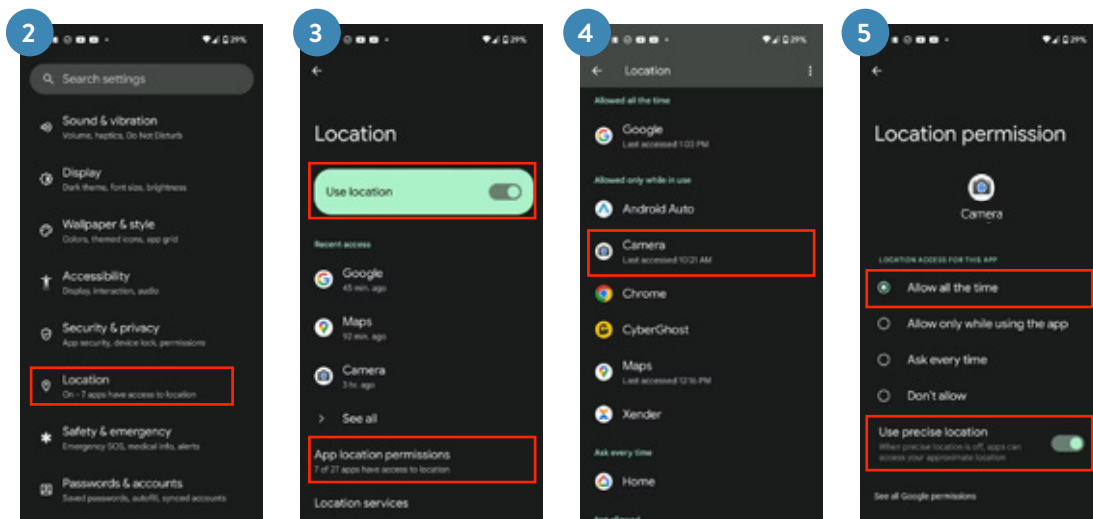
For iPhone (iOS)

1. Open **Settings**.
2. Scroll down and tap **Privacy & Security**.
3. Tap **Location Services**.
4. Make sure *Location Services* is turned **ON**.
5. Scroll down and select **Camera**.
6. Choose *While Using the App* or *Always* and set *Precise Location* to **ON**.
7. Open your Camera app and take photos as normal – GPS data will now be saved automatically.



For Android

1. Open **Settings**.
2. Scroll down and tap **Location**.
3. Make sure *Use Location* is set to **ON**, then tap **App Location Permissions**.
4. Scroll to find **Camera** and tap.
5. Choose *Allow only while using the app* or *Allow all the time* and set *Use precise location* to **ON**.
6. Open your Camera app and take photos – GPS data will now be included.



HELPFUL TIP! CHECK IF GPS DATA IS ON

After taking a photo, you can check if GPS data is saved by viewing the photo details in your phone's photo app (look for an Information or location/map icon).

Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant Program APPLICATION FORM AND WORKPLAN

Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grants are available to assist grazing enterprises in re-establishing their networks of exclusion fencing or cluster fencing, damaged or destroyed by the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, commencing 21 March 2025.

Quilpie Shire Council is partnering with the Queensland and Australian Governments to deliver the grants to eligible Local Government areas of Quilpie, Murweh, Bulloo, Paroo and Balonne.

Program objectives

The Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grants Program objectives are to:

- a) reinstate the network of exclusion and cluster fencing destroyed by the disaster event;
- b) repair existing exclusion or cluster fencing damaged by the disaster event;
- c) improve the construction of exclusion and cluster fencing to provide greater resilience in the face of future events and to mitigate any adverse effects;
- d) relieve the financial burden on grazing enterprises as they focus on recovery and rebuilding by protecting pasture and livestock with fencing to a standard, which provides greater resilience to future disaster events while mitigating the risk of predation by wild dogs for the purposes of the Biosecurity Act 2014 (Qld); and
- e) enable a return to viability with positive flow on effects for agricultural production, regional employment and the economic recovery of the regions, which were directly affected by the disaster event.

Important information

- One (1) application form only is to be completed per enterprise.
- The maximum grant amount is \$500,000 (inclusive of a \$50,000 initial amount available for assessed eligible costs).
- The applicant must have maintained functional exclusion fences or cluster fences, which were in place and functional at the time of the disaster event and, in addition, these fences were damaged or destroyed by the impact of the disaster event.
- Applications are to be sent in electronic format using this form only. Digital copies of documentation including workplans, quotations photographs and maps must be included. If any files are too large or you require assistance with how to send, please contact Quilpie Shire Council.

Key dates

Date	Stage	Requirement
21 March 2025	Disaster event	-
21 March 2025	Earliest date for claiming costs	-
30 June 2026	Expressions of Interest close	Final date to lodge an expression of interest via email.
31 July 2026	Applications and workplan close	Final date to lodge an application and workplan.
Various	Assessment period	Service provider's evaluation panel reviews application and service provider conducts due diligence.
Various	Funding agreement	Successful applicant enters into funding agreement, committing to milestones and receives first payment.
Various	Implementation of work plan	Implementation of work plans and lodgement of progress reports with milestones aligned to payments. Works should commence within 90 days of entering into a funding agreement.
31 March 2027	Works complete	All works completed.
30 April 2027	Acquittals close	Final date to lodge acquittal.

Eligibility criteria

Answering 'no' to any of the below questions or providing incorrect, false, inaccurate or misleading information may automatically deem you ineligible for this grant.

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

Required criteria:	Yes	No
Do you meet the definition of being a grazer and conducting a grazing enterprise as outlined in the Applicant Guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and held that ABN at the time of the eligible disaster?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you registered for GST?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a landholder as outlined in the Applicant Guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a <i>grazing</i> enterprise that is located in the defined area for the eligible disaster that has suffered direct damage to existing <i>exclusion</i> or <i>cluster fencing</i> as a result of the eligible disaster?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been engaged in carrying on the grazing enterprise when affected by the eligible disaster?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you primarily responsible for meeting the costs you wish to claim in the application?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you sustain direct physical damage to your exclusion or cluster fencing as a result of the eligible disaster?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have evidence of damage (e.g. photos, videos etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have evidence of plans or expenditure since the event (e.g. receipts, workplans, quotations etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you maintain functional exclusion fences or cluster fences, which were in place and functional at the time of the disaster event and, in addition, these fences were damaged or destroyed by the impact of the disaster event?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Support

For questions about the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant Program or your application please contact email EFRG@quilpie.qld.gov.au or call our Project Officer on 0439 181 461.

Applicant details

First name	Last name

Enterprise/Trading name			
ABN			
Property name/s			
Lot on plan details			
Property address		Postal address	

Grazing enterprise type <i>(i.e. beef, sheep, goats)</i>		Ownership/lease details <i>(i.e. Freehold, Leasehold)</i>	
Please provide rates notice, title search or lease documents which clearly state the legal ownership or lease arrangements.			Drag & drop a file

CONTINUE TO COMPLETE WORKPLAN ON FOLLOWING PAGES

This workplan needs to be completed and submitted with your application

Eligible activities for your workplan

Grants are provided to help pay for the costs of the works required to repair or replace existing exclusion and cluster fencing together with the associated infrastructure. This includes:

1. cleaning up and removing damaged exclusion or cluster fencing;
2. repairing or replacing exclusion or cluster fencing that has been impacted by the disaster to the specified standard (see s.5.3 in Applicant Guidelines) using practices to mitigate the impact of future disasters;
3. activities related to the construction of approved scope in the work plan, for example, earthworks, the transport of materials, and paying for any of the following:
 - (a) materials required to repair or replace exclusion or cluster fencing, which has been damaged or lost due to the disaster. This includes wire, panels, posts, stays, animal deterrent infrastructure, and flood gates;
 - (b) contractor costs to undertake approved construction and repair works;
 - (c) wages for temporary employees to undertake eligible repairs or to replace exclusion or cluster fencing;
 - (d) wages for existing employees that have been taken off 'business as usual' duties to undertake eligible repairs or to replace exclusion or cluster fencing;
 - (e) hire of machinery and equipment for exclusion or cluster fence construction and repair, including earthworks;
 - (f) fuel and oil for machinery and vehicles used in the construction or the repair of exclusion or cluster fencing;
 - (g) transport of materials and equipment required for the repair or the replacement of exclusion or cluster fencing; and
 - (h) the cost of additional servicing of machinery and equipment required in delivering the approved eligible works.

More information

For further information to assist in developing your workplan view the Applicant Guidelines.

1. Details of your exclusion or cluster fencing background

Was the fencing established as part of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>
When was the fencing established?			
Total length of established fencing (total km)	km		

Exclusion/Cluster Fencing location map	
	Upload
Photos or video evidence of the fencing existing prior to the eligible event	
	Upload
Detailed tax invoices for the original construction of the fencing	
	Upload
Documentation supplied by the organisation that oversaw the establishment of the cluster fencing	
	Upload

Does your exclusion fence abut a Wild Dog Barrier Fence? <i>If Yes, this section of fence will be funded under a different arrangement, please contact DPI's Disaster Operations Unit via email: disasters@dpi.qld.gov.au</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Has an adjoining landholder lodged an application for funding to repair or reconstruct the shared section of fencing?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Has there been any insurance claims lodged to repair exclusion or cluster fencing? <i>If yes, please provide further details.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree to repair or reconstruct cluster/exclusion fences to the minimum specifications outlined in the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant Applicant Guidelines?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

2. Details of the direct damage as a result of the eligible disaster

Please provide a description of the direct damage sustained as a result of the eligible disaster.

In which Local Government Area is the property located, where the direct damage occurred as a result of the eligible disaster?	
What was the damage? <i>(Fence washed away, fence and posts laying over, number of gate ways damaged, all fencing materials damaged, but able to temporarily prop up for interim to establish new fence).</i>	
Total length of the damage <i>(total km)</i>	

Location of damage:			
Details (e.g. section, paddock name)	GPS start	GPS finish	Length
Photos or video evidence of damaged fencing <i>List any supporting details information below.</i>			Upload
Is your exclusion fence on a boundary shared by one or more eligible landholders? <i>(Please provide evidence of agreement between landholders)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
List neighbouring landholder/s:	Upload		

3. Overview of Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant work plan of activities

Total estimated area to be repaired (km) Including any area where work has already been undertaken	km
<p>Estimated project timeframes <i>All works must be completed by 31 March 2027</i></p> <p><i>If numerous sections of fence are down – outline workplan and timeframe of when sections previously listed will be addressed.</i></p>	
<p>Expected outcomes <i>How will these works meet the program objectives?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Restocking paddocks.</i> • <i>Biosecurity - protection of stock.</i> • <i>Dog numbers reduced.</i> • <i>Lambing percentages.</i> • <i>Retention of stock.</i> • <i>Financial ability to restock lost stock numbers.</i> • <i>Reevaluate fence location/s and realign to less flood prone location.</i> • <i>The repair & re-establishment of damaged exclusion fencing will allow the enterprise to return to full capacity. Without the fencing we risk & return to significant downturn.</i> 	

4. Details of works to exclusion or cluster fencing since 21 March 2025

This includes estimated or actual costs of the work completed to date

What eligible works and expenditure have occurred since the eligible event? <i>(see s.5.3 in Applicant Guidelines)</i>		
Km repaired/reconstructed to date		km
		km
		km
		km
		km

What eligible works, expenditure and quotations do you propose after lodgement <i>(see s.5.3 in Applicant Guidelines)</i>		
Km to be repaired/reconstructed		km
		km
		km
		km
		km
		km
Works and expenses being claimed form <i>Complete and attach form. Please provide details of these works and expense amounts and detailed quotes for repairs, contractors and equipment. Invoices must meet ATO standards.</i> All works MUST be completed by 31 March 2027	Upload	

5. Proposed replacement works including lengths of fencing

What eligible works and expenditure are you expecting to complete the repairs or replacement of exclusion/cluster fences?

Ensure you collect evidence of project works

Bank Details for payment. Complete details below or attach an extract from bank statement	Upload
BSB: ACCOUNT NUMBER: ACCOUNT NAME:	

DECLARATION

Acknowledgement

- I/we have read and understand the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant Applicant Guidelines ('guidelines')
- I/we are eligible to apply for the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant as per the guidelines and Declaration Form.
- I/we have signed and uploaded a Declaration Form.
- All the information contained in this application and otherwise provided to Quilpie Shire Council for or on behalf of the applicants is true and correct.

I/we have attached:

- evidence of direct damage such as photographs and quotations; and
- completed work plan consisting of a schedule of activities with milestones as outlined in the guidelines.

Full names of each individual applicant

First name	Last name	Signed	Date

In preparing this application, I have been in contact with a Quilpie Exclusion Fencing Recovery Officer:	
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**QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL EXCLUSION FENCING RECOVERY GRANT
LANDHOLDER DECLARATION**

**QUEENSLAND
TO WIT**

I/WE

.....

.....

(full name(s) of each individual landholder)

of

.....

.....

(street address of landholder)

do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- 1. I/We acknowledge that we are applying for funding from The Quilpie Shire Council A.B.N. 53 680 434 639 ("QSC") pursuant to the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant to assist in the repair and/or replacement of exclusion/cluster fencing on the following property:

Name of Property:

Address of Property:

.....

Lot on Plan Details:

.....

Title Reference(s):

.....

Tenure Reference(s):

.....

("the Property")

.....
Landholder's Signature

.....
Witnesses Signature

.....
Landholder's Signature

.....
Witnesses Signature

2. I/We are the:

- Registered owner(s) of the freehold land;
- Registered lessee(s) of the leasehold land;
- The trustee of the reserve land;
- The licensee or permittee of land with occupation rights

(delete if not applicable)

3. I/ We are a grazier, being:

- A sole trader who spends the majority of his/her labour on and derives income from a grazing enterprise; or
- A partner, shareholder or trustee of a partnership, proprietary company or trust that spends the majority of his/her labour on and derives income from the grazing enterprise.

(delete if not applicable)

4. I/ We are engaged in sheep grazing, goat grazing or cattle grazing and hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) namely and/or an Australian Company Number (ACN) namely and are not an organization included on the National Redress Scheme's website of "*institutions that have not joined or have not signified their intent to join the Scheme*".

5. I/ We are registered for GST.

6. I/We maintained functional exclusion fences or cluster fences in relation to the Property which were in place and functional at the time of the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding commencing the 21 March 2025 ("the Disaster Event") and these fences were damaged or destroyed by the impact of the Disaster Event.

.....
Landholder's Signature

.....
Witnesses Signature

.....
Landholder's Signature

.....
Witnesses Signature

7. I/ We have been provided with the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant Applicant Guidelines (“the Guidelines”) by QSC and have read and understand the Guidelines and have submitted an expression of interest application including a work plan together with all relevant supporting documentation (“the Application”) based on the Guidelines which is true and accurate.
8. Should the Application be successful, I/ We will engage with QSC to enter an agreement in relation to the Exclusive Fencing Recovery Grant funding
9. I/We have been given the opportunity to seek independent legal, financial and viability advice regarding the Guidelines and Application prior to our submission of the same to QSC.

And I/ We make this solemn declaration believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

Taken and declared at)
 this day of 2026) Landholder Name
 before me:)

 Landholder Signature

.....
 Solicitor Justice of the Peace

Taken and declared at)
 this day of 2026) Landholder Name
 before me:)

 Landholder Signature

.....
 Solicitor Justice of the Peace

[Date]

[Name and address of adjoining owner]

**RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED FENCING- NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES
(DIVIDING FENCES AND TREES) ACT 2011**

As you may be aware, I/we have applied to Quilpie Shire Council for funding to assist in repairing/replacing exclusion fences damaged due to the recent flood event around my/our property under the Exclusion Fence Restitution Program ("the Program").

As part of the proposed exclusion fence will be on the boundary between my/our property [insert details of your property- e.g. property name, address and Lot and Plan description] and your property [insert details of adjoining property e.g. property name, address and Lot and Plan description] I am seeking your agreement and consent to the construction of this fencing on our shared boundary.

I am/we are proposing to repair/replace the damaged exclusion or cluster fence on the common boundary (or as close to the common boundary as may be possible depending on the terrain) between my/our property and your property and would follow the same fence line. The length of the existing fence to be repaired/replaced is approximately _____ km.

The type of fence I/we propose to construct to repair/ replace the existing damaged fence is [insert description of the type of fence].

I/we estimate the costs of the above fencing work including labour and materials to be \$_____ [insert estimate]. I/we have attached a written quotation confirming the estimated costs of the fencing work.

[DELETE THE OPTIONS NOT REQUIRED]

OPTION 1- NO CONTRIBUTION TO FENCE

I/we do not require you to make any financial contribution to the estimated costs to repair/ replace the damaged exclusion or cluster fence between our adjoining properties.

I/we will require access to your property for the purpose of repairing/ replacing the damaged exclusion or cluster fence between our adjoining properties.

I/we intend to use any funding I/ we obtain from Quilpie Shire Council pursuant to the Program towards the cost of the above repair/ replacement of the damaged fence.

OPTION 2- EQUAL CONTRIBUTION TO FENCE

I/we propose that we each pay half of the estimated cost to repair/ replace the damaged exclusion or cluster fence between our adjoining properties being a sum of \$_____ or alternatively, we equally contribute fencing materials and labour towards the repair/ replacement of the damaged exclusion or cluster fence between our adjoining properties.

I/we will require access to your property for the purpose of repairing/ replacing the damaged exclusion or cluster fence between our adjoining properties.

I/we intend to use any funding I/we obtain from Quilpie Shire Council pursuant to the Program towards my/our our share of the cost of the above repair/ replacement of the damaged fence.

[END OPTION]

We would both be equally liable to maintain and repair the fence in the future.

If you are agreeable to my/our proposal for the above boundary fence, I/we would appreciate if you could confirm the same on the **attached** consent form and forward it back in due course.

If I/we have not heard back from you within one (1) month of the date of this letter, I/we will assume you are agreeable to the proposal and will proceed with the construction of the fence.

If you have any questions I/we are happy to discuss the same with you.

I/we look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

[Your names and address]

Appendix E: How to submit photographic and video evidence

The online application process requires photos and/or videos of your damaged fencing be submitted to support your eligibility. The following tips will help when you reach these photo and/or video upload sections of the application.

Note: It is important that photos and videos have GPS coordinates/geographic data to support your eligibility for funding under the program. For tips on how to adjust your phone settings prior to taking photos and videos that record GPS data see [EFRG Application Toolkit, Appendix A: How to Turn on Location Settings on Your Phone's Camera](#).

Preparing photos for submission

You can submit your photos **directly from your phone** or **save them to your computer for upload** when completing the online application. To ensure your images retain the required GPS information please ensure:

✓ **Photos are kept in their original file format and size (e.g. .jpg, .heic, etc).**

✗ **Do not resize, crop or reduce the file size of the photo as this can remove required GPS information.**

Transferring photos from your phone to your computer

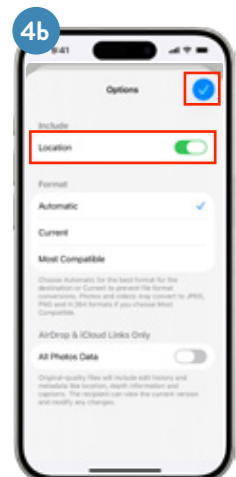
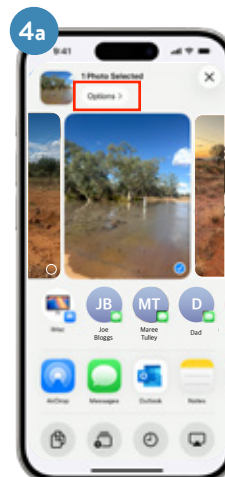
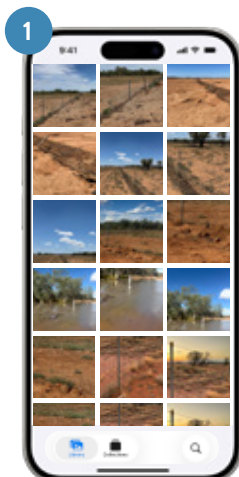
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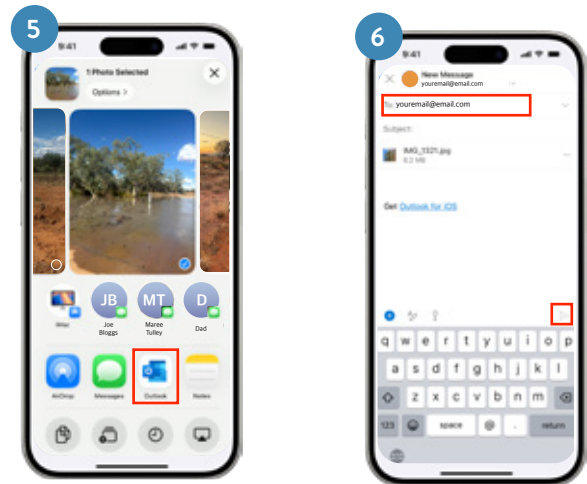
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2. Find the photo you'd like to email and tap to enter full screen mode.
3. Tap the share icon in the lower left corner. This will bring up sharing options.
4. Tap *Options* and ensure *Location* is set to **ON**. Tap blue tick in top right corner to close.



1. Tap the email app icon.
2. This will open your email app with the image already attached. Type in your own email address and hit the send icon to email the image to yourself.



Uploading images to Dropbox for your application

Once you have completed the *Applicant details* section of the online application process you will be asked to provide details of your exclusion or cluster fencing. Here you will see links to upload image files.

1. Click on the link for the **Fencing location map upload**.
2. This will open a new window

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Applicant details Workplan Damage details Works since 21 Mar... Proposed plans

1. Details of your exclusion or cluster fencing background

Was the fencing established as part of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative?

YES NO

When was the fencing established

Total kms of exclusion or cluster fencing

Documentation needs to be provided electronically. Please upload in the sections provided or discuss other options with your project officer. To submit additional, or larger, file uploads please [click here](#).

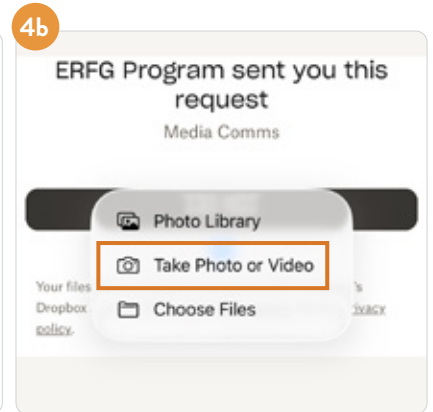
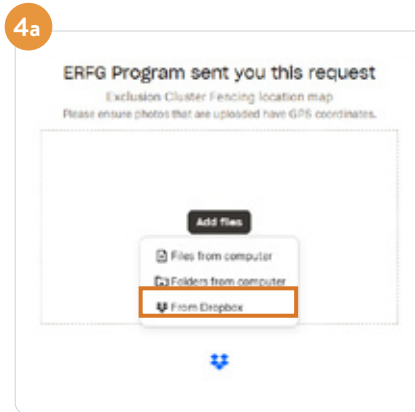
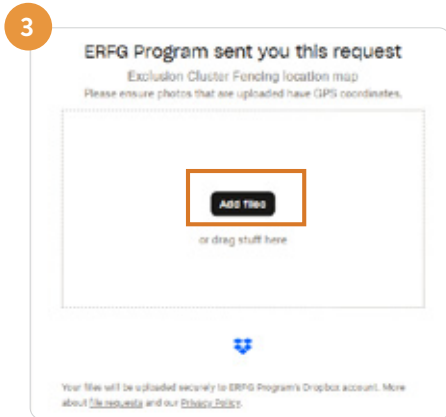
Exclusion/Cluster Fencing location map

Fencing location map upload <https://www.dropbox.com/request/pUhYf3F0y1dtUX3VZTp4>

Photos or video evidence of the fencing existing

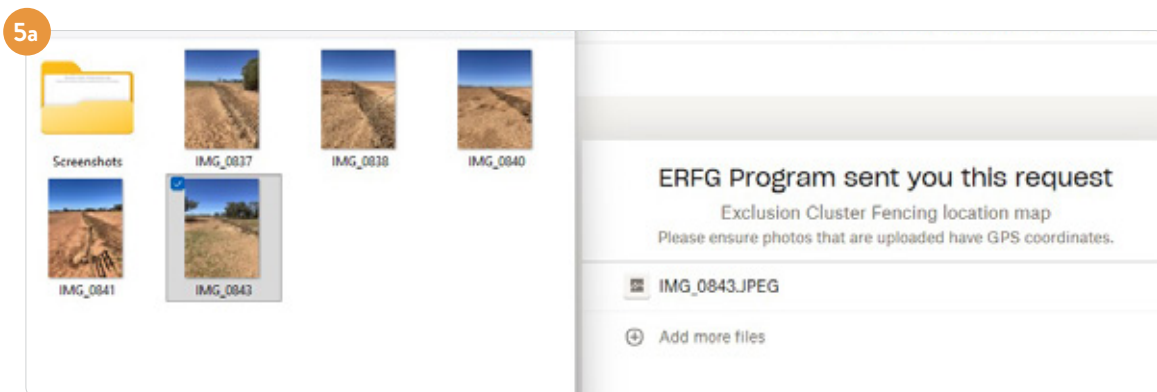
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b) if you are uploading photos directly from your phone choose *Photo Library*.

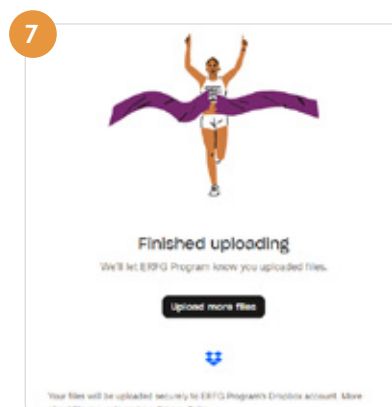
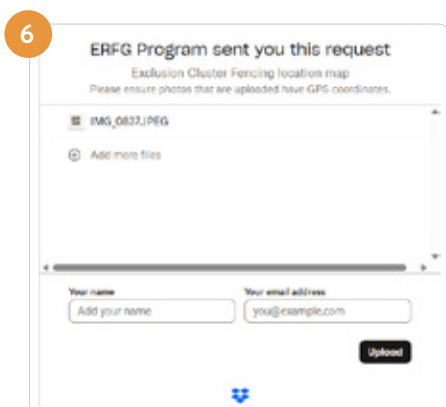


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4. Type in your full name and email address where indicated and click/tap upload.
5. You will see the *Finished uploading* message once upload is complete.





Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant

Applicant Guidelines

Date: November 2025

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1. Re-establishing your exclusion and cluster fencing

The objective the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant is to provide a grant to assist *grazing enterprises* in re-establishing their networks of **exclusion fencing** or **cluster fencing**, damaged or destroyed by the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, commencing 21 March 2025 (the '*disaster event*'). This includes:

- a) reinstating the network of *exclusion and cluster fencing* destroyed by the *disaster event*;
- b) repairing existing *exclusion or cluster fencing* damaged by the *disaster event*;
- c) improving the construction of *exclusion and cluster fencing* to provide greater resilience in the face of future events and to mitigate any adverse effects;
- d) relieving the financial burden on *grazing enterprises* as they focus on recovery and rebuilding by protecting pasture and livestock with fencing to a standard, which provides greater resilience to future *disaster events* while mitigating the risk of predation by wild dogs for the purposes of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Qld); and
- e) enabling a return to viability with positive flow on effects for agricultural production, regional employment and the economic recovery of the regions, which were directly affected by the *disaster event*.

The grants are being delivered by the Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board Incorporated (RAPAD) and by Quilpie Shire Council ('service providers').

RAPAD	Quilpie Shire Council
Barcaldine Regional Council	Balonne Shire Council
Barcoo Shire Council	Bulloo Shire Council
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Murweh Shire Council
Boulia Shire Council	Paroo Shire Council
Diamantina Shire Council	Quilpie Shire Council
Longreach Regional Council	
Winton Shire Council	

Key dates:

Stage	Requirement	Applicable Date
Disaster event		21 March, 2025
Earliest date for claiming costs		21 March, 2025
Expression of Interest Closing Date	Final date for lodging expressions of interest with workplans	31 March 2026
Assessment by Service Provider	Service provider's evaluation panel reviews application and service provider conducts due diligence	various

Funding agreement	Successful applicant enters into funding agreement committing to milestones and receives first payment	various
Implementation of work plan	Implementation of work plans and lodgement of progress reports with milestones aligned to payments. Works should commence within 90 days of entering into a funding agreement.	various
Works Completion Date	All works	31 March, 2027
Acquittal Closing Date	Final day for lodging acquittal	30 April, 2027

2. Available funding

The maximum grant amount is \$500,000.

- a) an **initial amount** of up to ten per cent (to a maximum of \$50,000) of assessed eligible estimated costs is available (an **initial** claim). To support an initial claim, the following is required:
 - i. evidence of direct damage such as photographs and quotations;
 - ii. completion of a proposed or approved work plan consisting of a schedule of activities with milestones (as outlined below in 5. Expression of interest), and;
 - iii. execution of a funding agreement with one of the service providers.

- b) a **subsequent amount** or **amounts** up to 100 per cent of assessed eligible actual costs, including initial funds, is available based on the completion of milestones identified in an approved work plan. Each subsequent claim needs to be supported by evidence that the milestone in the work plan has been completed. This may include evidence of purchase and payment of any amounts claimed under the initial claim as well as evidence of exclusion fencing works completed and services received. All subsequent amounts will be paid on a reimbursement basis.

Applications with actual costs of works completed at the time of lodgement will be reimbursed 100 per-cent of assessed eligible actual costs.

It is recognised that prospective applicants may have repaired or replaced their *exclusion* or *cluster fencing* prior to the lodgement of their expressions of interest with the service provider. Repairs or replacements which occurred following the approval of the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grants program on **21 March 2025**, but before the lodgement of an expression of interest, may be an eligible actual cost for the scheme provided the applicant

provides the *service provider* with evidence of direct damage, itemised receipts and, if relevant, a work plan for any remaining activities.

2.1 Exceptional Circumstances

It is recognised that exceptional circumstances may arise, where the need for a grant above the maximum amount of \$500,000 is required. In these instances, applicants must demonstrate that these exceptional circumstances are beyond the applicant's control, and that there is a compelling need for additional support. Requests for additional funding due to exceptional circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Approval of requests for additional funding will be approved at the discretion of the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries and the Australian Government.

Please note that the conditions imposed by the funding agreements under the Exclusion Fence Recovery Grant program are intended to be additional to legal and other obligations existing prior to the *disaster event*. This may include pre-existing conditions such as the maintenance of an *exclusion* or *cluster fence* on a *landholder's* property or, in relation to a *cluster group*, contributions to a fence located on another *landholder's* property.

3. How funding may be used

3.1 Eligible activities for your workplan

Grants are provided to help pay for the costs of the works required to repair or replace existing *exclusion* and *cluster fencing* together with the associated infrastructure. This includes:

- a) cleaning up and removing damaged exclusion or cluster fencing;
- b) repairing or replacing *exclusion* or *cluster fencing* that has been impacted by the disaster to the specified standard (see s.5.3 below) using practices to mitigate the impact of future disasters;
- c) activities related to the construction of approved scope in the work plan, for example, earthworks, the transport of materials, and paying for any of the following:
 - i. materials required to repair or replace exclusion or cluster fencing, which has been damaged or lost due to the disaster. This includes wire, panels, posts, stays, animal deterrent infrastructure, and flood gates;
 - ii. contractor costs to undertake approved construction and repair works;
 - iii. wages for temporary employees to undertake eligible repairs or to replace exclusion or cluster fencing;
 - iv. wages for existing employees that have been taken off 'business as usual' duties to undertake eligible repairs or to replace exclusion or cluster fencing;
 - v. hire of machinery and equipment for exclusion or cluster fence construction and repair, including earthworks;

- vi. fuel and oil for machinery and vehicles used in the construction or the repair of exclusion or cluster fencing;
- vii. transport of materials and equipment required for the repair or the replacement of exclusion or cluster fencing; and
- viii. the cost of additional servicing of machinery and equipment required in delivering the approved eligible works.

3.2 Ineligible activities for your work plan

The Exclusion Fence Recovery Grants is not available to fund any of the following:

- a) replacement of *exclusion* or *cluster fences*, which are **not** in accord with the fencing specifications (see 5.3 Fencing Specifications);
- b) replacement of standard fencing (such as barbed wire) with *exclusion* or *cluster fencing*;
- c) duplication of repair or replacement for the same piece of fencing lodged by multiple *grazing enterprises, landholders* or Australian Business Numbers (ABNs) and/or an Australian Company Numbers (ACNs);
- d) construction of a new *cluster* or *exclusion fence*;
- e) works, which are additional to an approved work plan, or an unapproved variation to the approved work plan;
- f) costs incurred prior to the event 21 March 2025;
- g) funding the wages of existing staff or paying business owners for their time including planning, negotiations with suppliers and contractors, completion of a work plan and grant applications and oversight of contractors (*except as specified in 3.1(iv) above*);
- h) purchase of assets including machinery and vehicles used for earthworks and other activities relating to the repair and replacement of damaged *exclusion* or *cluster fencing*;
- i) costs covered under insurance or another funding source, including other DRFA assistance measures;
- j) costs not associated with eligible activities or approved scope. This includes non-specific or unsupported indirect and overhead costs (unless specified);
- k) legal costs;
- l) core business activities;
- m) vehicle expenses not directly related to the delivery of the approved works; and
- n) ongoing costs incurred before the *disaster event* or after the *Acquittal Closing Date*, or a cost specified in a contract.

4. Eligibility criteria

4.1 Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- a) be a grazier¹ conducting a grazing enterprise²;
- b) be registered for GST; and
- c) be a landholder³; and
- d) be a person who maintained functional exclusion fences or cluster fences, which were in place and functional at the time of the disaster event and, in addition, these fences were damaged or destroyed by the impact of the disaster event.

4.2 Eligible separate business

- (a) A grazier who operates more than one *grazing enterprise*, for example, a *grazing enterprise* under a single ABN at separate locations, may apply for assistance for each *eligible separate business* up to the maximum amount of assistance available for the disaster provided the applicant otherwise meets the requirements of 4.1 above; and
- (b) When determining an application on this basis, the *service provider* may consider (but is not limited to):
 - i) the staffing arrangements of the separate business;

¹ As noted in the Section 10 Definitions - a *grazier* is (a) a sole trader who spends the majority of his or her labour on, and derives the majority of his or her income from a *grazing enterprise*; or (b) in relation to a partnership, proprietary company or trust that carries on a *grazing enterprise*, any partnership, shareholder or trustee of trust which spends the majority of their labour on and derives the majority of their income from the *grazing enterprise*.

² As noted in the Section 10 Definitions a *grazing enterprise* means a business:

- (a) conducted by a grazier and engaged in sheep grazing, goat grazing, and cattle grazing; and
- (b) holds an Australian Business Number (ABN) or an Australian Company Number (ACN) and have held that ABN or the ACN at the time of the *disaster event*); and
- (c) not be a non-government organisation that is included on the National Redress Scheme's website list of 'institutions that have not joined or have not signified their intent to join the Scheme.

³ Please refer to Section 10. Definitions below for the definition of a *landholder*.

- ii) whether the business has its own plant, equipment or stock;
- iii) the accounting arrangements of the separate business;
- iv) whether the separate business operates under its own trading name;
and,
- v) the commercial viability and autonomy of each business.

5. Expressions of interest

5.1 Preparing and submitting an expression of interest

- (a) To submit an expression of interest for funding, the applicant must submit the following:
- (i) read and understand these guidelines and if required consult service delivery staff in relation to a work plan;
 - (ii) submit an expression of interest application, which includes a proposed approved work plan (see s.5.2 below) and any required attachments in the correct templates, without any alterations, ensuring the following:
 - i. all sections of the form and required attachments are complete; and
 - ii. any supporting documentation is attached (including details of land ownership or leases, letters of support and any regulatory approval). This may include fencing quotes supplied by licensed contractors.
 - iii. submit all documentation electronically via the electronic form provided by RAPAD at <https://rapad.com.au/projects/exclusion-fencing-recovery-program/> or Quilpie Shire Council at <https://quilpie.qld.gov.au/quilpie-services/exclusion-fencing-recovery-grants/> by 5:00pm AEST on 31 March 2026. (*Expression of Interest Closing date*). Please note that applications submitted after the Expression of Interest date and time, unless agreed otherwise, may be excluded from the remainder of an assessment process.)
 - iv. undertake to comply with all applicable laws and to maintain any licence or authorisation needed to carry out the work and obtain written consent where fencing transverses land in right of an Authority or another person;
 - v. include with the above documentation a statutory declaration relating to the documentation cited above.
 - vi. applicants will need to include evidence to demonstrate that the claimed *cluster or exclusion fencing* existed at the claimed locations on their properties and was functional prior to the event through visual evidence such as photographs and/or videos and the following:
 - detailed tax invoices for the original construction of the fencing;

- documentation supplied by the organisation that oversaw the establishment of the cluster fencing.
- vii. for *cluster or exclusion fencing* evidence of joint agreement and any reliance on others for reparations⁴.
- viii. applicants will need to include evidence of direct event damage or destruction of *exclusion or cluster fences*, such as:
 - visual evidence such as photographs and/or videos supporting the location and extent of proposed works; and
 - quotations;
 - detailed and itemised tax invoices or official receipts where activities have commenced;
 - copies of documentation provided by the organisation that oversaw the construction of cluster and exclusion fencing, which assists in clarifying the functionality of the fencing before the event;
- ix. photographs and video evidence should include metadata including geo-coordinates and date the photograph was taken;
- x. details of works to exclusion or cluster fencing since 21 March 2025.

(b) Applicants must lodge their expression of interest by 31 March 2026 or by a date nominated by the *service provider*.

(c) It is recognised that prospective applicants may have repaired or replaced their exclusion fencing or cluster fencing prior to the lodgement of their expressions of interest with the serviced provider. Repairs or replacements which occurred following the start date of the event – 21 March 2025 - but before the lodgement of an expression of interest, may be an eligible actual cost for the scheme. In such cases, this information should be clearly identified in both the expression of interest application and, if additional works have yet to commence, an accompanying work plan.

5.2 Work plans

- (a) An approved work plan shall include a schedule of activities outlined with milestones and indicative dates for the purpose of repairing or reconstructing an *exclusion or cluster fence* to the fencing specifications outlined below. This includes:
- i. identifying the locations (start and end GPS coordinates) and lengths of fencing requiring repair or replacement in accordance with the *minimum mapping requirements* determined by the *Service Provider*;
 - ii. describing previous fence construction, the damage caused by the *disaster event* and proposed repair or replacement of fencing;

⁴ This may include a *Cluster Group Maintenance Contributions*.

- iii. detailing the costs of repairs and/or replacement including lengths of fencing. This includes estimated or actual costs of the work completed to date, which is accompanied by evidence identified below;
 - i. costs of the replacements conducted after 21 March 2025 but before lodgement;
 - ii. costs of the repairs conducted after 21 March 2025 but before lodgement;
 - iii. proposed replacement works including lengths of fencing. This includes estimated or actual costs of the work completed to date, which is accompanied by evidence identified below;
 - iv. detailing requirements and estimated costs for the protection of gateways, grids, public roadways and crossings with supporting evidence of locations and functionality prior to the event. This includes providing details of where *exclusion or cluster fencing* abuts the Wild Dog Barrier Fence⁵ including any authorised or proposed measures to maintain the resilience of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence;
 - v. identifying the locations of (start and end GPS coordinates/mapping in accordance with mapping requirements determined by the *service provider*) any *cluster or exclusion fences* supported by evidence of joint agreement and any reliance on others for reparations. Where exclusion fencing exists on a boundary shared by one or more eligible *landholders*, or cluster fencing, joint agreement must be reached between *landholders* prior to lodging claims for agreed and mapped sections of fencing; and
 - vi. details of proposed timeframes for the commencement of works, completion and delivery milestones; and
 - vii. details of works commenced after the occurrence of the event on 21 March 2025.
- (b) A proposed work plan shall contain the same schedule of activities as an approved workplan; however, preliminary estimates may be used regarding damage, timeframes and costs.
- (c) A proposed work plan must be finalised to an approved work plan within three months of being signed off by the service provider.

5.3 Fencing Specifications

5.3.1 Satisfaction as to material and methods

A successful applicant shall use methods and materials, which in the view of the *service provider*, provide greater resilience to future floods and is of sufficient quality to withstand storm, wind, fire damage and corrosion as well as to mitigate the risk of wild dogs.

⁵ Please note that Wild Dog Barrier Fence is administered by the Department of Primary Industries.

5.3.2 Minimum specifications

The minimum specifications⁶ for a cluster or an exclusion fence shall include, but are not limited to:

- (a) the minimum mesh height of the fence shall be 1.5 metres;
- (b) the apron shall be at least 300mm and shall be strained, if not sprung;
- (c) the distance between uprights shall be no more than 8 metres;
- (d) mesh size shall be suitable to stop the movement of wild dogs;
- (e) in relation to special cases such as creeks, gullies, public land and road crossings it is recognised these fencing specifications may not be appropriate and alternative methods can be used to prevent the movement of wild dogs. Written agreement must be obtained from the *service provider*; and
- (f) the fence must be constructed to a standard that can reasonably withstand storm, wind, flooding, fire damage and corrosion.
- (g) In assessing the standards, regard should be given to fencing guides such as the Australian Government's Catalogue of Fence Designs, available at <https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/b59c119e-c58a-4475-9507-db68da51a95c/files/catalogue.pdf>.

5.3.3 Alternative fence designs

The service provider may give consideration to an alternate fence design that achieves the purposes of Section 5.3.1 above in relation materials and methods of construction.

6. Assessment of expressions of interest

Expressions of interest will be assessed against the criteria above with the assistance of the *service provider's* evaluation panel. In reviewing expressions of interest, a *service provider* may have regard to factors such as urgency, impact on agricultural operations, financial need and the extent of the damage. This may include extent of the repairs, or the replacement required.

There is no guarantee of approval at any stage of the assessment process.

7. Successful applicants

If your expression of interest is successful and your work plan approved, you will be required to enter into a legally binding funding agreement with the *service provider*. This agreement includes undertakings relevant to the disclosure of the approval, an agreed set of milestones and reporting requirements, including a completion report.

Payments towards the project will be made to agreed milestones within the funding agreement.

All works approved under this program must be completed by **31 March 2027**.

⁶ Please note that the *Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011* applies to exclusion and cluster fences.

The funding agreement and associated grant payments are subject to normal taxation treatment, and no special arrangements will apply. You should seek independent advice on the tax implications of receiving a grant. GST is not applicable to these grant funding payments as per *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth).

All applications will be acknowledged in writing, including unsuccessful or ineligible applications.

8. Rights and responsibilities

8.1 Applicant's responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the applicant to:

- (a) inform themselves fully and properly of the requirements of the scheme, these guidelines, and the requirements of the application process;
- (b) ensure that their application is complete and accurate, as we are not obliged to request additional or missing information;
- (c) identify any information contained within their application that they consider should be treated as confidential and provide reasons for the request; and
- (d) keep a copy of their application(s) and any attachments for their own records and inform us of any changes to their circumstances that may affect their application or their eligibility for funding under these guidelines.

If an applicant is successful in obtaining funding, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they hold the relevant insurance(s) at the time of entering into the agreement and prior to any works being undertaken. An applicant will be required to provide the *service provider* with copies of the relevant certificates of currency for their insurance.

Applicants are also required to declare in writing to the *service provider* where a real or perceived conflict of interest exists or might arise in relation to their application, the proposed project delivery, or any other agreement they may enter into with the Queensland Government or the Australian Government.

The applicant's participation in any stage of the application process, or in relation to any matter concerning the process, is at the applicant's sole risk, cost, and expense. The Queensland Government will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by an applicant in preparing, lodging, or taking part in the application and assessment process.

The Queensland Government will not accept responsibility for any misunderstanding arising from the failure by an applicant to comply with these guidelines or arising from any discrepancies, ambiguities, inconsistencies, or errors in their application.

If an applicant discovers any material discrepancy, ambiguity, inconsistency, or error in their application, they must immediately bring it to the attention of the *service provider* by contacting Morgan Gronold A/CEO, RAPAD, 0448 739 759 mgronold@rapad.com.au or Quilpie Shire Council, on EFRG@quilpie.qld.gov.au or mareet@quilpie.qld.gov.au or 07 4656 0500. We may request further information from an applicant and allow an applicant to remedy any discrepancy, ambiguity, inconsistency, or error in an Exclusion Fence Recovery Grant application. We reserve the right to accept or disregard clarification information provided by the

applicants and will not consider clarification information that materially improves or amends an applicant's original application.

If an applicant knowingly provides inadequate, false, or misleading information, the application may be excluded from the assessment process. By signing an Expression of Interest application form, which includes a work plan, the applicant is declaring that the information provided and supporting documentation is true and accurate. Providing inaccurate, untrue or misleading information may be a breach of criminal law. If any information provided is found to be inaccurate, untrue or misleading, legal action may be taken against the applicant, including action to recover any funds already paid.

Suspected fraud will be referred to the Queensland Police Service and/or the Crime and Corruption Commission.

8.2 Queensland Government's rights

The Queensland Government, through the service providers reserves the right to:

- (a) amend these guidelines in its absolute discretion and will provide reasonable notice of these amendments where possible.
- (b) vary, suspend, or terminate the assessment process at any time.
- (c) the ownership of any data collected from participants at the implementation, during, and after the closure of the scheme, subject to privacy and commercial considerations.

8.3 Confidentiality and privacy

Applicants must identify any information contained within their application that they consider should be treated as confidential and provide reasons for the request.

We will only consider a request for confidentiality where:

- (a) the information to be protected is identified in specific rather than global terms
- (b) the information is, by its nature, confidential
- (c) disclosure would cause detriment to the parties concerned.

We are subject to the legislative and administrative accountability and transparency requirements of the Queensland and Australian Governments, including disclosures to the parliament and its committees.

Notwithstanding any obligations of confidentiality, we may disclose, or allow at any time the disclosure of, any information contained in or relating to any application:

- (a) to our advisers (including the assessment panel, or an entity engaged with a confidentiality agreement to deliver grant administration services), employees, or internal management for purposes related to the application and assessment processes, including to evaluate or otherwise assess applications and manage any resultant funding agreement.
- (b) to the responsible Queensland and/or Australian Government Ministers.

- (c) in response to a request by a house or a committee of the parliament of the state of Queensland.
- (d) within our, or with another agency, where this serves the Queensland Government's legitimate interests.
- (e) where the information is authorised or required by law to be disclosed, noting that information submitted to the Queensland Government is subject to the *Right to Information Act 2009* (Qld) and its requirements.
- (f) where the information is already in the public domain, otherwise than due to a breach of any relevant confidentiality obligation by the Queensland Government.
- (g) to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), or any other Australian Government agency, where this serves NEMA's legitimate interests.

In submitting any application, applicants consent to us using the information contained in their application for the above-mentioned purposes, for administering the grants, and for any other incidental or related purpose.

If you are a successful applicant, some of your personal information may be promoted through departmental and Ministerial media releases or on the department's media and social media platforms.

We will store and use the personal information collected by it in compliance with its obligations under the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld).

9. Public acknowledgment of joint Australian Government and State Government assistance

- Eligible applicants must acknowledge DRFA funding contribution in public materials, which includes but is not limited to: media releases regarding the approved project
- acknowledgement or statements in project publications and materials
- events that use or include reference to the approved project.

To comply with this requirement, all public advice and media releases should refer to the relevant funding source, as being "jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements".

Prior agreement must be reached with QRA which will oversee approval of media events and associated materials, in consultation with NEMA All publications must also include both the State and Australian Government logos and the following disclaimer: 'Although funding for this product has been provided by both the Australian and Queensland Governments, the material contained herein does not necessarily represent the views of either Government.'

Grant recipients may be contacted by the service providers or the department for media opportunities.

10. More information

For more information on the Exclusion Fence Recovery Grant program, contact:

- Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board Incorporated ('RAPAD') for the following local government areas: Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Diamantina, Longreach, and Winton on 0448 739 759 or mgronold@rapad.com.au.
- Quilpie Shire Council for all applicants in Quilpie Local Government Area as well as the following local government areas: Balonne, Bulloo, Murweh and Paroo on 07 4656 0500, EFRG@quilpie.qld.gov.au or PO Box 57 Quilpie QLD 4480.

11. Definitions

Acquittal Closing Date is 30 April 2027.

Cluster Agreement means an agreement entered between a *landholder* and a *Cluster Group* which details the activities to be carried out by the *Cluster Group* including the funding that will be paid by the *landholder* to the *Cluster Group*.

Cluster Fence means fencing erected under a *Cluster Agreement* around a group of properties to the fencing specifications to enable the management of susceptible livestock including sheep, cattle and goats and prevent the biosecurity risk of predation by wild dogs together with their adverse effects for the purposes of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Qld).

Cluster Group means a group of *landholders* who:

- a) form and register as a legal entity; and
- b) are engaged by and enter into a *Cluster Agreement*;

Cluster Group Maintenance Contribution means any in-kind or financial contributions made by the *landholder* to the *Cluster Group* for ongoing fencing, monitoring, repair or maintenance costs required for the relevant fencing.

Defined disaster area includes the following local government areas: Balonne, Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Bulloo, Diamantina, Longreach, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie, and Winton.

Disaster event means Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, commencing 21 March 2025.

Eligible separate business means a grazing enterprise that would be a commercially viable as well as an autonomous business if the other separate businesses carried on by the eligible entity ceased to operate. Evidence of payment means:

- a) tax invoice(s) showing full details of the goods or services provided. The goods and services described on each invoice must be clearly identifiable having been paid by the applicant and being related to damage from the eligible *disaster event*; and
- b) evidence of payment for these tax invoices. A copy must be provided of an applicant's bank transfer(s) and/or bank statement(s) with any relevant *official receipt(s)* from suppliers or contractors.

Exclusion fencing means fencing erected around a single property to a specified standard to enable the management of susceptible livestock including sheep, cattle and goats and prevent

the risk or likely biosecurity risk of predation by wild dogs together with their adverse effects for the purposes of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Qld)⁷.

Expression of interest Closing Date is **31 March 2026** unless otherwise agreed by the *service provider*.

Grazier means:

- a) a sole trader who spends the majority of his or her labour on, and derives the majority of his or her income from a *grazing enterprise*; or
- b) in relation to a partnership, proprietary company or trust that carries on a grazing enterprise, any partnership, shareholder or trustee of trust which spends the majority of their labour on and derives the majority of their income from the *grazing enterprise*.

Grazing enterprise means a business:

- a) conducted by a *grazier* and engaged in sheep grazing, goat grazing, and cattle grazing; and
- b) holds an Australian Business Number (ABN) or an Australian Company Number (ACN) and have held that ABN or the ACN at the time of the *disaster event*); and
- c) not be a non-government organisation that is included on the National Redress Scheme's website list of 'institutions that have not joined or have not signified their intent to join the Scheme'.⁸

Landholder means a person occupying land in the *defined disaster area*, which includes:

- a) If the land is freehold land - the registered owner of the land;
- b) If the land is the subject of a lease registered under the *Land Title Act 1994* (Qld) - the lessee of the land;
- c) If the land is the subject of a lease registered under the *Land Act 1994* (Qld) - the lessee of the land;
- d) If the land is a reserve - the trustee of the reserve; and

⁷ Please note that a wild dog (dogs that are not owned) and dingoes are restricted matter for the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Qld). *Landholders* possess a general biosecurity obligation to take reasonable and practical measure to manage the biosecurity risks poses by wild dogs together their effects.

⁸ Please note that non-government organisations that are included on the National Redress Scheme's website list of 'Institutions that have not joined or have not signified their intent to join the Scheme' will be assessed as ineligible grant funding. (www.nationalredress.gov.au). Grant recipients that had joined the scheme or had signified their intention to join the scheme at the time of the grant approval, must continue to meet the eligibility requirements relating to the National Redress Scheme (www.nationalredress.gov.au) at all times during the term of DRFA grant funding agreement.

The National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Grant Connected Policy (Redress GCP). The Redress GCP is a whole of Australian government policy that makes non-government institutions named in applications to the Scheme, or in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, that do not join the Scheme, ineligible for future Australian Government grant funding.

- e) If a person has occupation rights in relation to the land under a licence or permit - the licensee or permittee.

Minimum mapping requirements, which relate to a work plan, are determined by the *Service Provider* and may include boundaries of cluster or exclusion fencing, property boundaries and names as well as local government areas.

Official receipt means a receipt showing proof of payment and includes the name and address and ABN (if applicable) of the entity that issued the receipt and a description of each item to which the receipt relates.

Reinstatement means the carrying out of activities that are necessary to help the *landholder* continue or resume production at a similar level as before the *disaster event*.

Service Provider means Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board Incorporated ('RAPAD') or Quilpie Shire Council.

Works Completion Date is 31 March 2027.