

# WILD DOG MANAGEMENT MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CONTROL

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## POLICY FOR SWRED REGION WITHIN MURWEH, PAROO, QUILPIE & BULLOO SHIRES

This minimum standard policy must be adhered to by all land managers within the SWRED region and is agreed by all four Shire Councils and their respective Wild Dog Management Advisory Committees, to be fair and equitable to all land managers.

1. The course of action all landholders **must** undertake to manage the impacts of wild dogs from their land and within the region:
  - a. Have a valid approved property plan
  - b. Attend coordinated control meetings to understand what levels of control are needed and where control needs to be applied (particularly transit routes)
  - c. Participate in coordinated baiting
  - d. In areas of wild dog activity, lay and maintain baits and traps at all times while wild dogs are active.
  - e. Employ contractor to carry out wild dog control in accordance with the wild dog plan developed by the Bulloo Shire Council officer and the Wild Dog Management Advisory Group
  - f. The landowner may fence their property with a fence suitable for excluding wild dogs and carry out control along it's transect.
  - g. The landholder may discuss options for control with the Bulloo Shire Council officer and the Wild Dog Management Advisory Group to arrive at a mutually agreed level of control.
2. If during an inspection under a Pest Survey Program, the owner of the wild dog infested property has not initiated any effective control measures, a Pest Control Notice will be issued to the landowner.
3. The Pest Control Notice will require the following actions as stated in section 1. of this policy:
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  - e. Employ contractor to carry out wild dog control in accordance with the wild dog plan developed by the Bulloo Shire Council officer and the Wild Dog Management Advisory Group
  - f. The landowner may fence their property with a fence suitable for wild dogs and carry out control along it's transect.
4. In strategic locations, the *Bulloo Shire Council* may exercise discretion to require a shorter compliance period for a control program
5. Landholders who have been served with a warning letter and a pest control notice in relation to wild dogs may also be required by *Bulloo Shire Council* in a subsequent Pest control notices to prepare a Property Pest Management Plan and implement it. Provide documentary evidence implementation.
6. If a landowner does not comply with a pest control notice, the *Bulloo Shire Council* will take action under the provisions of the *Land Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002* including entry and the works on the land required in the Pest Control Notice. The *Bulloo Shire Council's* costs in undertaking this work will be recovered from the landowner as per the process set out in the Act.
7. If a landowner does not comply with a pest control notice, the *Bulloo Shire Council* may initiate a prosecution under section 78(6) of the Act.