

NSW Wild Dog Fence Extension

Stakeholder Update

October 2020



BROUGHAMS GATE TO MURRAY RIVER (322 KM)



Mapping of proposed fence alignment complete.

Initial on-ground biodiversity assessments undertaken with follow-up assessments planned.



Initial on-ground Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments undertaken with follow-up assessments planned.



HUNGERFORD TO MUNGINDI (420 KM)

200 km of mapping undertaken, 220 km remaining to be mapped.



On-ground Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments commenced mid-October.

Consultation with landholders continuing.



CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES



Construction for the project commenced at a priority pilot site near Hungerford where the current dog fence finishes. Deputy Premier John Barilaro and Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW Adam Marshall (pictured with local landholder, John Dunk) turned the first sod for the project in mid-September, with local landholders, stakeholders and members of the project team joining them on site. It was great to have a local business from Bourke provide the materials while the construction contractor has utilised labour from a nearby town in Western NSW. The priority pilot site is 15 kilometres in length and will test and evaluate the systems in place prior to the main phase of construction.



PLANNING AND APPROVALS

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



The project team will soon be calling on all parties with an interest in the project to have their say through the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The draft EIS is an important part in the approvals process for the project, with all stakeholders given the opportunity to be involved and provide feedback on the project, both positive and any perceived issues. Further information on the draft EIS will be forthcoming in due course.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



The project team continue to engage with landholders and stakeholders to provide updates on the project. While COVID-19 has reduced the opportunity for face to face presentations, it is hoped further meetings will be scheduled for early 2021. Regular project updates will continue to be provided through radio interviews, newspaper stories and online media, while the project team can always be contacted to provide further information.



FINANCIALS

\$1.9 million spent to date:

- approvals: \$1.2 M
- project delivery: \$0.7 M.

Suppliers shortlisted for the manufacture and supply of fence materials.



GET INVOLVED

The NSW Government will soon call for tenders for businesses to undertake earthworks and fence construction for the main build.



The NSW Government is committed to involving as many local and regional NSW businesses in this project as possible. Already two business from Bourke have provided materials while two Broken Hill businesses have been engaged to provide materials and the construction for the first build on the NSW and South Australia section.



COVID-19

The project team is continuing to put measures in place as needed to ensure the safety of landholders, the community and contractors.



For further information regarding the NSW Wild Dog Fence Extension project, visit www.ils.nsw.gov.au or contact the project team on (02) 5852 1215 or wilddogfence@scs.nsw.gov.au.