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Hon Barnaby Joyce  
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Dear Minister Joyce

### **National Wild Dog Action Plan – future projections**

Livestock SA is writing to urge the Department of Agriculture's support for the *National Wild Dog Action Plan's* future projections request for a federal government grant of \$1.35M to support the continued implementation of the Plan over the next two years (2015/16 and 2016/17).

We all know, wild dogs is an issue of national significance because of their destructive impact on both landholders and rural communities. It is in the national interest to have a coordinated response.

It is important to acknowledge that the Plan is an industry-driven initiative which is not about delivering actual control methodologies on-the-ground. It is about ensuring these on-the-ground methodologies are accessible, reliable, and available and being used to the greatest effects possible. The Plan picks up the overarching collaboration and coordination of wild dog management and delivers on areas that are nationally significant to the greater control and management of wild dogs.

In a very short period (August 2014 to March 2015) the Federal Government's implementation grant has been instrumental in putting in place the enabling structure and providing the conduit to establish stakeholder working group processes. The Plan has been able to gain many significant achievements for the overarching management and control of wild dogs. Value-add outcomes, on top of the funding deliverables, have championed the development and roll-out of a Communication and Engagement Strategy Action Plan. A jurisdiction/industry co-investment approach to facilitating the development of mutually agreed nationally consistent wild dog management metrics is also in progress.

The future projections as agreed by the Implementation Steering Committee must be pursued to ensure the ongoing success of the Plan, and therefore greater wild dog management. The activities are not just about implementing a Plan, they are strategic and aim to strengthen the on-ground work that is already being pursued.

Your support with securing this funding will certainly be appreciated by the many hundreds of landholders experiencing wild dog predation as well as by the project team. Base operational funding will provide continuity and certainty for the roll-out of the Plan over the longer-term as well as a lever for attracting co-investment dollars.

Livestock SA was very appreciative of the Commonwealth drought funding provided in South Australia towards pest management activities in drought-affected areas of this State which has been used solely towards wild dog control. The provision of further funding for the *National Wild Dog Action Plan* can only enhance what has already been funded.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss this matter in more detail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Power', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**President Livestock SA**

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