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### **Calls to tear down the Dog Fence ridiculous and ill-informed**

A recommendation from Deakin University in Melbourne to pull down the Dog Fence so dingoes could roam free to kill feral animals would devastate our sheep, cattle and other grazing industries.

These industries have taken over 150 years to establish and the Dog Fence plays a critical role in controlling dingoes in south eastern Australia, especially South Australia.

“This research ignores the reality that dingoes will interbreed with other larger feral dogs to create an even more effective killer,” Local Liberal Member Dan van Holst Pellekaan said.

“And the suggestion that dingoes would choose not to pursue sheep is laughable – it is well known that dingoes and other dogs kill for food and for sport.

“This recommendation is simply idealistic and ignores the realities of life.

“Dingoes are a remarkable and beautiful native Australian animal – they are free to roam approximately three quarters of the Australian continent, but cannot be allowed to roam everywhere.

“Sheep and other stock from the far West Coast to the far South East of our state would be at risk.

“If the Dog Fence was removed then graziers would have to build their own dog-proof fences to protect their herds. It was this practice decades ago that lead to the amalgamation of private fences into one fence which currently protects everyone.

“Instead of having one protective fence in the far North, we would have hundreds of shooters pursuing dingoes and interbred dogs across the entire state.”

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