



Terms of Reference – BSC Wild Dog Advisory Committee

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The Wild Dog Advisory Committee ('Committee') is a Balonne Shire Council ('Council') Committee established under Section 265 of the Local Government Regulations 2012

2. PURPOSE

The Committee is constituted to help reduce the impacts of wild dogs on landholders by guiding an effective, efficient and coordinated approach to controlling wild dogs and other vertebrate pests. The Committee will operate under Council's Biosecurity Plan and in cooperation with the Pest Working Group constituted under that Plan.

3. SCOPE

The Committee will:

- a) Provide advice to Council relating to wild dog management under the Biosecurity Plan
- b) Provide guidance and advice to landholders and other stakeholders on a coordinated approach to controlling wild dogs and other vertebrate pests
- c) Work in cooperation with the Biosecurity Plan Pest Working Group

4. OBJECTIVES

The Committees objectives are:

- a) Increase landholder participation and coordination in effective wild dog and related priority pest animal control across all land uses in the Shire
- b) Increase awareness of wild dog impacts to all stakeholders in the Shire via education and communication programs
- c) Improve and enhance pest animal data collection across the Shire
- d) Identify and prioritise potential and high impact/density areas in the Shire, including changes from the roll-out of wild dog exclusion fences across the Shire
- e) Maintain and improve the effectiveness of and participation in landholder syndicates

5. TENURE

The Committee will be reviewed at the commencement of each Council term and members of the Committee will be appointed for that term.



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6. MEMBERSHIP

- a) The core membership of the Committee will comprise of:
- Balonne Shire Council Mayor
 - Balonne Shire Council Councillor holding biosecurity/animal pest control portfolio responsibility
 - BSC Director Community and Environment
 - BSC Manager of Rural Services and Compliance
 - BSC Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Coordinator
 - Two syndicate representatives from each zone in the Balonne Shire area
 - A representative from Queensland Parks and Wildlife
 - A representative from Biosecurity Queensland
 - A representative from AgForce
- b) Additional advisory members may be added from within Council staff or external members as required.
- c) Registered trappers invited for information
- d) Other parties may be invited

7. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Committee will be supported by the Community and Environmental Sustainability Directorate's Rural Services Unit and the WDEF Project Support Officer.

8. MEETINGS

- a) The Committee shall meet at least two (2) times per annum to ensure that Wild Dog Management and best practice and advice is co-ordinated and implemented.
- b) Meetings will be chaired by the portfolio Councillor or Mayor or any other such committee member determined by Council.
- c) Order of Proceedings are as follows:
- i. Opening
 - ii. Attendance
 - iii. Leave of Absence
 - iv. Confirmation of Minutes
 - v. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest



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- vi. Deputations
 - vii. Agenda Items as required
 - viii. General Business (Minor Items only)
 - ix. Closing
- d) An agenda to be circulated prior to the meeting.
 - e) The Committee will adopt consensus recommendations to Council.
 - f) Quorum will be defined as 50% plus one.
 - g) The Committee will comply with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.
 - h) Conflicts of interest to be declared at commencement of meetings.

9. MINUTES

- a) Minutes shall be taken of Committee meetings
- b) Minutes will not be made public except as presented to Council.
- c) Where appropriate, minutes will be considered by Council in closed session.

10. REPORTING TO COUNCIL

The Committee shall report on its activities and provide advice to Council through the Committee's meeting minutes. The Committee may provide advice and recommendations to Council for consideration.

11. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Committee has no delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council. Decisions will be made by Council resolution or as delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

Committee members are required to treat any sensitive information in an appropriate and confidential manner.

13. LEGAL PARAMETERS

- Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 265
- Biosecurity Act 2014