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STOCK ROUTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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1. Introduction

The stock route network spans over 2.6 million hectares across Queensland, providing essential infrastructure for travelling stock. Within the Western Downs Regional Council area, this network covers approximately 115,000 hectares and is supported by night yards, crossings, fencing, and critical water facilities.

Governed by the *Stock Route Management Act 2002* (the Act), local governments are required to develop and implement stock route management plans to ensure the network is managed effectively and sustainably.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to provide a clear framework for managing the Western Downs stock route network in compliance with the *Stock Route Management Act 2002*. The plan ensures:

- Sustainable management of stock routes and associated resources.
- Protection of environmental and cultural values.
- Efficient allocation of resources for maintenance and enforcement.
- Clear guidelines for Council officers, permit holders, and stakeholders.

1.2 Scope

This plan covers the management of the stock route network within the Western Downs Regional Council jurisdiction, outlining Council's responsibilities and collaborations with community stakeholders and neighbouring councils.

1.3 Objectives

The plan aligns with the principles of stock route network management under Section 97 of the Act and aims to:

- Maintain an accessible, well-managed stock route network.
- Sustain pasture resources for travelling stock.
- Ensure functional and well-maintained infrastructure.
- Secure reliable water sources.
- Manage natural assets responsibly.
- Support multiple land uses while prioritising stock movements.
- Improve risk management for users and stock.
- Enforce compliance and accountability.
- Prioritise management efforts on the primary stock route network.

1.4 Plan Development

This plan is developed in accordance with the *Stock Route Management Act 2002*, *Stock Route Regulation 2003*, and the Queensland Stock Route Network Management Strategy. It aligns with Council's corporate and operational plans and will be reviewed annually for effectiveness.

1.5 Roles and Responsibilities

1.5.1 Role of Local Government

Under the *Stock Route Management Act 2002*, local governments are responsible for:

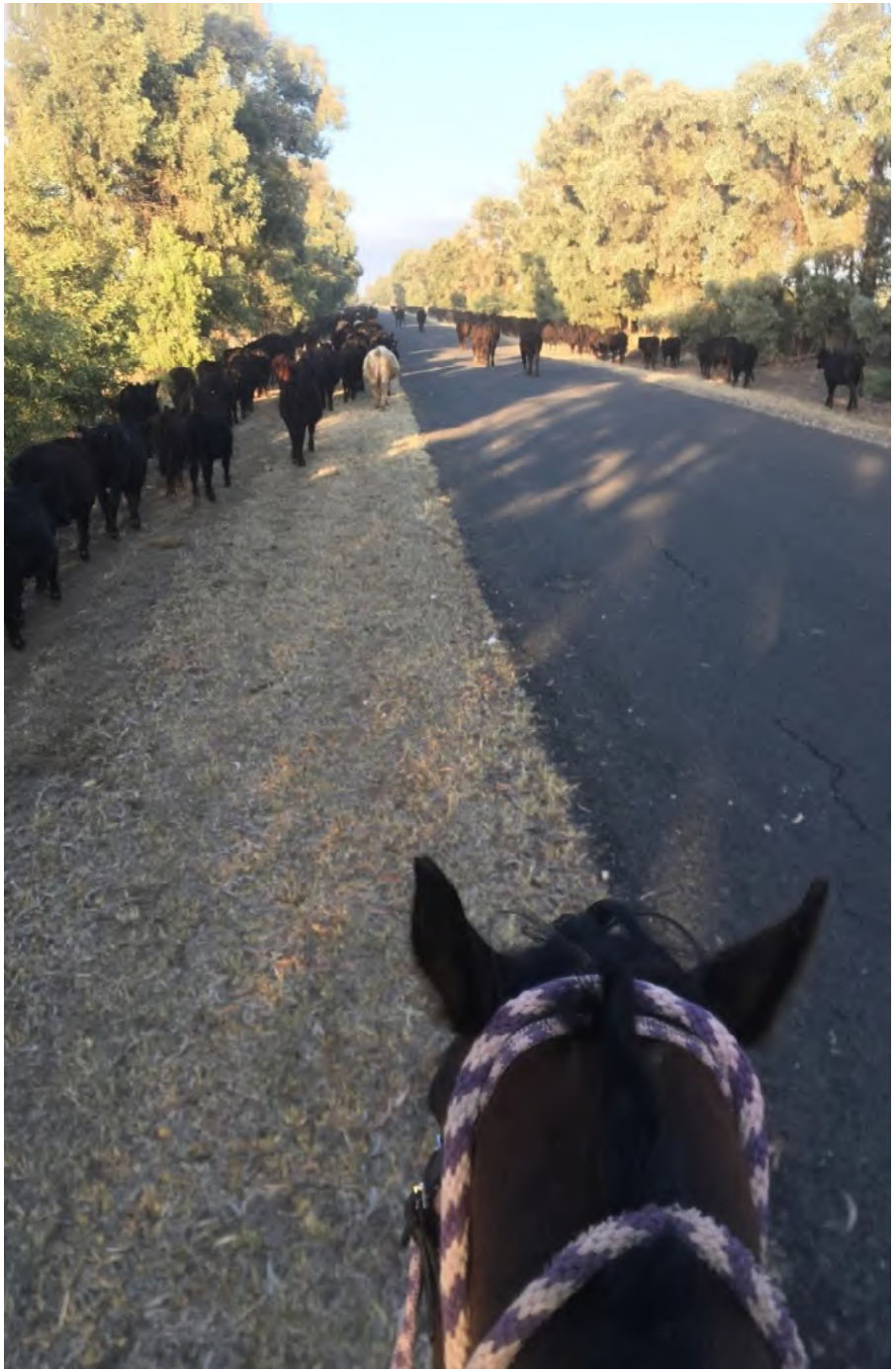
- Managing grazing levels and ensuring adequate pasture supply.
- Maintaining and upgrading essential infrastructure.
- Issuing permits for travelling stock and short-term agistment.
- Controlling invasive weeds and managing fire risks.
- Enforcing compliance and addressing breaches.

1.5.2 Role of Other Stakeholders

Stakeholders play critical roles in stock route management:

Stakeholder	Role and Responsibility
State Government	Provides strategic oversight, policy guidance, compliance support, and training.
Neighbouring Councils	Collaborate on network integrity, permit consistency, and shared resources.
Drovers & Permit Holders	Ensure compliance with all permit conditions and biosecurity regulations.
Adjoining Landholders	Manage fencing, pasture, and biosecurity obligations; report issues to Council.
Industry	Contribute to policy development, planning, and technical advice.

Specific stakeholder responsibilities are detailed in **Section 7.1**, the Implementation Plan.



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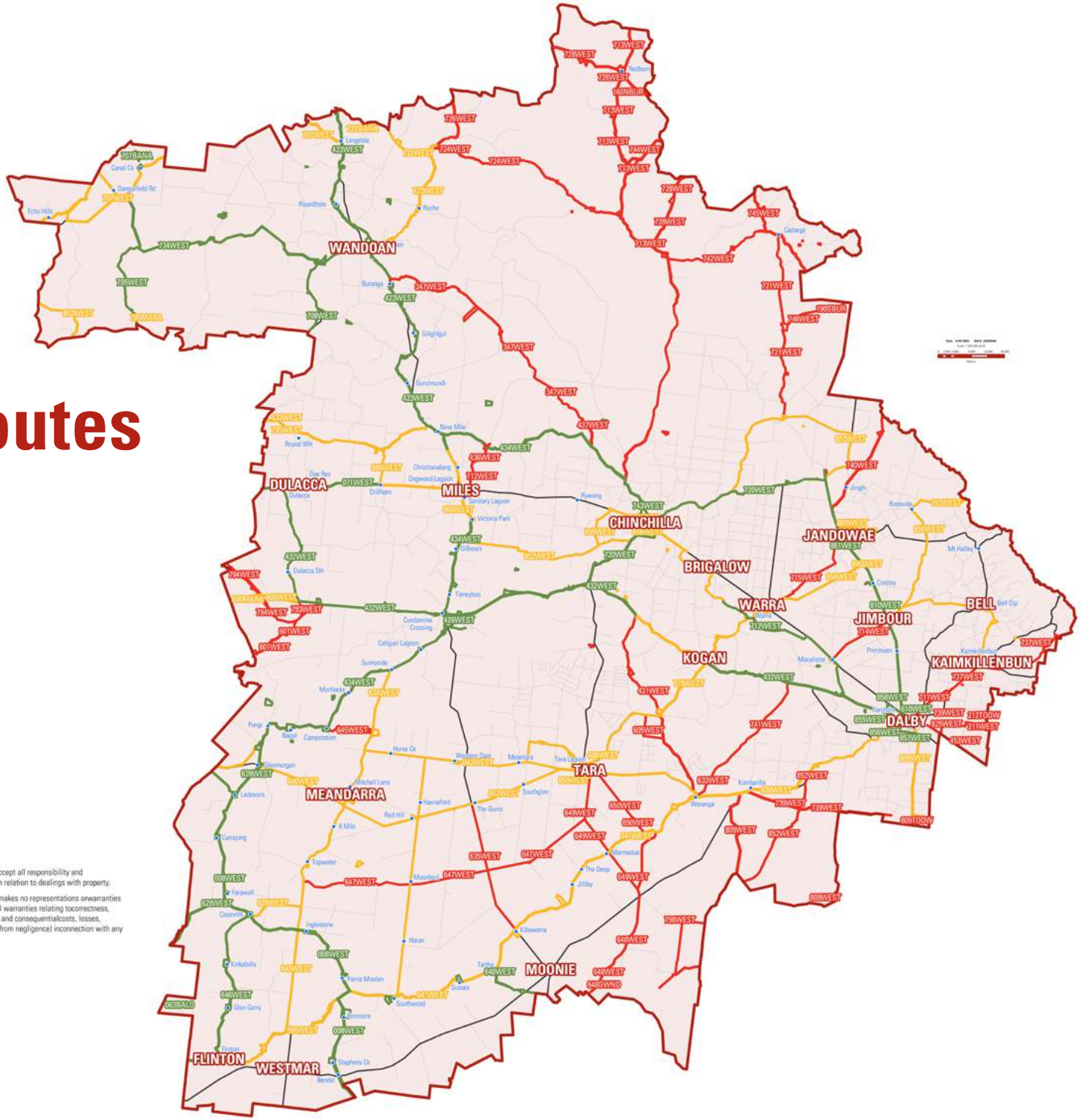

LEGEND

Primary	880km	Open
Secondary	1390km	Open
Tertiary	1140km	Open
WDRC Boundary		
Highway / Main Road		
Roads		
Unformed Road		
Water Facilities		

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2. Stock Route Network

2.1 Overview of Network

In the Western Downs Regional Council area, there is approximately **3410km** of stock routes, comprising 880km of primary, 1390km of secondary and 1140km of tertiary routes. Stock routes are defined in the *Stock Route Management Act 2002* as a 'road or route ordinarily used for travelling stock or declared under a regulation as such'.

Usage of the network varies seasonally, with a combination of permits issued for travelling stock and grazing purposes.

Permit types

- **Agistment Permits** – required for grazing livestock on stock routes, reserves and roads or other land local government control.
  - Provide short-term relief while longer term strategies are put in place.
  - Grazing (agistment) permits are issued for a maximum of 28 days and can be renewed once only.
- **Travel Permits** – required to move stock on foot on:
  - Stock Routes
  - Reserves for travelling stock
  - Roads and other land under local government control
  - Unallocated state land adjoining any of these listed land types.
- **Local Stock Travel** – A travel permit is not required for local movements, when
  - the properties are owned by the same landowner and worked as a single enterprise.
  - travel occurs during a single day in daylight hours
  - travel is for animal husbandry or property management purposes only.

In addition to facilitating stock movement and agistment, the stock route network in the Western Downs region supports:

- Recreation and tourism (e.g., bushwalking, birdwatching)
- Cultural heritage and Indigenous significance
- Environmental conservation and biodiversity corridors
- Emergency access and firebreaks
- Research and educational opportunities
- Alternative transport and utility corridors

2.2 Stock Route Network Values

Western Downs Regional Council is committed to preserving the multi-use values of the network, which include:

- **Pastoral** – Supporting sustainable livestock movement and temporary grazing.
- **Cultural Heritage** – Recognising Indigenous heritage sites and historical droving routes.
  - The stock route network holds significant value for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. For Indigenous peoples, including the Barunggam, Bigambul, Iman (Yiman), Mandandanji, Wakka Wakka, and Jarowair nations, many of these routes follow traditional pathways to and from the Bunya Mountains, where gatherings such as the biennial Bonye Festival were held. These routes serve as cultural corridors for spiritual connection, knowledge exchange, and traditional practices.
  - Many stock routes overlay cultural songlines, which map ancestral journeys through song and story. Remnant vegetation along the routes helps preserve cultural artefacts such as scar trees, stone tools, and potentially sacred sites. These corridors remain vital for transmitting cultural knowledge about landscape navigation, seasonal cycles, and natural resources, and for maintaining cultural identity across generations.
  - Non-Indigenous heritage is also embedded in the stock route network, with links to Queensland's pastoral development. Routes historically used for droving cattle and sheep still feature old stockyards, homesteads, and wells—testaments to the region's settler history and pioneering resilience.
  - Ongoing maintenance of the stock route network will consider both Indigenous and non-Indigenous heritage values, ensuring that these cultural legacies are respected and preserved.
- **Environmental/Biodiversity** – Protecting native flora and fauna along stock routes
  - The Western Downs Stock Route network covers an area of 183,617 hectares, supporting a diverse range of flora and fauna. A total of 4,311 species have been recorded within the network, including 475 listed as threatened.
  - Additionally, 59 species identified within the network are endemic to the region. Given that the stock route network often consists of intact remnant vegetation and provides vital linkages between otherwise fragmented habitats, its careful management is crucial to the survival of many of Queensland's flora and fauna.
  - The network plays an essential role in biodiversity conservation by preserving critical wildlife corridors and habitats for threatened and endemic species.
- **Grazing and Natural Resource Use** – Managing vegetation and water resources.
- **Recreation** – Allowing controlled public use, such as camping and hiking.
- **Transport and Movement** – Maintaining stock movement corridors.

These values inform the management strategies outlined in **Section 7.1** – Implementation Plan. Effectiveness of management activities will be assessed in annual reviews and adjusted as needed.

2.3 Inventory of Facilities

Council maintains infrastructure to support stock travel, including:

Asset	Category	Usage	Condition	Lifespan	Maintenance Activities	Funding Responsibility
Water Troughs	Water Supply	Essential for travelling stock	Good	10 years	Regular cleaning, repairs	Council / State Funding
Holding Yards	Stock Holding	Temporary containment	Fair	15 years	Fence repairs, weed control	Council
Excavated Storage	Water Supply	Essential for travelling stock	Good	30	Desilt	Council / State Funding
Bore (Sub-artesian)	Water Supply	Essential for travelling stock	Good	30	Repairs and maintenance	Council/State Funding
Tank (Concrete)	Gravity Tank	Essential for travelling stock	Good	30	Regular cleaning, repairs	Council / State Funding
Tank (Lined Steel Mesh or Fabricated Steel/poly liner	Gravity Tank	Essential for travelling stock	Good	25	Regular cleaning, repairs	Council / State Funding
Tank (Polythene)	Gravity Tank	Essential for travelling stock	Good	15	Regular cleaning, repairs	Council / State Funding
Tank (Turkeys Nest)	Gravity Tank	Essential for travelling stock	Good	20	Desilt	Council / State Funding
Pump (draw plunger)	Pumping Unit	Essential for travelling stock	Good	20	Repairs and maintenance	Council / State Funding
Pump (flush cap)	Pumping Unit	Essential for travelling stock	Good	7	Repairs and maintenance	Council / State Funding
Pump (Centrifugal, helical rotor, jet))	Pumping Unit	Essential for travelling stock	Good	10	Repairs and maintenance	Council / State Funding
Pump (submersible)	Pumping Unit	Essential for travelling stock	Good	7	Repairs and maintenance	Council / State Funding
Pump (Solar)	Pumping Unit	Essential for travelling stock	Good	7	Repairs and maintenance	Council / State Funding
Solar Panels	Pumping Unit	Essential for travelling stock	Good	10	Repairs and maintenance	Council / State Funding
Pump (syphon)	Pumping Unit	Essential for travelling stock	Good	20	Repairs and maintenance	Council / State Funding
Windmill	Pumping Unit	Essential for travelling stock	Good	30	Repairs and maintenance	Council / State Funding
Troughs (Concrete)	Troughing	Essential for travelling stock	Good	25	Regular Cleaning, repairs	Council / State Funding
Troughs (Galvanised Steel)	Troughing	Essential for travelling stock	Good	15	Regular Cleaning, repairs	Council / State Funding
Stock Holding	Holding Yards	Temporary containment	Good	20	Fence repairs, weed control	Council / State Funding
Fence (small area)	Fencing	Protection of asset	Good	20	Fence repairs, Weed control	Council / State Funding
Fence (Large area)	Fencing	Containment and protection of asset	Good	20	Fence repairs, weed control	Council / State Funding

Full details of facilities are included in **Appendix 1.**

2.4 Stock Route Funding

Each year, Western Downs Regional Council may apply to the Department of Resources for funding to undertake capital maintenance activities on the stock route network. Funding is provided through a competitive process, where local governments submit bids for maintenance projects.

The Department of Resources' annual capital works program allocates funding based on project merit, prioritising infrastructure essential for stock travel and grazing sustainability. Anticipated funding applications for the upcoming financial year will focus on upgrading critical water infrastructure, improving stock holding facilities, and enhancing network accessibility.

Council will continue to seek external funding opportunities to ensure the long-term sustainability and functionality of the stock route network.

3. Pressures on the Network

Affecting the operation of the network, a number of pressures exist that must be managed. These include pressures on the values of the network as well as pressures on the physical condition and function of the network itself. Western Downs Regional Council monitors and manages these pressures through policy, operational response, and collaborative approaches.

Pressures identified in the Western Downs local government area include:

3.1 Overgrazing

Pasture on the network can be impacted by overgrazing from travelling stock, grazing permit holders, and feral animals. Council must manage and conserve pasture to ensure an adequate supply is available for travelling stock at all times.

Pasture availability is assessed by Rural Services Officers prior to the approval of travelling stock permits. This assessment may use tools such as the Land Condition Assessment Tool (LCAT), visual pasture monitoring, and historical permit data. Overgrazing reduces feed availability and can lead to land degradation and erosion.

Council's pasture management approach includes:

- Limiting permit durations and livestock numbers based on pasture availability
- Resting areas of the network showing signs of stress
- Coordinating with pest animal control programs to minimise grazing pressure from feral species
- Monitoring for erosion and implementing rehabilitation where required

3.2 Encroachment of Vegetation

Woody weed encroachment and unchecked regrowth reduce pasture availability and create navigational barriers for stock.

Council manages vegetation encroachment through:

- Regular inspections of high-use and high-risk areas
- Mechanical clearing or slashing of overgrown corridors
- Working with landholders and state agencies to align with fire and weed control plans
- Prioritising vegetation management in the capital works program

3.3 Obstructing Movement of Stock

Stock movement may be impeded by overgrown vegetation, inappropriate fencing, physical infrastructure such as roadworks or utilities, and poorly maintained gates or grids. In severe cases, this can force stock onto roadways, creating public safety risks.

Council addresses this through:

- Permit assessments identifying and mitigating potential movement barriers
- Maintenance of gates, grids, and signage
- Issuing notices to landholders responsible for unauthorised obstructions
- Responding to reports from drovers and adjoining landholders

3.4 Straying Stock

Straying stock may enter private property or roadways, resulting in public safety concerns, property damage, or conflict between users. This pressure is often linked to inadequate fencing, unpermitted agistment, or stock left unattended.

Council's response includes:

- Clear permit conditions specifying containment responsibilities
- Rapid investigation of straying stock reports
- Encouraging fencing upgrades where gaps exist
- Working with owners to remove unauthorised stock

3.5 Fencing in of the Network

Unauthorised fencing of stock route corridors reduces access and interferes with the designated function of the network. Fencing can also conceal or damage infrastructure and impact habitat connectivity.

Council manages this through:

- Mapping and auditing network boundaries
- Identifying illegal fencing during permit inspections or patrols
- Requiring landholders to remove or modify unauthorised fences
- Escalating enforcement for non-compliance

3.6 Pest Animals and Weeds

Invasive weeds degrade pasture quality, while pest animals such as wild dogs and feral pigs cause damage to infrastructure and contribute to overgrazing.

Council works with Biosecurity Queensland and neighbouring landholders to:

- Identify infestations during inspections
- Implement targeted weed spraying and pest baiting
- Coordinate efforts under the Biosecurity Plan
- Include pest management actions in stock route maintenance funding applications

3.7 Biosecurity Risks

The movement of stock and people across the network poses risks of disease transmission and weed spread. Poor hygiene practices at watering points or yards can further compound these risks.

Council mitigates biosecurity pressures through:

- Conditions in permits requiring compliance with biosecurity measures
- Inspection of yards and water facilities for hygiene and disease indicators
- Public awareness campaigns about biosecurity obligations
- Supporting rapid response efforts for notifiable diseases

3.8 Impacts from Other Users

Recreational users, trail riders, utility contractors, and illegal campers may cause soil compaction, damage to infrastructure, or disturb livestock.

Council manages these risks by:

- Installing appropriate signage
- Inspecting high-use sites regularly
- Educating the public about permitted uses
- Responding to reports and enforcing local laws when necessary

3.9 Other Impacts

Other pressures on the network include:

- Climate variability, leading to changes in pasture growth and water availability
- Budget constraints limiting the scale of proactive maintenance
- Lack of awareness from some users about the importance and function of the network

Council will continue to adapt its strategies through annual reviews, stakeholder consultation, and alignment with state and regional initiatives.

4. Water Facilities

4.1 Management and Maintenance

Water facilities are among the most critical infrastructure components on the stock route network, enabling the safe and humane movement of livestock across long distances. In the Western Downs region, these facilities also provide benefit to emergency services, adjoining landholders, and the wider community during times of drought or emergency.

Western Downs Regional Council is responsible for maintaining and managing these facilities, which include tanks, troughs, solar pumps, and windmills (detailed in Section 2.3 and Appendix 2). Maintenance is essential to ensure that the principles of public awareness, planning, and consultation and partnership are upheld.

The Council's water facility management regime includes:

- Scheduled inspections every six months by Rural Services Officers to assess functionality, cleanliness, and safety.
- Reactive maintenance following reports from permit holders, landholders or the public.
- Annual servicing of mechanical components such as pumps, solar systems, and tanks.
- Water quality monitoring, particularly during periods of high usage or drought.

A service-level framework prioritises maintenance based on:

- Facility usage frequency and permit history
- Environmental vulnerability (e.g. likelihood of algae blooms or bore depletion)
- Infrastructure age and asset condition ratings

This proactive maintenance regime helps reduce infrastructure failures, ensures consistent access to water for travelling stock, and contributes to biosecurity and animal welfare compliance.

4.2 Water Facility Agreements

To manage shared water access and prevent conflict, Western Downs Regional Council requires water facility agreements before any water is taken from a stock route facility. These agreements support:

- **Domestic use**
- **Stock watering** (non-travelling stock)
- **Combined domestic and stock purposes**

Agreements are negotiated based on:

- Type and purpose of water use
- Availability of water without impacting travelling stock access
- Proximity to other water sources or private infrastructure

Requirements for entering into a water facility agreement include:

- Submission of a completed application form
- Evidence of adjoining land ownership (where relevant)
- Compliance with terms of use, including maintenance responsibilities and water metering where applicable
- Agreement to allow Council access for inspections

Council ensures that:

- Agreements are issued with clear duration, renewal conditions and use limitations
- Facilities are not over-allocated or degraded by unauthorised use
- Water access prioritises the needs of travelling stock in accordance with the Act

These agreements create clarity around shared water resources and ensure sustainable use aligned with the network's purpose.

5. Compliance Framework

Western Downs Regional Council is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable legislation, policies, and permit conditions associated with the stock route network. The Council's compliance activities prioritise education and voluntary compliance while allowing for escalation where required.

The compliance framework for stock route management supports the principles of:

- **Public awareness** – through education and community engagement
- **Management** – via consistent enforcement and stewardship of resources
- **Payment for use** – ensuring appropriate and fair access

Council applies a graduated approach to compliance, including:

- **Awareness and education** – providing information to landholders, permit holders, and the public about legal obligations and responsible use
- **Verbal and written warnings** – for minor or first-time breaches
- **Formal compliance notices and infringements** – for more serious or repeated non-compliance
- **Legal proceedings** – where necessary to address significant or wilful breaches

Council monitors the stock route network through:

- Scheduled and random patrols
- Permit-related inspections
- Reports from landholders, community members, and other authorities

The compliance framework addresses the following key issues:

- **Offences related to agistment and travel permits** – including stock movement outside permit conditions or expired permits
- **Grazing without a permit** – unauthorised use of pasture resources
- **Overgrazing** – resulting in pasture degradation or environmental damage
- **Straying stock** – livestock present on the network without authorisation or control
- **Damage to infrastructure** – such as yards, gates, watering points, and signage
- **Water offences** – including wasting, polluting, or unauthorised taking of water
- **Obstructing stock movement** – with fencing, vehicles, infrastructure, or natural growth
- **Unauthorised vegetation clearing** – potentially harming cultural sites, biodiversity, or stability of the network

Council works closely with the Department of Resources and other partners to ensure compliance actions are consistent, fair, and effective. All enforcement decisions are documented and subject to internal review processes to maintain transparency and accountability.

6. Risk and Safety Management

Risk and safety management is a vital element of Western Downs Regional Council's approach to protecting users of the stock route network—including drovers, travelling stock, adjoining landholders, and the wider community. Proactive risk mitigation aligns with the principles of public awareness, consultation and partnerships, and monitoring and evaluation as set out in the *Stock Route Management Act 2002*.

Council identifies, assesses, and manages a range of hazards associated with the use and upkeep of the stock route network. These include both natural and human-made risks that could impact safety, livestock welfare, infrastructure integrity, and environmental values.

The following table outlines key risks and Council's associated management strategies:

Risk / Hazard	Risk Assessment	Responsible Party	Management Strategy
Inadequate water availability	Medium – Impacts stock health and animal welfare	Council	Scheduled inspections and maintenance of water points; drought contingency planning
Overgrown vegetation or fallen trees	Medium – Obstructs stock movement; fire hazard	Council; Landholders	Regular slashing and clearing; fire management planning
Damaged or missing infrastructure	High – Risks to stock safety and containment	Council	Routine inspections and maintenance of grids, troughs, yards
Straying or uncontrolled stock	High – Risk to public safety and property	Stock owners; Council	Permit enforcement, fencing checks, community reporting, and rapid response
Wild dogs and feral pigs	High – Threat to livestock and ecological damage	Council; Biosecurity QLD; Landholders	Coordinated pest control and baiting programs
Illegal access or unauthorised activity	Medium – Damage to network and biosecurity risks	Council; Law enforcement	Public education, signage, and enforcement of access restrictions
Water contamination or waste	Medium – Affects animal and environmental health	Users; Council	Education, signage, and enforcement of water use agreements
Cultural heritage site disturbance	High – Loss of irreplaceable cultural values	Council; Traditional Custodians	Consultation, mapping, and heritage-aware maintenance practices

Council maintains a central incident reporting system, which allows for community members and users to log issues or near misses. These are reviewed and used to refine future risk management actions.

Through its operational procedures and partnerships with stakeholders, Western Downs Regional Council aims to ensure that the stock route network remains safe, accessible, and functional for all users.

7. Implementation

Western Downs Regional Council is committed to achieving a stock route management system that is both viable and equitable for all stakeholders in the local government area. The successful implementation of this plan will ensure the network continues to support its primary purpose—providing for the movement and grazing of travelling stock—while accommodating other compatible land uses, environmental management goals, and cultural values.

The plan will be implemented by Council staff through regular operational activities, targeted projects, and responses to emergent issues. Where internal resources are insufficient, qualified contractors may be engaged to deliver specific works or services in line with Council's procurement policy.

Implementation actions will be guided by the following:

- Alignment with the principles and objectives in **Section 1.3**, particularly commitment, management, and planning.
- Integration with Council's annual operational and budget planning processes.
- Collaborative arrangements with adjoining councils, State agencies, Traditional Custodians, and local communities.
- Monitoring of plan effectiveness and continuous improvement through feedback and evaluation.

Council's goal is to maintain and enhance the network to ensure it remains a valuable, well-managed public asset that supports productive, cultural, and environmental outcomes for current and future generations.

7.1 Implementation Plan

The following Implementation Plan outlines strategic actions aligned with the objectives outlined in **Section 1.3**. These actions support the delivery of a well-managed, sustainable, and multi-use stock route network within the Western Downs Regional Council area.

Objective 1 – Maintain Network Integrity

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
1.1	Develop a stock route network map visualising the network's values and display them on Council's website and on the foyer TV's at Council's Customer Service Centre.	Council	High	Stock route network map developed and displayed.
1.2	Conduct annual inspections of primary stock route corridors.	Council	High	Completed inspections recorded and logged in asset system.
1.3	Monitor and remove unauthorised fencing or obstructions from the network.	Council	Medium	Number of resolved non-compliance cases per year.

Objective 2 - Sustain Pasture Resources

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
2.1	Assess pasture availability prior to permit approval using LCAT and field checks.	Council	High	All permits issued with pre-assessment documentation.
2.2	Develop a pasture rest and rotation strategy based on seasonal conditions.	Council	Medium	Strategy adopted and reviewed annually.
2.3	Implement erosion rehabilitation works where degradation is detected.	Council	Medium	Number of rehabilitation projects completed.

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Objective 3 - Ensure Fit-for-purpose Infrastructure

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
3.1	Update and maintain infrastructure inventory (yards, troughs).	Council	High	Annual inventory report completed.
3.2	Apply annually for capital works funding for infrastructure upgrades.	Council	High	Successful funding applications and project delivery.
3.3	Implement scheduled preventative maintenance on water points and facilities.	Council	High	Percentage of water facilities maintained annually.

Objective 4 - Secure Water Supply

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
4.1	Enter into and monitor water facility agreements with adjoining landholders.	Council	High	Number of valid water agreements held on record.
4.2	Prioritise funding applications for critical water infrastructure.	Council	High	Water points upgraded or restored under capital funding.
4.3	Monitor water quality and respond to contamination events.	Council	Medium	Incidents recorded and response actions completed.

Objective 5 - Protect Natural Assets

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
5.1	Identify and map high-value environmental and cultural sites within the network.	Council	High	Mapping database established and updated annually.
5.2	Develop guidelines for minimal impact maintenance practices near sensitive areas.	Council	Medium	Guidelines approved and adopted by operational teams.
5.3	Undertake collaborative weed and pest control in ecologically significant zones.	Council	High	Reduction in weed/pest activity reported in target areas.

Objective 6 - Support Broader Uses

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
6.1	Develop signage to highlight multi-use aspects and heritage of the network.	Council	Medium	Signs installed at key access points.
6.2	Assess and approve low-impact recreational uses in designated areas.	Council	Medium	Permits issued where appropriate; no increase in complaints.
6.3	Liaise with cultural groups to facilitate respectful cultural practices on route.	Council	Medium	Number of engagement sessions held annually.

Objective 7 - Enhance Safety and Risk

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
7.1	Maintain and update risk register for the stock route network.	Council	High	Register reviewed bi-annually.
7.2	Install warning signage at hazard-prone sections.	Council	Medium	Reduction in reported incidents.
7.3	Deliver annual staff and contractor safety training.	Council	Medium	100% completion rate of training sessions.

Objective 8 - Promote Accountability

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
8.1	Review and report annually on stock route performance and outcomes.	Council	High	Annual report presented to Council and stakeholders.
8.2	Maintain transparent permit application and complaint processes.	Council	High	All applications and complaints logged and responded to.
8.3	Audit infrastructure and compliance activities annually.	Council	Medium	Audit results reported and corrective actions documented.

Objective 9 - Focus on Primary Network

No.	Strategic action	Responsibility	Priority	Success indicator
9.1	Prioritise maintenance and funding toward high-use primary corridors.	Council	High	Proportion of capital works allocated to primary routes.
9.2	Establish a hierarchy framework for network segments.	Council	Medium	Framework developed and endorsed.
9.3	Coordinate with neighbouring councils to improve continuity of the primary route.	Council	Medium	Number of cross-boundary projects or permits aligned.

Appendix 1

Stock Route Assets List

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Facility ID	Facility Name	Asset Category	Asset Type	Remaining Life	Condition
F6421	Beardmore	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Poor
W0096	Belldip	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	7y 7m	Good
W2667	Bendee	Water Supply	Dam	18y	Good
W2861	Bundi	Fencing	Fence (Large)	23y	Good
W2861	Bundi	Water Supply	Dam	24y	Good
F15415	Bungaban	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good
W2324	Burunga	Fencing	Holding Yard	23y	Good
W2324	Burunga	Gravity Tank	Turkeys Nest	30y	Good
W2324	Burunga	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	24y	Poor
W2324	Burunga	Water Supply	Bore (Artesian)	30y	Good
W2707	Canal Creek	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good
F61475	Case Road	Fencing	Fence (Large)	20y	Good
F61475	Case Road	Gravity Tank	Tank (Galvanised Steel)	20y	Good
F61475	Case Road	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good
F61475	Case Road	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	30y	Good
W2711	Christianberg	Water Supply	Dam	7y 7m	Good
W2336	Coomrith	Fencing	Fence (Large)	5y 2m	Good
W2336	Coomrith	Fencing	Holding Yard	5y 2m	Good
W2336	Coomrith	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	5y 2m	Good
W2336	Coomrith	Pumping Unit	Windmill (10 ft dia)	5y 2m	Good
W2336	Coomrith	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	5y 2m	Good
W2336	Coomrith	Water Supply	Dam	5y 2m	Good
W2991	Culgowie	Water Supply	Dam	28y 1m	Poor
N0144	Currajong	Water Supply	Dam (Gully Dam)	30y	Good
W2706	Dangarfield Rd	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	6y 6m	Good

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W2706	Dangarfield Rd	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good
W2706	Dangarfield Rd	Water Supply	Bore (Artesian)	30y	Good
W2900	Devencourt	Water Supply	Dam	25y	Poor
W2477	Dulacca	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	20y	Good
W2477	Dulacca	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	24y	Good
W2477	Dulacca	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	8y	Good
W2661	Dulacca Sth	Water Supply	Dam	19y	Poor
W2829	ECHO HILLS	Water Supply	Dam	22y	Good
W2221	Farawell	Fencing	Fence (Large)	8y	Good
W2221	Farawell	Fencing	Holding Yard	8y	Good
W2221	Farawell	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	8y	Good
W2221	Farawell	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	8y	Good
W2221	Farawell	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	8y	Good
W2221	Farawell	Water Supply	Dam	8y	Good
W2185	Farnham	Water Supply	Dam	4y	Good
W2826	FLINTON	Water Supply	Dam	22y	Fair
W2717	Giligulgul	Gravity Tank	Tank (Galvanised Steel)	20y	Good
W2717	Giligulgul	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	15y	Good
W2717	Giligulgul	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good
W2662	Gilmours	Water Supply	Dam	19y	Good
W2685	Glen Garry	Water Supply	Dam	18y	Good
W2144	Glenmorgan	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	8y	Good
W2144	Glenmorgan	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	8y	Good
F20762	Gresford	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good

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W2709	Gurulmundi	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	9y 10m	Good
W2709	Gurulmundi	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	9y 10m	Good
W2709	Gurulmundi	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	30y	Good
W0721	Hannaford	Fencing	Holding Yard	7y 7m	Good
W0721	Hannaford	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	7y 7m	Poor
W0721	Hannaford	Pumping Unit	Windmill (8 ft dia)	7y 7m	Good
W0721	Hannaford	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	7y 7m	Poor
W0721	Hannaford	Water Supply	Dam	7y 7m	Good
W1835	Haran	Fencing	Fence (Large)	7y 6m	Good
W1835	Haran	Fencing	Holding Yard	7y 6m	Good
W1835	Haran	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	7y 6m	Poor
W1835	Haran	Pumping Unit	Windmill (8 ft dia)	7y 6m	Poor
W1835	Haran	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	7y 6m	Poor
W1835	Haran	Water Supply	Dam	7y 6m	Good
W2854	Hinchley	Water Supply	Dam	25y	Good
W2626	Hoadleys	Water Supply	Dam	7y 7m	Good
W2183	Homebush (Round Wh)	Fencing	Holding Yard	20y	Poor
W2183	Homebush (Round Wh)	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	10y 6m	Good
W2183	Homebush (Round Wh)	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	10y 6m	Poor
W2183	Homebush (Round Wh)	Water Supply	Dam	10y 6m	Fair
W2127	Inglestone	Fencing	Fence (Large)	8y	Good
W2127	Inglestone	Fencing	Holding Yard	8y	Good
W2127	Inglestone	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	8y	Good

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W2127	Inglestone	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	8y	Good
W2127	Inglestone	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	8y	Good
W2127	Inglestone	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	8y	Good
W2127	Inglestone	Water Supply	Dam	10y	Good
W2665	Jaydee Res	Water Supply	Dam	19y	Good
W0100	Jinghi	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	7y 7 m	Good
W0100	Jinghi	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	7y 7 m	Good
W0100	Jinghi	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	7y 7 m	Good
W2120	Kaimkillenbun	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	4y	Poor
W2120	Kaimkillenbun	Pumping Unit	Windmill (10 ft dia)	28y	Good
W2120	Kaimkillenbun	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Round)	16y	Good
W2120	Kaimkillenbun	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	4y	Good
W2656	Kinkabilla	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good
F2809	Kinkora	Water Supply	Dam	5y 2 m	Fair
W0102	Kumbarilla	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	5y 11 m	Fair
W0102	Kumbarilla	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	5y 11 m	Fair
W0102	Kumbarilla	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Round)	5y 11 m	Fair
W0102	Kumbarilla	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	5y 11 m	Good
W2671	Ladas Downs	Fencing	Holding Yard	17y	Good
W2671	Ladas Downs	Water Supply	Dam	18y	Good
W1719	Langdale	Fencing	Holding Yard	5y 2 m	Good
W1719	Langdale	Gravity Tank	Tank (Lined Steel mesh)	25y	Good
W1719	Langdale	Gravity Tank	Turkeys Nest	5y 2 m	Good
W1719	Langdale	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good

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W1719	Langdale	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	5y 2m	Good
W2878	Lindsays	Water Supply	Dam	22y	Good
W0103	Macalister	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	9y 10m	Good
W0103	Macalister	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	9y 10m	Good
W0103	Macalister	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Round)	9y 10m	Poor
W0103	Macalister	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	9y 10m	Good
F54786	Mantovas	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good
W1836	Marmadua	Fencing	Holding Yard	13y	Good
W1836	Marmadua	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	26y	Good
W1836	Marmadua	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	23y	Poor
W1836	Marmadua	Water Supply	Dam	16y	Good
F42977	Marnhull	Water Supply	Dam	20y	Good
C0001	Meandarra	Fencing	Holding Yard	20y	Good
W1583	Meantara	Fencing	Fence (Large)	8y	Good
W1583	Meantara	Fencing	Holding Yard	8y	Good
W1583	Meantara	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	8y	Good
W1583	Meantara	Pumping Unit	Windmill (8 ft dia)	8y	Good
W1583	Meantara	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	3y	Good
W1583	Meantara	Water Supply	Dam	4y	Good
W1776	Moonford	Fencing	Fence (Large)	7y 6m	Good
W1776	Moonford	Fencing	Holding Yard	7y 6m	Good
W1776	Moonford	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	7y 6m	Good
W1776	Moonford	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	15y	Good
W1776	Moonford	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	15y	Good
W1776	Moonford	Pumping Unit	Windmill (8 ft dia)	7y 6m	Good
W1776	Moonford	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good

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W1776	Moonford	Water Supply	Dam	7y 6m	Good
W2718	Mortlocks	Water Supply	Dam	8y	Good
W2110	Mt Halley	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	6y	Broken Down
W2110	Mt Halley	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	6y	Broken Down
F35315	Mt Myrtle	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good
W2710	Nine Mile	Water Supply	Dam	22y	Good
W2688	Parrie Moolan	Water Supply	Dam	18y	Good
W0106	Pirrinuan	Fencing	Holding Yard	20y	Good
W0106	Pirrinuan	Gravity Tank	Tank (Lined Steel mesh)	25y	Good
W0106	Pirrinuan	Gravity Tank	Tank (Lined Steel mesh)	25y	Good
W0106	Pirrinuan	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	9y 2m	Broken Down
W0106	Pirrinuan	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good
W0106	Pirrinuan	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	30y	Good
W2689	Pongi	Water Supply	Dam	18y	Good
W1734	Red Hill	Fencing	Holding Yard	8y 8m	Good
W1734	Red Hill	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	15y	Good
W1734	Red Hill	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	15y	Good
W1734	Red Hill	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good
W1734	Red Hill	Water Supply	Dam	8y 8m	Good
W1734	Red Hill	Water Supply	Dam	8y 8m	Good
W1745	Redburn	Pumping Unit	Windmill (12 ft dia)	4y	Good
W1745	Redburn	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Round)	10y	Good

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W1745	Redburn	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	4y	Good
W2322	Roche	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	7y 7m	Poor
W2322	Roche	Pumping Unit	Windmill (14 ft dia)	7y 7m	Fair
W2322	Roche	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	7y 7m	Poor
W2322	Roche	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	7y 7m	Good
W0107	Rosevale	Gravity Tank	Tank (Fibreglass)	-5y	Good
W0107	Rosevale	Pumping Unit	Windmill (10 ft dia)	4y	Good
W0107	Rosevale	Water Supply	Bore (Sub-artesian)	4y	Good
W1718	Roundhole	Gravity Tank	Tank (Lined Steel mesh)	30y	Good
W1718	Roundhole	Gravity Tank	Turkeys Nest	6y 6m	Good
W1718	Roundhole	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	25y	Good
W1718	Roundhole	Water Supply	Bore (Artesian)	6y 6m	Good
W1538	Rywung	Fencing	Fence (Large)	-3y	Good
W1538	Rywung	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	10y	Poor
W1538	Rywung	Pumping Unit	Windmill (8 ft dia)	4y	Good
W1538	Rywung	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	6y	Poor
W1538	Rywung	Water Supply	Dam	4y	Good
W1732	South Glen	Fencing	Fence (Large)	8y	Good
W1732	South Glen	Water Supply	Dam	8y	Good
W2872	SUNDOWN	Water Supply	Dam	21y	Good
W2664	Sunnyside	Water Supply	Dam	19y	Good
W0072	Tara Lagoon	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	3y	Good
W1733	Tartha	Water Supply	Dam	4y	Good
W1735	The Gums	Fencing	Fence (Large)	-3y	Good
W1735	The Gums	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	8y	Poor

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W1735	The Gums	Pumping Unit	Windmill (8 ft dia)	8y	Good
W1735	The Gums	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	8y	Poor
W1735	The Gums	Water Supply	Dam	4y	Good
W1748	Topwater	Fencing	Holding Yard	8y	Good
W1748	Topwater	Water Supply	Dam	4y	Poor
F51844	Turner's	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good
F51844	Turner's	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good
W2877	Undulla	Fencing	Fence (Large)	22y	Good
W2762	Victoria Park	Water Supply	Dam	23y	Good
W2899	Wallen Creek	Water Supply	Dam	25y	Good
W1413	Wandoan	Gravity Tank	Tank (Galvanised Steel)	20y	Good
W1413	Wandoan	Gravity Tank	Turkeys Nest	6y 9m	Good
W1413	Wandoan	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good
W1413	Wandoan	Water Supply	Bore (Artesian)	6y 9m	Good
W0108	Warra	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	24y	Good

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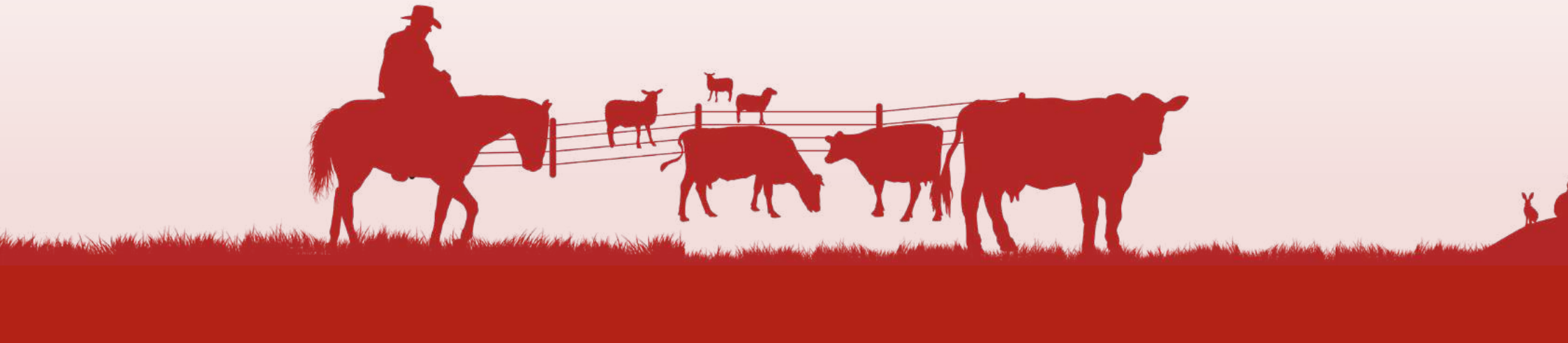
W0108	Warra	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	20y	Poor
W0648	Weranga	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	5y 2m	Good
W0648	Weranga	Gravity Tank	Tank (Concrete)	5y 2m	Good
W0648	Weranga	Pumping Unit	Windmill (8 ft dia)	5y 2m	Good
W0648	Weranga	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (joined))	5y 2m	Good
W0648	Weranga	Water Supply	Dam	5y 2m	Fair
W1731	Western Dam	Water Supply	Dam	18y	Good
W2904	Westmar	Gravity Tank	Tank (Lined Steel mesh)	25y 11m	Good
W2904	Westmar	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y 11m	Good
F32896	Windfields	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	15y	Good
F32896	Windfields	Gravity Tank	Tank (Polythene)	15y	Good
F32896	Windfields	Troughs	Troughs (Concrete Straight (flat bottom))	25y	Good
F27221	Wongal Res	Water Supply	Dam	30y	Good



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