

Western Division

Air Services

Regional Air Services

WDC Apr 09 That the Association stress to Federal Government the importance of regional airports and cost efficient services for appropriate aircraft to regional communities in NSW

Western Division Council

Budgetary

WDC Apr 09 That the Western Division Council, due to unforeseen circumstances, be able to retain any carryover surplus within its budget to the following year

Clearing and Cultivation

WDC Mar 01 That Western Division Council support an extension to the period of cultivation license from 5 to 20 years with the ultimate aim of gaining in perpetuity.

Dingoes

WDC Apr 06 That the WDC write to the Minister for the Department of Environment and Conservation stating in the strongest possible terms that all parks should be on Schedule 1 and highlighting the anomalies of the current situation regarding Sturt.

WDC Nov 00 That the Western Division Council reject the establishment for experimental purposes of a small breeding colony of Dingoes in Sturt National Park.

WDC Jul 90 That the Western Division Council support:

- (a) re-introduction of the system of annual permits for people wishing to keep dingoes as pets;
- (b) responsible conditions being imposed on such permit holders that satisfy requirements for identification, security and animal welfare; and
- (c) relentless pursuance of any person keeping dingoes as pets illegally without a permit.

Drought

WDC Jul 07 That the NSW Farmers Association lobby the Federal and State Governments to fund cloud seeding in the Western Division on a full time basis

WDC May 05 That the Western Division Council request the NSW Government waive western land rates for 2005/06 due to the ongoing drought.

WDC May 05 That the Association push for changes to expand the criteria of Exceptional Circumstances.

03 Apr EC The NSW Farmers' Association's number one priority of drought be maintained following the official breaking of the drought, with emphasis on drought recovery and achieving long term drought policy with the NSW State and Federal Governments.

WDC Oct 02 That the Western Division Council call on the Association to push the Federal Government to put in place a 150% investment allowance on pipelines for stock and domestic, on-farm grain and fodder storage and infrastructure.

WDC Oct 02 That the Western Division Council support Federal and State Governments fully funding rural counselling services and staff as a matter of urgency.

WDC Oct 02 That the Western Division Council recommend that the Association opposes the importation of grain unless AQIS has developed and proven strict protocols of importation that addresses disease and weed risks and that such protocols are strictly enforced. This should only happen after local supplies are exhausted.

WDC Oct 02 That the Western Division Council recommends that the NSW State Government investigate the use of "grain grants" in conjunction with "cash grants" to maintain core breeding stock with full knowledge of current grain stocks, the uptake of this to be at the discretion of the individual farmers.

Education

WDC Apr 02 That the Western Division Council support the implementation of an isolated children supervisors allowance through the Australian Isolated Childrens (AIC) scheme.

WDC That the Western Division Council support equal access to education facilities for children in the Western Division and the provision of adequate allowances and accommodation.

Feral Animals

WDC Oct 94 That the Western Division Council support effective means of controlling feral animals in national parks and nature reserves by NPWS.

Fire Ants

WDC Jul 01 That the Western Division Council strongly support research into all eradication strategies for Fire

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Ants not excluding homoeopathic and holistic methods.

WDC Mar 01 That the Western Division Council support the eradication of fire ants from Australia and request the relevant authorities to act to eliminate this dangerous species.

General

WDC Apr 02 That the Western Division Council lobby the Department of Land and Water Conservation to conduct an independent socio - economic impact study before any decision is made on the reduction of water licences

WDC Oct 06 The Rural Councillors in the Western Division, because of the large area and great distances that they have to travel to service and help clients, be immediately fully funded by both State and Federal Government

WDC Jul 07 That the NSW Farmers' Association investigate the discrepancy between lines of wool with 'Siro Mark' and lines without.

WDC Apr 09 That the Association write a letter to the appropriate Government in support of the Barwon Darling Alliance's Socio-Economic Trial in Bourke, supporting its efforts to seek funding from the appropriate Government.

That the Western Division Council support land development in the Western Division of NSW.

WDC Apr 09 That the Association recognise that the representation of the Goat industry should be equivalent to the volume and value of the industry, and specifically at least 1 more representative from Western Division be added to the Goat Committee

WDC Apr 02 That any review of the Western Division Council be relevant to members within the Western Division and that;

(a) adequate representation be retained;

(b) restructure decisions are made utilising existing representation from each District Council; and

(c) effective communication operates ensuring Western Division Councillors are informed of and have the opportunity to provide input into any structural review of advisory committees and councils.

Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue

WDC Apr 09 That all heavy vehicle drivers receive an automatic 2 hour extension to their daily work hours if carrying livestock from, into or within the Western Division, due to the extent of distances and times involved in transit.

Horticulture

WDC Mar 01 That the Western Division Council support that the Board of NSW Farmers' Association allow Council to co-opt a person with horticultural expertise to provide representation to the growing number of horticultural members in the Western Division of NSW.

Kangaroo Management

WDC Oct 05 That the Western Division Council inform the West Darling Pastoralists Association that the WDC believes it is not worthwhile to pursue skin only shooting at this stage, due the realities of the political environment.

WDC Oct 04 That the Western Division Council endorses the recommendations of the document "A Future of Kangaroo Management" by Hacker and McLeod and seek research in line with those recommendations.

WDC Mar 01 That the Western Division Council support and pursue the issue of skin only shooting bearing in mind that it represents an alternative income for regional Australia with the added benefit of limiting total grazing pressure.

WDC Apr 00 That the Western Division Council support every effort being made to facilitate speedy distribution of kangaroo tags.

99 Apr GC That the Western Division Council support the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service increasing the number of tail tags for kangaroos to maximum sustainable levels of culling of unsupportable numbers of kangaroos in national parks.

WDC Jul 98 That the Western Division Council support that the firearms training course be provided for accuracy testing from a vehicle.

WDC Apr 97 That the Western Division Council support a refund or credit to licensed trappers for royalty tags purchased and not used during the interim part of the year.

WDC Apr 97 That the Western Division Council support that professional shooters be required to have appropriate insurance cover to protect the landholder in case of accidents while they are on the landholder's property.

WDC Apr 95 That the Western Division Council support greater flexibility in the transfer between zones, except adjacent zones, of unused quotas for the culling of kangaroos.

Land and Water Conservation

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for conservation to legitimate farmers.

WDC Apr 96 That the Western Division Council support more Natural Heritage Trust funding to be utilised through TCM and Landcare for work on private land.

WDC Jun 03 That the Western Division Council endorse the concept of voluntary, commercial enterprise conservation for Western Division landholders.

WDC Apr 04 That the Western Division Council notes the massive scale of water harvesting in the Queensland part of the Darling Catchment, particularly in the Culgoa/Balonne system and the detriment to the Darling River downstream and therefore seeks:

- (a) A flow/extraction policy in both Queensland and NSW that acknowledges the obligations of a catchment area to provide flow for the entire length of the river;
- (b) The adoption of national control of water management as an alternative to the current flawed state based controls.

WDC Oct 04 That the Western Division Council works to ensure that the interests of the main Darling River Channel are included when decisions are made regarding small flow events from tributaries in dry years.

WDC Oct 04 That the Western Division Council is concerned by the application of the Native Vegetation Act 2003 under its regulation that the PVP developer criteria is too harsh to allow adequate offsets; and that Woody Weed control criteria is not considered as Routine Agricultural Management Activity creating a complicated and bureaucratic process for Western Division landholders in the management of farming/grazing enterprises.

WDC May 05 That the Western Division Council write to the Western CMA stating that the Council is interested in working in partnership towards a pastoral code of practice scheme and request more information regarding participating in such a scheme.

Land Management

WDC Apr 07 that the Western Division Council have clarified by the appropriate Ministers and departments, who has the responsibility of renewing existing cultivation permits under the western Lands Act and what the process for renewal will involve

WDC Oct 01 That the Western Division Council support attendance by observers at all Catchment Management Board meetings where Board members are unable to attend, and that such observers participate in all proceedings except voting to ensure adequate landholder representation.

WDC Apr 95 That the Western Division Council request the Commonwealth support to:

- (a) The development of wider use of voluntary Property Management Planning, but in doing so fully acknowledge that the use of PMP's for compliance purposes will completely erode any advantages arising from their wider adoption.
- (b) Clearly acknowledge that ownership of PMP's resides solely and exclusively with the farm operator.
- (c) Endorse the concept that sustainable resource utilisation must incorporate both economic and environmental sustainability of the farm sector, and acknowledge that changes which have an economic impact on the rural sector will also have a related environmental impact.
- (d) Commit to the upgrading of funding for research to ensure that an adequate knowledge base is maintained concerning sustainable farm management practices in Australia.
- (e) That whilst the Western Division Council recognises that some land management issues have cross-border implications, it requests the Commonwealth to acknowledge that:
 - (i) the States and Territories have primacy in respect of land management;
 - (ii) section 51(xxix) of the Constitution ought not be used as a means by which the Commonwealth obtains the capacity to legislate in respect of land management practices (or where such competence is already in existence not to utilise such capacity).

WDC Apr 02 That the Western Division Council reject the Draft Western Catchment Management Plan based on the following:

- (a) that despite assurances of nil cost to anybody, the plan requires over \$190 million to be implemented
- (b) these issues are already under review by the Native Vegetation Committees; and
- (c) a vast number of new Management Actions have been included without prior consultation with landholders

WDC Mar 01 That the Western Division Council endorse the concept of the "Right to Farm" at Federal and State levels.

WDC Feb 07 the Western Division Council urgently request a response from the Association to the media release dated Thursday 1 December 2005, as to a firm Association policy on the NSW Native Vegetation regulations and amendments'

WDC Apr 06 That the WDC write to the Association noting that:

- PVPs have not worked in the WD
- The WDC have strong concerns regarding PVPs considering there has been 100 years of sensible vegetation

Land Management

management in the Region.

- The WDC commends the Cobar plan for its intuitive and practical approach to environmental management

WDC Apr 02 That the Western Division Council reject the policy of “no net loss” in relation to native vegetation because of it not being economically or environmentally sustainable

WDC Apr 04 That the Western Division Council seek that the Rural Fire service Minister and the Commissioner change the protocols for the declaration of Total fire ban days such that a declaration should have more local input and be more relevant to local conditions

WDC Apr 02 That the Western Division Council support the FATE project and work with the project team to further the pilot trial.

Law and Order

WDC Oct 01 That the Western Division Council request that NSW Farmers’ Association lobby Federal politicians to make legislative changes to Acts covering Liability Insurance, as a matter of urgency to relieve the pressure being placed on rural business and commodity groups through unprecedented increases in premiums.

WDC Apr 96 That Western Division Council strongly support endeavours of local police and the NSW Government to restore and maintain law and order in towns within the Division; but deplores the apparent lack of support for Local Officers from Senior Departmental Personnel.

Locusts

WDC Mar 01 That Western Division Council support that the Plague Locust Commission review its spraying strategies to ensure that they do not jeopardise the chemical residue status of Australian agricultural commodities.

Mining

WDC Jul 01 That the Western Division Council support a mining exemption under the Mining Act for stock refuges and holding paddocks.

WDC Mar 01 That the Western Division Council support that the Department of Mineral Resources amend Section 235a of the act to read

‘No action lies against a landholder or legal occupier of any Crown Land for any act or omission of any kind resulting from mining activity taking place on the property after mining titles are granted other than an act directly attributable to an action of the leaseholder or legal occupier themselves’.

WDC Oct 02 That the Western Division Council support the nomination of one person only to the Opal Mining Working Group.

03 Apr EC That the Association calls on the Minister for the Department of Mineral Resources to equally apply the provisions of the Mining Act 1992 as amended across the state with particular reference to opal mining at Lightning Ridge.

WDC May 05 That the Association urge the Department of Mineral Resources to conduct an EIS before opening up OPA 4 for prospecting.

WDC Apr 09 Recommend that the Western Division Council endorse the action of the West Darling Pastoralists Association and NSWFA in producing the Land Access Agreements and the overview of the Mineral Exploration Access and also recommend that NFF work on producing the documents for use on a national basis.

National Parks and Wildlife

WDC May 05 That the Association seek to have National Parks’ rangers lay baits for foxes by laying a trail, therefore successfully poisoning foxes.

WDC Jun 03 That the Western Division Council support that to preserve biodiversity of species and balance within national parks species of kangaroos that are causing excessive grazing pressure be culled by commercial shooting similarly to on neighbouring grazing leases.

WDC Jun 03 That the Western Division Council seek that the National parks and Wildlife Service be compelled to compensate affected neighbours of National parks for increased total grazing pressure that has resulted from their policy of closing down artificial waters, unless the closure was with the agreement of neighbouring landholders.

WDC Jun 03 That the Western Division Council support that artificial waters are not permitted to be closed down on any new areas acquired for national parks in the Western Division without consultation and agreement with neighbours.

WDC Jun 03 That the Association seek that the NSW Government recognise the real economic impact on rural shire councils and the Wild Dog Destruction Board when the NPWS purchases rural properties and that in light of this perception that the NPWS be directed to compensate those shires where land has been purchased, and the Wild Dog Destruction Board for the loss of rateable land.

WDC Apr 02 That the Western Division Council support the national parks and Wildlife Service taking responsibility for management on the properties under their control so that feral animals, noxious weeds, bushfire and kangaroos/emus do not cause harm to surrounding landholders and the environment.

WDC Mar 01 That the Western Division Council support the recommendation that the National Parks and Wildlife

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Service be made accountable to pay Shire, Western Lands and Wild Dog Destruction Board rates.

WDC That the Western Division Council support:

- (a) Conservation of Western Division biodiversity through an adequate representative network of well managed national parks and voluntary off reserve conservation areas.
- (b) The establishment of wildlife refuges in the Western Division.
- (c) Sufficient funding to facilitate effective management of national parks.

Native Title

WDC Jul 05 That the Western Division Council recommends that the Association participate in the National Farmers' Federation Native Title Taskforce and that the representative be from the WDC.

WDC Jul 05 That the Association give in principle support to the National Land Use and Access Pastoral Project and that this support be reviewed at a later date.

WDC Oct 04 That the Western Division Council recommends that the Association does not change its general current strategy in that:

- (a) it seeks the certainty of a native title determination by litigation or formal mediation; and
- (b) prior to substantial mediations it requires evidence (or at least preliminary information) regarding the identity of native claimants and the veracity of their claim.

WDC Oct 04 That the Western Division Council recommends that the Association participate with the Crown in the development of a model pastoral access agreement to be available to landholders, who chose to negotiate access agreements with Aboriginal people under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act. These pastoral access agreements are to specifically exclude native title considerations.

OH&S

WDC Apr 04 That the Western Division Council request the NSW Farmers' Industrial Association pursue increased consistency in the delivery of OH&S training and advice to the farming community from Workcover and support the Association in providing OH&S training.

Rabbits

WDC Jul 91 That the Western Division Council support retention of 1080 at proven concentrations for the control of feral animals.

Rents

WDC Oct 01 That the Western Division Council support the principal of a rental system based on a sliding scale per hectare for grazing leases with surcharges applying to agricultural leases and cultivation permits and offsets for conservation areas.

WDC Oct 01 That the Western Division Council support a rental system based on an aggregation of all leases and permits operated under the one enterprise.

Riparian Water and Land Use

WDC That the Western Division Council support a broad range of potential uses of stream water and Riparian zones such as recreational uses and actions by regulatory authorities in relation to flow management be recognised as potential threats to the environment.

WDC That the Western Division Council support any acquisition of land or enforced fencing requirements of a Riparian Zone Policy include measures for full community funded compensation instead of low interest loans or taxation incentives for landholders.

WDC That the Western Division Council support retention of the landholder's Riparian rights to the use of:

- (a) water for stock and domestic purposes;
- (b) the land in the Riparian Zone.

Roads and Transport

WDC Oct 05 That the Western Division Council inform the Director General of the Department of Natural Resources of the importance of the formation of a legal road network and request the provision of sufficient resources.

WDC Oct 01 That the Western Division Council request the NSW Government to make available funding to councils to assist landholders to fence-off roads.

WDC Jul 01 That the Western Division Council support that State Government match Federal Government funding in the Western Division for roads as detailed in the 'Road to Recovery' plan.

WDC Mar 01 That the Western Division Council support that where it is the requirement of the road authority to construct or retain a stock grid on roads other than those for private use, the relevant road authority be responsible for the maintenance of that stock grid.

WDC Nov 00 That the Western Division Council support the Association in its efforts to have the increase in fuel excise removed.

WDC Apr 95 That the Western Division Council support the issue of annual renewal notices for 'Unregistered

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Vehicle Permits' by the RTA which would maintain continuous cover.

WDC Apr 95 That the Western Division Council support the extension of 'Unregistered Vehicle Permits' to all unregistered vehicles used solely for agricultural purposes within and between the boundaries of leases owned by the same Western Lands lessee.

Telecommunications

WDC Apr 04 That the Western Division Council lobby Telstra and the Minister for Communication for the inclusion of the cost of repairs for the Rural and Remote Satellite Service into the Universal Service Obligations.

WDC Apr 04 That the Western Division Council seek that Telstra reinstate the concept of "Homelink" calls by charging STD fees instead of pay phone fees.

WDC Jun 03 That the Western Division Council lobby government to ask Telstra to consider broad band satellite coverage for land holders including the inner extended zone subscribers who have missed the first opportunity to receive the offer of satellite dishes.

Western Division Adjustment and Recovery Program

WDC Apr 95 That the Western Division Council support any enhanced exit provisions for Western Division landholders.

WDC Apr 95 That the Western Division Council support the property build-up provisions for Western Division landholders.

WDC Jun 03 The NSW Farmers' Association seek that the NSW State Government carry out a socio-economic study/review on the ability of the grazing industry within the Western Division to regain an acceptable level of economic sustainability and following such a review that the State government instigate a suitable structural reform package to allow those landholders who are unable to achieve economic sustainability to leave the grazing industry with indignity.

Western Division Land Tenure

EC Mar 08 That the Association urgently convey to Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, our opposition to any large scale compulsory resumption of Western Lands Leases without any due compensation to the leaseholders.

WDC Apr 89 That the Western Division Council support:

(a) retention of perpetual lease tenure as the preferred title for land tenure and oppose the introduction of any lesser tenure than perpetual lease.

(b) the capability for Western Division Land Lessees to be able to convert selected parcels of land to freehold, for the cost of the equivalent of UCV.

WDC May 05 That the right to freehold eligible Western Division perpetual leases be under the same conditions as in Central and Eastern Division non-assessable leases.

Western Lands Act

That the Western Division Council regards the Western Lands Act (1901) as the preferred legislative framework for the administration of the area designated as the Western Division of NSW.

WDC Jul 02 The Western Division Council calls on the Minister in expressing his opinion in relation to Schedule 38 B3, "has current recent connection with or has relevant interest in, the Western Division" means that, that person lives or has lived in the Western Division in the last 5 years and has extensive experience in matters relating to the Division.

WDC Oct 02 That the Western Division Council request the NSW Government to provide additional skilled personnel and resources to the DLWC to urgently progress the access provisions within the Western Lands Amendment Act, with the additional personnel and resources provided for a period of 5 years or until access aspects of the new legislation have been implemented

WDC July 04 That the Western Division Council strongly urge DIPNR to advance the rollout of the Western Lands Access arrangements in the Lightning Ridge Area

Western Lands Advisory Council

That the Western Division Council support the operation of the Western Lands Advisory Council.

Wild Dog Destruction Board

WDC Oct 04 That the Western Division Council support the request of the Wild Dog Destruction Board to the State Government for the waiving of Wild Dog rates for 2005 for landholders ratepayers and that the State Government pays the landholder ratepayers contribution as a drought mitigation measure.

WDC Jun 03 That the Western Division Council of the NSW Farmers' Association lobby the NSW Government as part of its drought assistance package to meet the full payment of the Wild Dog Destruction Board rates for Western Division landholders for the calendar year 2004.

Wild Dog Destruction Board

WDC Jul 01 That the Western Division Council support the approach taken by the WDDDB on Dingo control.

WDC Feb 92 That the Western Division Council support retention of:

- (a) Western Lands Lessees involvement in the Wild Dog Destruction Board;
- (b) direct access to senior Ministers by the Chairman of the Wild Dog Destruction Board; and
- (c) a vermin proof fence in its present or improved form.

WDC Apr 85 That the Western Division Council support the continuation of the present rating system for the Wild Dog Destruction Board.

Wind Farms

WDC Apr 09 The Pastoralists' Association of West Darling ('PAWD') seeks support from WDC with regard to Silverton wind farms. Resolution to support PAWD in activities to resolve the issues surrounding the Silverton Wind farms. WDC to keep the Association Government Relations Manager and President fully informed so they can be fully utilised.

Woody and Other Weeds

WDC July 04 That the Western Division Council seek that the NSW Farmers' Association fund scientific research in order to overturn the listing of Coolibah black box woodland by the NSW Scientific Committee as an endangered community.

WDC Oct 04 That the Western Division Council support research into Puccini Barbeyi as a biological control for onion weed in rangeland situations.

WDC Apr 04 That the Western Division Council seek that a simple and effective means of woody weeds management, as a Routine Agricultural Management Activity, in the Western Division is implemented immediately under current legislation.

WDC Apr 02 That the Western Division Council review the future drafts of the Code of Practice for Management and Control of Woody Native Vegetation and put together submission(s) that address Western Division landholder concerns.

WDC Oct 01 That the Western Division Council support increased research into cost effective broad acre control of woody weeds and request DLWC to provide appropriate incentives to chemical companies to ensure such research is conducted.

WDC Jul 01 That the Western Division Council support that treatment of woody weeds be excluded from percentage consideration for conservation/clearing used in vegetation management plans and Catchment Management Board plans and also excluded from state clearing statistics.

WDC Jul 01 That the Western Division Council support expedition of the passage of the Woody Weeds Code of Practice for the Western Division of NSW and approach Minister Amery in this regard.

WDC That the Western Division Council support research into methods to restore and improve scrub infected lands in the NSW Western Division.

WDC May 05 That the Western Division Council seek to have Hudson Pear placed on the noxious weeds list.