

Rural Recovery Services For landholders affected by Horsham Fires August 2009

Stock Containment Areas

Post fire, a well designed stock containment area can assist with temporary hand feeding of stock while pastures recover, reduce soil erosion and better control weed contamination from imported feed. During a fire they can be used as a safe area for stock so constructing one now is a good investment for the future. For more information on stock containment areas and their benefits, contact: Greg Antonoff, DPI Horsham 5362 2111

Whole Farm Planning

Fences may have to be replaced as a result of the fire. Landholders now have the opportunity to reflect on their current farm layout and make changes for improved management. Whole farm planning can assist in developing a new farm layout. For advice contact: Robert O'Shannessy, DPI Horsham 5362 2111

Weed and Pest Animal Management

For advice on control measures to minimise the likelihood of weeds becoming established on your property following fire, or pest animals impacting on livestock, contact: Chris McGrath, DPI Horsham 5362 2126

Soil conservation - Erosion Control

With large areas of bare ground, the potential for erosion of valuable topsoil is great. For information on soil protection measures, contact: Bernard Noonan, DPI Horsham 5362 0734

Livestock – Feed Planning

Managing livestock with reduced feed supplies is an enormous challenge. For advice on feeding strategies to get stock through, contact: Gary Hallam, DPI Horsham 5362 2111

Livestock – Animal Health

For issues or concerns about livestock affected by the bushfires, contact: Paul Beltz, DPI Horsham 5362 2111

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