

**Submission
No 15**

**PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AMENDMENT (VIRTUAL STOCK
FENCING) BILL 2024**

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As a Ranger at Local Government, I am responsible for attending incidents of straying stock. Our main recourse in addressing straying stock is to return the stock to their property of origin, and to secure them onto the property via means of temporary fencing repairs. Should a property only have virtual fencing, this practice would be impossible to implement to resolve the incident. This shire does not have the resources to take possession of stock under the Public Spaces (Unattended Articles) Act 2021.

Also, if there is a system failure of the virtual fencing, public safety would be placed at an existential risk due to the presence of livestock on public roads.

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