

**Submission
No 28**

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

Organisation: Butmaroo Station

Date Received: 9 May 2024

Summary of Operation:

Our farm operates as a medium-sized cattle and sheep farm, managing a herd of [insert number] cattle.

Interest in Virtual Fencing / Halter:

We are keenly interested in virtual fencing and Halter technology due to the following reasons:

Overcoming Specific Challenges:

Managing grazing patterns efficiently and effectively.
Ensuring the safety and security of our livestock.
Minimizing labor-intensive traditional fencing methods.
Improving overall herd management and health.

Benefits:

Increased Profitability: By optimizing grazing patterns, we aim to grow and harvest more grass, thus enhancing profitability.

Labor Time Savings: Virtual fencing significantly reduces the time and effort spent on manual fence installation and maintenance.

Livestock Health and Wellbeing: Ensuring our cattle are kept within designated areas promotes better health and reduces stress.

Natural Disaster Protection: Virtual fencing can help in swiftly relocating livestock in the event of natural disasters such as floods and fires, enhancing their safety.

Environmental Benefits: By keeping livestock out of waterways, we contribute to enhancing freshwater quality and reducing environmental impact.

Economic Savings: Virtual fencing eliminates the need for installing internal rural fencing, which can be costly, particularly with steel prices at high levels. This reduction in infrastructure costs directly translates to economic benefits for our operation.