

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The **Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG)** would like to advise the community that from the 30th September 2016 to 30th September 2017 an aerial and ground baiting program (using 1080 meat baits) will be in place to control wild dogs. This program will be carried out by Pest Management Technicians (Doggers) across the Eastern Wheatbelt regions.

In addition to 1080 baiting programs Licensed Pest Technicians will be using Foothold traps treated with Strychnine to remove Wild Dogs that could impact on the Livestock industry in the Eastern Wheatbelt region.

Additional intermittent ground baiting of pastoral leases, DPaW Reserves, unallocated Crown Lands and freehold farms in these areas may also be carried out at any time.

The poison baits will remain toxic for a number months or until substantial rainfall is received. People are advised to take care when working within or visiting these areas.

Warning signs have been placed where applicable on pastoral, DPaW, unallocated Crown Land and main access roads in agricultural areas.

Please consult with individual pastoralists, DPaW and/or farmers prior to entering their lands. Picnic sites and recreational reserves are not included within the baiting program, however, baiting may take place adjacent to such areas and domestic pets should be kept close and under control at all times.

1080 baiting is an integral part of the wild dog pest management program. Pastoralists, DPaW and farmers undertake these poisoning programs to protect livestock from death and injury caused by wild dogs.

If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (phone 13 11 26).

For further details please contact the local Department of Agriculture and Food or Department of Parks and Wildlife or the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group.

State Barrier Fence caution to travelers!

Traveler's, sightseers and other members of the public are reminded it is illegal to travel along Western Australia's State Barrier Fence; only authorised vehicles are permitted to travel along the fence.

People who illegally drive along the fence can face a \$10,000 fine.

