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To all Shires for distribution to Landholders

Following a recent incident, Biosecurity Queensland would like to take this opportunity to raise the issue of the setting of trap guns along the Wild Dog Barrier Fence (WDBF) by landholders or any other persons.

Setting of trap guns is illegal and considered by the Queensland Police Service as an offence under the *Weapons Act 1999*.

Biosecurity Queensland and the WDBF project will not condone the use of trap guns in any way.

The discovery of any trap gun, in part or whole, will be reported to the local Police.

A WDBF patrolman recently had a near miss when lifting up a floodway apron to clean out debris and in doing so disturbed a trip wire connected to the floodway netting and set off a trap gun. Although quite shaken, the patrolman was not hurt this time, but this incident could have been tragic.

WDBF staff will report to the Police any evidence of trap guns encountered while conducting their duties associated with the Fence. Biosecurity Queensland is adamant the safety of the WDBF staff is paramount and supports the WDBF staff in reporting all such incidents.

Please pass this notice on to everyone you can.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Gray on mobile 0417 732 265 or email paul.gray@daff.qld.gov.au or Peter Flegg, Quilpie on 4656 1307 or email peter.flegg@daff.qld.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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