

# HON. ROBIN CHAPPLE MLC

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## WA Greens MP Robin Chapple says it's time for action to reduce cattle strikes

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Greens (WA) member for the mining and pastoral region Robin Chapple wants new laws to reduce the troubling numbers of cattle strikes involving cars and roaming farm stock in regional WA.

The legislation would be aimed at created strong boundaries to stop cattle wandering onto regional roads by the government with strong fines for property owners who fail to upkeep the fences or allow for stray cattle to roam.

Mr Chapple is a native of Derby and has experienced 3 instances of collisions with roaming cattle himself in recent years which he spoke generally of as deeply upsetting and completely unnecessary given the right laws.

“This practice costs lives, I read and hear stories every year of people being injured or dying for something that can and should be prevented at all costs.”

He urges owners of large scale property to put regional Australians first and do what they can to support these potentially lifesaving reforms.

“We in the country need to stick together and have each other's backs, we are so grateful for the cattle industry in Australia but that doesn't mean it's without its flaws.”

Along with many other citizens of remote WA he acknowledges the cost to large scale land owners this represents.

“I understand that this isn't a piece of legislation people want, but it's one we need and I'd rather have 100 angry phone calls about having to put up fences than a single one from a parent asking why we didn't do more.”

Yours sincerely,



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Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region  
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