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The Hon Niall Blair, MLC  
Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Land and Water  
GPO Box 5341  
Sydney, NSW, 2001

Dear Minister,

**Re: Maintenance of Travelling Stock Reserves**

The Berridale Rocky Plain Landcare Group is a small group made up of landholders on the Monaro region of southern NSW. Our role is to encourage and support sound land management within our area including, as a high priority, the control of noxious weeds.

At our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) members expressed their frustration and dissatisfaction with the land management of Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) in our area. In particular these points related to what was described as the complete failure of Local Land Services to carry out any control measures, on the local TSRs, against African Lovegrass which is a locally prescribed noxious weed.

African Lovegrass has developed into a pervasive weed requiring all landholders to take urgent control action. Most TSRs are heavily infested. It is therefore alarming to find that the body responsible for promoting control measures, completely ignoring their responsibility on land under their direct ownership and setting such a poor example. This is particularly galling to landholders who face council orders when control measures are not taken but government bodies are not subject to the same controls.

Discussions touched on other aspects of the management of the TSRs with fence maintenance also seen as a problem.

The AGM carried the motion:

" That a letter be sent to the Minister with a copy to the local state member expressing dissatisfaction at the complete failure of the local Local Land Services to control noxious weeds on Travelling Stock Reserves."

This communication enacts the motion and we request that your office, as owners of the TSRs, take action to significantly address this management deficiency.



Berridale Rocky Plains Landcare Group

Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Bentley  
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