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Travelling on the track that runs alongside the SBF without a permit is illegal and a fine of up to \$10,000 can be imposed to anyone travelling the SBF illegally.

Permits may be issued to those who can provide valid reason to justify access. For information on applying for a permit email: sbf@dpird.wa.gov.au

Stay informed about the project by visiting www.agric.wa.gov.au/invasive-species/state-barrier-fence-overview or scan the below QR Code.



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State Barrier Fence

Western Australia's State Barrier Fence (SBF) plays an important role in protecting landholders inside the fence by preventing the movement of animal pests, from pastoral areas into the agricultural regions.

The current fence is approximately 1209km long, extending from the Zuytdorp cliffs north of Kalbarri through to Jerdacuttup east of Ravensthorpe.

The SBF is a state asset, set within a 20m reserve and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responsible for maintaining the SBF and reserve.

Esperance extension

On-ground works to progress the extension are commencing in the western section early 2023 (see map below). These works will join 63kms of sections of fence within the western alignment completed in 2019-20.

These works will deliver 300km, over two sections, of vermin proof fencing erected where the existing fence finishes at Coxalls Corner, north of Ravensthorpe, through to Beaumont, east of Esperance.

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This extension of the SBF is funded and managed by the State Government, with contributions from the Federal Government and the Shires of Esperance and Ravensthorpe.

Environment and heritage

Clearing and construction of the Esperance extension will be progressed in a staged approach and in accordance with relevant Commonwealth and State policy and legislation.

Potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage, wildlife and the broader environment are being mitigated or avoided through choice of alignment, fence design and construction materials, and modified clearing practices.

Gates will be installed at regular intervals to allow access to Crown Land and DPIRD will continue to work with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), landholders and local bushfire brigades to ensure firebreaks falling within the SBF reserve are appropriately maintained.

