

19 July 2021

H.E. Mr. Mendsaikhan Zagdjav Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia (MoFALI) 13381 Governmental building 9th, Peace avenue 16a, Bayanzurkh district, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Dear Minister.

I am writing to confirm that the Queensland Rural, Regional and Remote Women's Network Inc (QRRRWN) is a strong supporter of the proposed International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP).

QRRRWN is an independent not-for-profit organisation dedicated to building pathways for Rural, Regional and Remote women of Queensland, partnering with organisations and individuals that are uniquely placed to provide the connections and access our members need to build better futures. These partnerships are informed by the voices and lived experience of our members.

To this end QRRRWN support the proposed IYRP as a means to promote the contribution of pastoralists to the Australian economy, past, present and future. We recognise the benefits to regional communities through enhanced global interest in agriculture, technology and tourism which in turn will build the profile and support of our members who live and work in this region.

Rangelands internationally are the focus of much research and development aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, addressing economic and environmental problems, and developing sustainable livelihoods for rural and regional communities. They are the source of most animal industries worldwide and subject to harsh environmental conditions ensuring the residents, our members, are resilient and innovative.

QRRRWN is inspired by our membership and would seek to promote IYRP via our communication platforms. We have a strong following on social media and an annual program of events that share this message of resilience and innovation.

Yours sincerely.

Tracey Martin President

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