

# **Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance Inc.**

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Dear Minister,

I am writing to confirm that the Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance Inc. (SRPA) strongly supports the proposed International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP), and where possible will support the IYRP with events in Australia. We endorse the recommendation that the United Nations support the proposal from the Government of Mongolia to declare an IYRP in 2026.

The SRPA is a voluntary group of pastoral producers in the Southern Rangelands of Western Australia. This area encompasses the southern half of Western Australia, while excluding the agricultural zone that exists in the south west corner of the state. Our vision is "Connected, Producer-Driven, Healthy Landscape, Better Business" and our mission is to "Lead change by sharing knowledge, and facilitating research and innovation based on industry needs."

The SRPA intends to raise awareness of the value and importance of this part of our state. Pastoral businesses have long been the backbone of communities in the Southern Rangelands, yet often receive little to no recognition of their contributions to the state of Western Australia. An International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists will help us to promote our region to the Australian and International communities. Co-Branding events such as conferences, fields days and shared events with the IYRP label will enable us to gain greater prominence for pastoralists, not only in Western Australia, but around the world.

We envisage that IYRP will provide an opportunity for exchange of knowledge and ideas between pastoral producers around the world. Shared learnings from around the globe

could help pastoralists everywhere, while also promoting the pastoral industry to wider international audiences.

Regards,

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