## Pastoralists’ Association

## of West Darling Inc.

**Registered under NSW Government Fair Trading**

12th August, 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

[info@mofa.gov.mn](mailto:info@mofa.gov.mn)

Dear Minister,

The Pastoralists’ Association of West Darling (PAWD) is an agricultural organisation that has represented the interests of pastoralists in far west NSW, Australia since 1907. Our members produce beef, sheep meat, wool and rangeland goats from native pastures in a low rainfall environment and supply markets across the globe. Additionally, pastoralists are important rangeland managers, many with generations of experience in managing soil erosion, pest plants and animals, and rangelands environments.

Worldwide, pastoralists manage a large swath of the earth’s surface - contributing to food and fibre security for the global population as well as ensuring environmental sustainability and biodiversity.

PAWD is pleased to endorse the recommendation that the United Nations supports the proposal from the Government of Mongolia to declare an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) in 2026.

PAWD would welcome the opportunity to support events and assist in promoting the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists where possible.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Jackson

President PAWD