



Review of Potential Carrying Capacity in the rangelands of Western Australia

What is the review?

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is undertaking a 3-year project to map rangeland pastures throughout the pastoral leases of WA. As part of this multi-year review, the department will consult with industry and pastoralists to reassess the pastoral potential of each Rangeland Vegetation Group (RVG) and hence the Potential Carrying Capacity of each pastoral station.



Maps to be distributed

At the start of the consultation process, every lessee will be posted a printed version of the RVG mapping on their lease(s). The RVG mapping for the entire pastoral estate (and each pastoral station) is also viewable online via Map Viewer, along with additional information about the mapping and consultation process.



Feedback will be sought

The department will be asking lessees and pastoral land managers for their feedback on the RVG mapping to target the collection of additional on-ground data that will be used to generate a second version of the RVG mapping. This revised version will be made progressively available to lessees for comment during 2026-27. The department is also seeking estimates of the pastoral potential of each RVG from pastoralists and industry.

Pastoral station visits

The department is contacting lessees to arrange a station visit to discuss the RVG mapping and pasture potential of their RVGs, with the aim of visiting at least 50% of pastoral stations to ensure reliable RVG mapping and PCC estimates of WA's pastoral leases.



At the end of the project in 2028, the department will provide the Valuer-General with the reassessed PCC estimates of each station. These estimates will be used by the Valuer General as one of the variables in their reassessment of pastoral lease rentals. You can find out more at the Landgate website: <https://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/valuations/about-the-valuer-general/>

For more details, along with additional information about the mapping and consultation process, scan the QR code or go to the webpage below:



<https://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/pcc-review>

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