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Dear Ms Ottaway

Thank you for your email providing an update on the management of stable flies, and seeking support from the Greens (WA) to resolve concerns about the Stable Fly Management Plan. As the Greens (WA) Member for East Metropolitan I am pleased to provide the following response on behalf of the party.

As you will be aware, the Greens (WA) support the work of the Stable Fly Action Group (SFAG). As the Member for East Metropolitan I have raised in parliament the issue of the effective management of biting flies on a number of occasions, including through a Members Statement and questions to relevant Ministers.

I welcome the declaration of stable flies as pests under the Biosecurity & Agriculture Management (BAM) Act, and congratulate SFAG on their hard work in achieving this positive result. Of course, inclusion in the legislation is only one step to effectively addressing the problem of stable flies. As you rightly point out, addressing the issue also requires timely completion, implementation and adequate resourcing of an effective Stable Fly Management Plan.

It is essential that the Management Plan is adequately resourced for compliance monitoring and enforcement. I support your call for government-funded full time inspectors to provide education, monitoring and enforcement.

I appreciate that this is an important issue and that the failure to address stable flies, and to take a whole of government approach to this issue, has an appalling impact on people, animals and businesses in affected areas. I believe that the Management Plan needs to be finalised, resourced and implemented as a priority.

The Greens (WA) look forward to continuing to support the work of the Stable Fly Action Group and other stakeholders in seeking a long term effective response to the problem of stable flies in WA.

Yours sincerely,

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