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I don't have photos of my dam and grassland next to the dam – I am not at home at the moment.

I am prepared to state under oath (affidavit?) the following:

1. I have personally seen and observed bullfrogs mating in my dam – three years ago after good rains, I counted approximately 40 pairs in the dam. There were a lot more in the reedbeds that I could not get to. I even find them in my large water feature that flows around my house.
2. I have regularly seen bull frogs walking around in the grassland after rains, feeding.
3. Bull frogs are unfortunately regularly killed in Zinnia, McInnes and McIntyre after rains – these roads form a natural boundary around the wetlands that stretch from the small dam on corner Zinnna/McInnes – and which feed all the way down through my property and down to the Jukskei.
4. This waterway/wetland is relatively undisturbed and is full of bull frogs - definitely – I see them often.
5. I also confirm sightings of grass owls in the grasslands along the same wetland – I have seen them myself. In fact I always first walk the veld (1,7 ha) whenever I cut the grass (just before winter), to check for nesting birds – and I regularly see the grass owls – I have had to delay cutting on two occasions as I was not sure if they were just resting in the grass – or if they were nesting.
6. I have rescued two hedgehogs on two different occasions from my electric fence (one occasion was about a month ago). They touch the bottom live wire and curl up with the fence arcing on their spines – they survive if removed speedily. I have also released four hedgehogs into my grasslands – rescued from other risky environments.

Hope this helps?

Regards,

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