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**Underground Electric Cables on Farms**

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I have been working as a fencing contractor and farmer for 30 years, using a hydraulic post driver with an auger to dig pilot holes for the posts. This is a hazardous act because you never know when you might strike an electric cable. Other earth working people and farm workers also experience this problem.

No cables are marked; there is a mud map in the meter box, which was put there 20 years ago and is unreadable in some cases.

Some people know where the cables are; others think they know; others don't know.

Farms change hands and the new owners have no idea where the cables are. The next generation are also at risk.

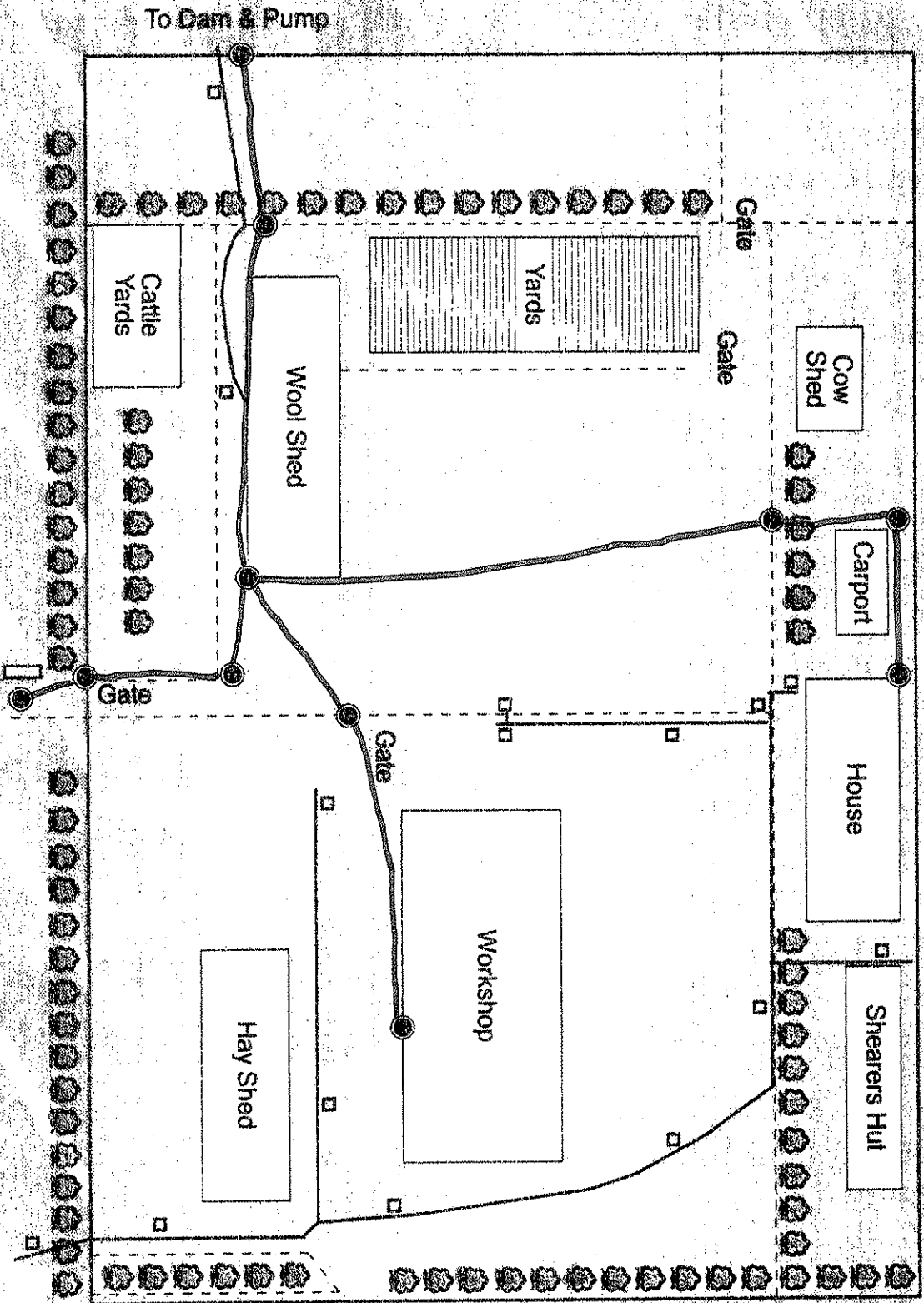
Because no signs/markers are available on the market we have designed one for the purpose. They can be placed in various points around the farm to alert people of cable locations. A farm plan can be drawn up and filed for future use.

They are made from aluminium material with pressed lettering and can be used on posts, fences and shed walls where cables are laid. Where animals graze and vehicles travel, a square concrete block with marker attached can be placed in the ground.







**We would like to see some recommendation from government to address this problem.**

Signed Max Clutterbuck

# Farm Safety - Farm Plan



**REFERENCE**

-  Trees
-  Fence Lines
-  Cable Markers
-  Power Cables
-  Water Pipe
-  Power Pole & Transformer