

Stream Protection and Enhancement 2020/21

Project Standards and Eligibility Criteria

CENTRAL TABLELANDS Local Land Services

Current contractual and financial arrangements

To be eligible for incentive funding any Central Tablelands LLS or previous Catchment Management Authority agreements must be completed, and payment of any Local Land Services rates needs to be up to date.

Public Liability Insurance to the value of 10 Million dollars is also required.

Project implementation time

You must complete your project by 31 May 2021. Your project must be managed and maintained, as per standards, for 10 years.

Project area

Your project area must be greater than 2 ha and located on a named stream within the priority areas of the Central Tablelands LLS region, or projects connecting to priority areas by existing native vegetation linkages ([Click here for Map](#)).

Stock-proof fencing

You must construct fencing with new materials and manage it in a stock-proof condition the duration of the contract. Conventional fencing must be a minimum of 6 lines, electric fencing a minimum of 3 lines. You should avoid using barbed wire where possible and replace it with plain wire for the top two and lowest strands (this is to ensure safe passage for native wildlife).

You must use plain wire fencing for streams where flooding is possible.

The Central Tablelands LLS cannot fund boundary and exclusion fencing.

Guarantee of management

All stock access to the project site must be controlled for the length of the management agreement (including access from either side of the waterway during periods of low flow).

Grazing management

Stock exclusion is recommended and rewarded through a one-off Stewardship payment for ongoing management of the project site.

Strategic grazing within the project area may be negotiated up to twice per year for a maximum of 3 days to manage groundcover. Spring time should be avoided to allow native vegetation to seed set.

Planting sites are required to exclude stock for a minimum of 4 years to allow trees and shrubs to establish.

Project buffer widths

All projects must be located on a named stream.

You must provide an average width of 20m from the top of the bank over the length of the site, with a minimum width of 10m.

You must maintain vehicle access on the inside of the fenced area along its length (for maintenance and weed control).

Stewardship payments limited to a maximum fencing setback of 50m from top of bank on either side of stream.



Planting and preparation

Targeted enhancement planting activities are limited to a maximum of 200 native seedlings of locally occurring tree, shrub and groundcover species.

A minimum of 50% survival rate for tubestock planting must be achieved by the landowner. The installation of additional plantings to achieve this survival rate will be the responsibility of the landowner.

A revegetation plan will be developed with a Central Tablelands LLS officer. The plan will include a schedule of site preparation, species list, weed control options, key contacts and planting options. Landholders will be responsible for all site preparation including ripping and weed control to ensure successful revegetation establishment.

Alternative stock water supply

Central Tablelands LLS can only fund stock water supply where stock access to water will be lost because of project works. Funding is only available to one alternative stock watering point per paddock affected.

You must bury any polythene pipeline to prevent damage by fire or UV light. The Central Tablelands LLS will not fund major farm water supply under this activity.

Water systems must be designed and carried out by a design specialist in the water reticulation field and comply with Australian engineering standards. All systems need to allow adequate flow and quantity for the required number of livestock.

Retain habitat features

You must retain bush rock, dead standing and fallen timber as they are important habitat features. Movement of fallen timber within the site is permitted if it presents a hazard but should not be destroyed.

Exotic plant and pest animal control

You must control all pest animals and exotic plants on the site for the duration of the agreement.

Sensitive regulated land

Native vegetation within your project area will be classified as 'Category 2 – Sensitive regulated land' under the Local Land Services Regulation 2014. Clearing native vegetation will be restricted within your project area. Contact the Sustainable Land Management unit for advice on 1300 795 299 or slm.info@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Permits and Approvals

All relevant permits and approvals for works that trigger State Government legislation must be obtained from or approved by appropriate government agencies.

Legislative Requirements

You must be aware of and comply with all legal responsibilities under legislation relevant to the project. This includes the application and use of chemicals and poisons for exotic plant and pest animal control.

Monitoring

You must make project sites available for scientific monitoring activities as organised by the Central Tablelands LLS.