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## Hunter Healthy and Productive Landscapes Program 2018/19

Hunter Local Land Services is currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from landholders for assistance to improve river, native vegetation and pasture health in priority areas of the Lower Hunter, Upper Hunter and Mid Coast districts.

This map identifies the priority areas for our programs. By clicking on each of tabs above (2-12) you can read more about what the individual priorities and objectives of our programs.

You can also click on the list below to take you to our priority area maps.

### 2 - Halls Creek Catchment Health Improvement

### 3 - Weed Action to Protect Box Gum Grassy Woodland

### 4 - Improving priority habitats for Threatened Species

### 5 - River Improvement

### 6 - Lower Hunter Estuary- Riverbank, estuarine and wetlands

### 7 - Bringing Back the Regent Honeyeater

### 8 - In Good hands: Farmers and Landcare protecting Box Gum and Grey Box Grassy Woodlands

### 9 - Riparian rehabilitation and bank protection in the Mid-Coast region

### 10 - Restoring the Wonders of the Myall Ramsar Wetlands

### 11 - Paxton Catchment Improvement

### 12 - Sustainable Agricultural Practices

Our main priorities within these programs include:

1. Protection and restoration of riverbanks in priority areas
2. Significant threatened native vegetation restoration and enhancement for priority vegetation or in priority areas
3. Threatened species recovery for priority species
4. Grazing or on-farm practices that improve pasture cover, perennial species and nutrient/fertiliser management in priority areas

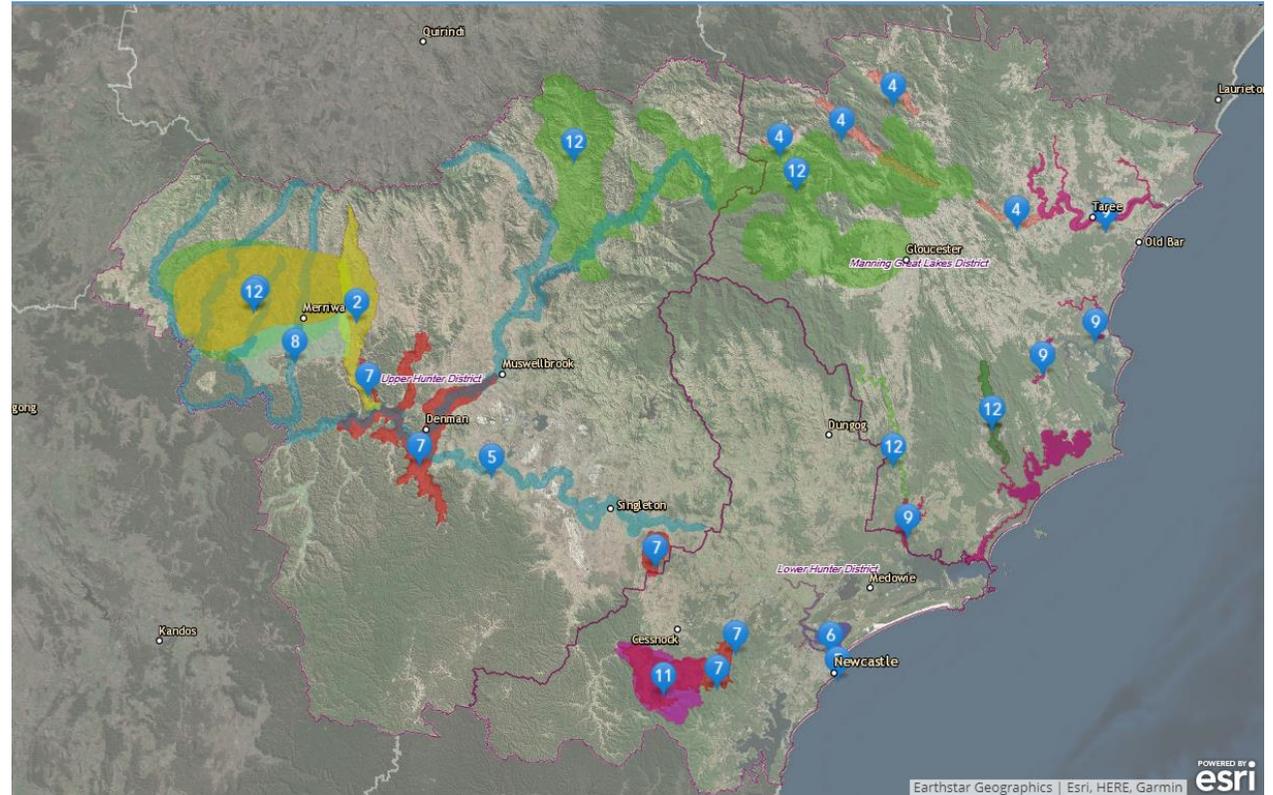
Funding is available for eligible landholders, community groups and Aboriginal land managers (such as LALCs) to implement on-ground projects to develop natural resource management projects on, private properties. To receive support and determine if your project is eligible for incentive funding we invite individuals or groups to submit Expressions of Interest.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be assessed as they are received against a set of criteria including priority locations, alignment to priority areas detailed in the maps for our programs, and outcomes.

Once assessed, individual EOIs that meet the above criteria may be contacted by our staff to arrange property visits to learn more about the proposal, and/ or directly invite EOI submissions to apply for incentive funding via an application process.

If your EOI does not meet our objectives at this time, we will also contact you to determine how we can provide other types of assistance to best suit your needs.

Submit your EOI through our [online form](#).





## 3 - Weed Action to Protect Box Gum Grassy Woodland project

Incentives for this program are seeking to:

1. Increase in Box Gum Grassy Woodland protected from grazing impacts: and
2. Decrease in St Johns Wort (and other priority weeds) to improve recovery of this native vegetation.

Priority areas include towns (see map boundary):

Merriwa, Cassilis, Bunnan

Priorities include:

Priority Weeds:

St Johns Wort, Blackberry (and other priority weeds identified in Regional Weeds Plan)

Threatened Ecological Communities:

White Box- Yellow Box- Blakeleys Red Gum Woodland and Derived native grasslands

Box Woodland and St Johns Wort

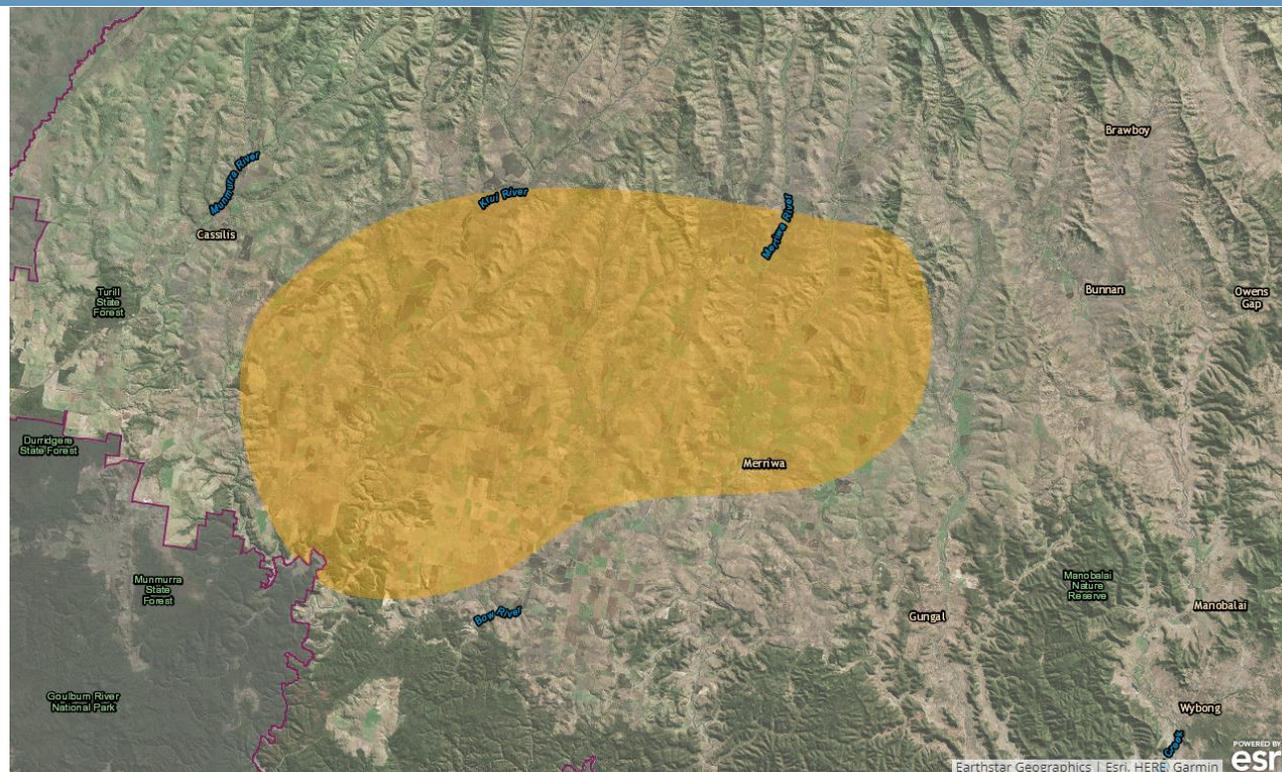
Eligible Activities include:

- Stock access exclusion
- Off-stream watering (if relevant)
- Crash Grazing /Weed/ Revegetation plans (property plans) developed
- Weed control (St Johns Wort/Blackberry priority weeds)
- Subdivisional grazing

Investor: MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd

Staff Contact: Adam Bush

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St Johns Wort: Hunter Weeds Authority



## 5 - River improvement program (Riparian Incentives)

Objectives:

1. This program seeks to support landholders implement projects to protect and enhance priority rivers in the Upper Hunter. Hunter Local Land Services can provide extension advice, information and networking opportunities for interested individuals and groups of landholders.

Incentives for this program are seeking to

Protection and maintenance of woody vegetation (i.e weed control, revegetation or fencing and off-stream water)

Revegetation (i.e fencing, off-stream watering, reveg or allow natural regen)

Stock access management exclusion (river bank/native vegetation)

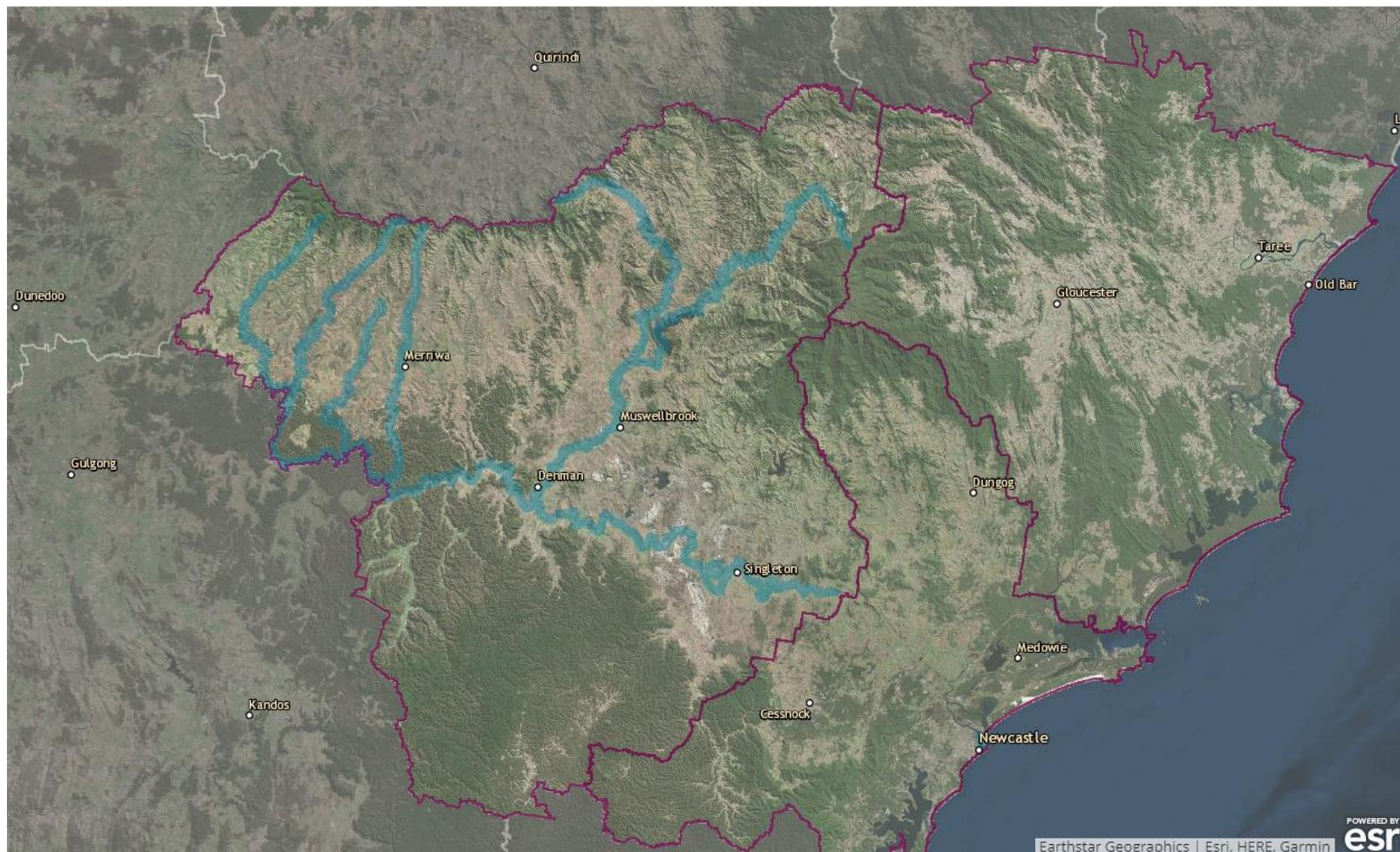
Off-stream watering (where relevant)

Alignment with sustainable agricultural practices

Investor: HCC

**Staff Contact: Fiona Marshall**

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## 7 - Bringing Back the Regent Honeyeater

**Priority Area - Upper Goulburn and surrounds, Upper Hunter, Cessnock Biodiversity Area**

Priority areas include towns (see map boundary):

**Wybong, Sandy Hollow, Baeremi, Widden, Denman, Bengalla, Bureen, Yarrawa, Hollydeen**

**Cessnock (surrounds) Lower Hunter, Millfield, Ellalong, Congewai, Quorrobolong, Mount Vincent, Mulbring and Richmond Vale, Belford area**

Incentives for this area are seeking to

1. Increase in the area of new vegetation for habitat for the Regent Honeyeater, including Upper Goulburn river riparian plantings, and other plantings

### Priorities include:

Threatened Species:

Regent Honeyeater

Swift Parrot

Threatened Ecological Communities:

White Box- Yellow Box- Blakely's Red Gum Woodland and Derived native grasslands

Central Hunter Valley eucalypt forest

Native vegetation:

Riparian Vegetation- Upper Goulburn River

### Eligible Activities include:

Stock access exclusion (native vegetation) and vegetation enhancement

Off watering (if relevant)

Supplementary canopy tree plantings

Protection and supplementary plantings around significant native paddock trees

Shelterbelt/windrow installations/revegetation plots

Riparian plantings (Upper Goulburn)

**Investor:** Australian Government- National Landcare Program

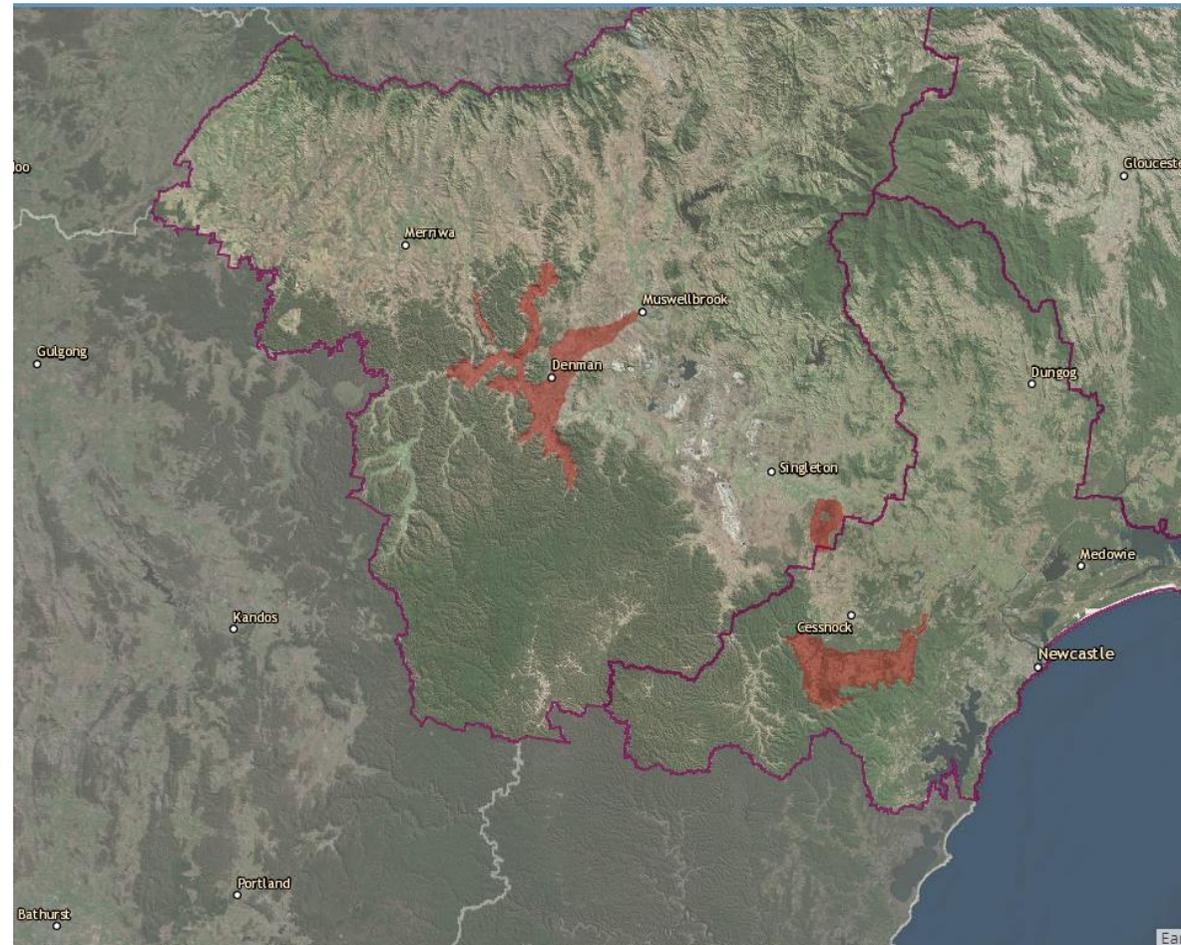
**Staff Contact:** Adam Bush (upper Hunter)

**Staff Contact:** Rob Henderson (lower Hunter)

**Staff Contact:** Eva Twarkowski (central Hunter)

**Investor:** Australian Government- National Landcare Program

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## 8 - In Good hands: Farmers and Landcare protecting Box Gum and Grey Box Grassy Woodlands.

Incentives for this program are seeking to

1. Increase in the condition, and protection of, Box Gum Grassy Woodlands

Priority areas include towns (see map boundary):

Merriwa, Cassilis, Bunnan

Priorities include:

Threatened Ecological Communities:

-White Box- Yellow Box- Blakeleys Red Gum Woodland and Derived native grasslands

-Grey Box Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands

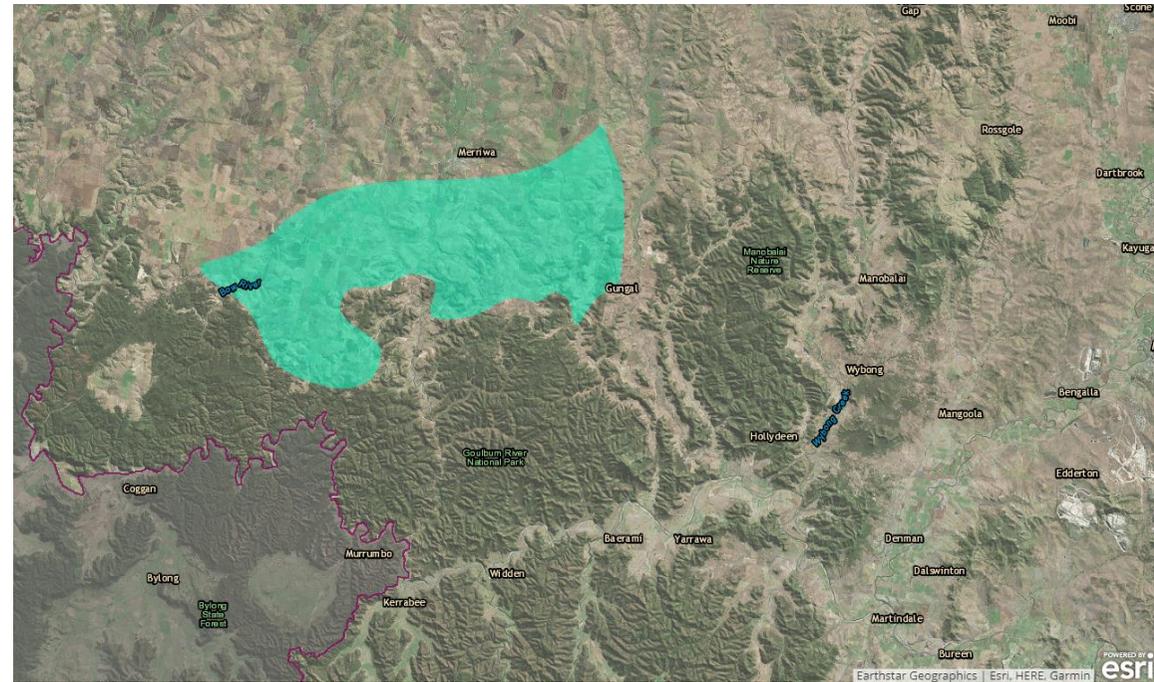
Eligible Activities include:

- Stock access exclusion
- Off-stream watering (if relevant)
- Revegetation plans(property plans) developed
- Subdivisional grazing for native vegetation regeneration

Investor: Australian Government, National Landcare Program

Staff Contact: Adam Bush

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## 9 - Riparian rehabilitation and bank protection in the Mid-Coast region

Incentives for this program are seeking to

1. Increase protection, and extent, of river bank vegetation

Priority areas include towns (see map boundary):

Upper Myall, Markwell, Bulahdelah

Priorities include:

1. Riparian restoration and protection

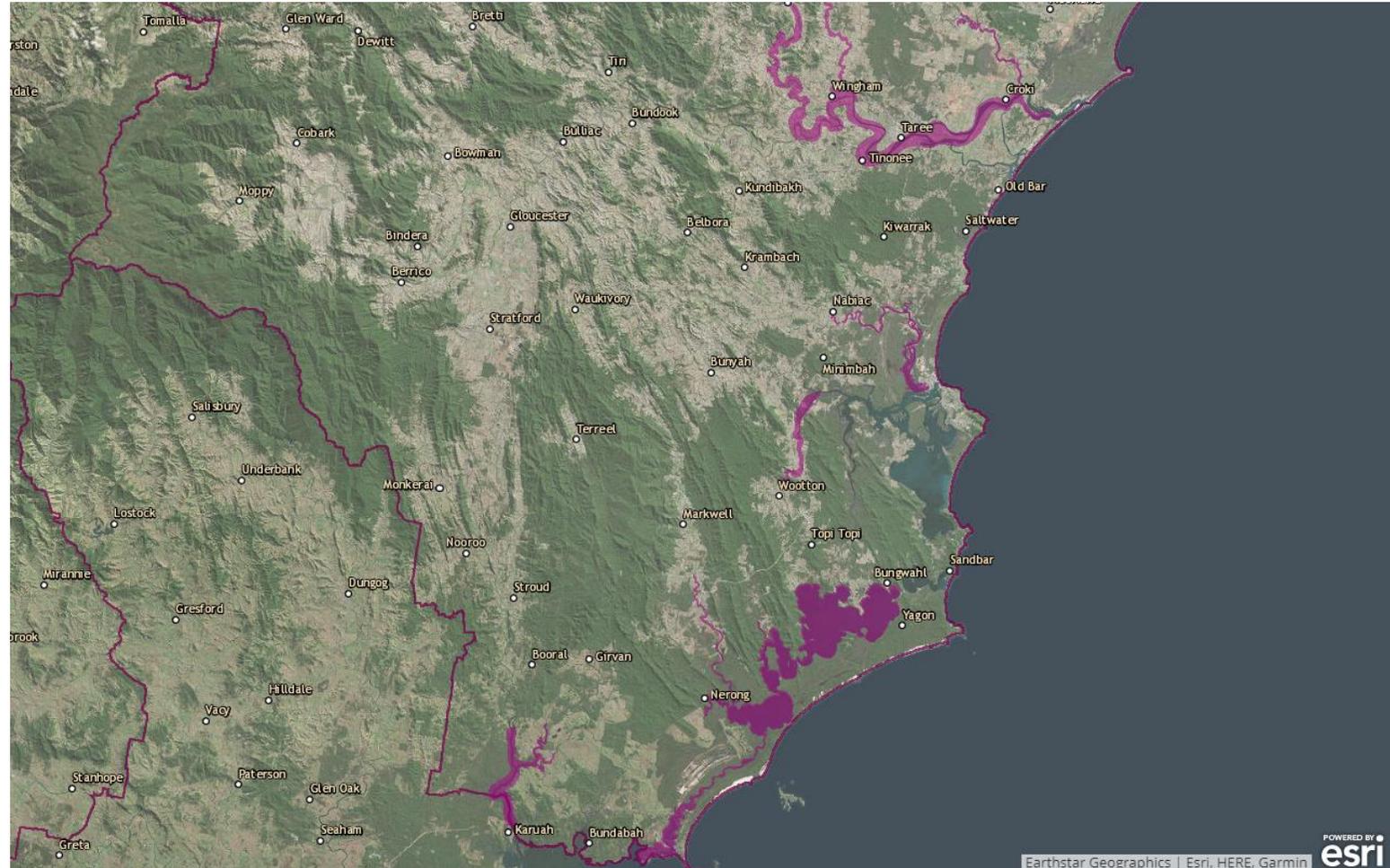
Eligible Activities include:

- Riverbank revegetation
- Stock access exclusion (river banks)
- Off watering (if relevant)
- Erosion control/bank stabilisation

Investor: DPI Fisheries

Staff Contact: [Geoff Le Messurier](#)

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## 10 - Restoring the Wonders of the Myall Ramsar Wetlands

Incentives for this program are seeking to

1. Increase pasture cover and reduce fertilizer/nutrients to reduce impacts to water quality

Priority areas include towns (see map boundary):

Upper Myall, Markwell Bulahdelah

Priorities include:

Grazing and fertilizer/nutrient management

Eligible Activities include:

Grazing management

Property plans/ grazing or fertiliser management plans

Investor: Australian Government- National Landcare Program

Staff Contact: [Albert Mullen](#)

