

Connecting the Plots – Landholder Incentives 2022/23

Central Tablelands Local Land Services supports land managers and community in working together to build resilient communities in productive healthy landscapes.

Why are you receiving this?

The Connecting the Plots project assists private land managers to improve the condition of Grassy Box Woodland communities and core koala habitat. Eligible projects will include the enhancement of existing remnant woodland areas and/or revegetation activities to improve landscape connectivity.

Your property is located adjacent to either a Travelling Stock Reserve of high conservation value or core koala habitat within the Rockley Mount area. This means that you are eligible to receive funding to undertake project activities that enhance koala habitat or increase connectivity across your property.

We would like to work with you to improve the vegetation and habitat by offering funding for works on your property.

What assistance is available?

The Connecting the Plots project will provide incentive funding and technical support for the following on-ground activities:

- Stock-proof fencing to control stock access to existing native

vegetation/woodland or revegetation sites (up to \$7/m conventional or \$3.5/m electric).



Figure 1. Box-gum grassy woodland

- Planting native trees and shrubs to enhance or buffer woodland areas for corridor or cluster tree planting projects (\$3/tubestock).
- Planting native trees and shrubs to enhance or buffer woodland areas for scattered paddock tree plantings (\$3/tubestock plus \$50 per stock-proof re-useable tree guard).
- Ongoing management where stock are excluded from the project area.

How can I apply?

To submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) contact Katie McPherson.

EOI's can be received either online, in person or via mail.

Once you have submitted your EOI, an officer will contact you to discuss your project and organise a site visit.

Funding availability is limited with applications to be processed as they are received until all funds are committed. Any incomplete applications will be returned and will result in a new submission date.

For more information

Contact your nearest Local Land Services office on 1300 795 299 or visit our website www.lls.nsw.gov.au



Figure 2. Revegetation Corridor.

Criteria and Project Standards

A comprehensive list of the Project standards is available on our website and will be discussed with you during the site visit.

To be eligible for funding all projects must meet the following criteria and standards:

Project Implementation time - You must complete your project by 31 May 2023.

Current contractual and financial arrangements – Any Central Tablelands Local Land Services or previous Catchment Management Authority agreements must be complete, and payment of any Local Land Services rates need to be up to date. Public liability insurance to the value of AUD\$10 million dollars is also required.

Stock-proof fencing – constructed with new materials and maintained throughout the life of the project (10 years). Conventional 6 line or electric 3-line fencing minimum, preferably without barbed wire. Boundary or exclusion fencing will not be funded.

Exotic plant and pest animal control – pest animals and exotic plants must be controlled within the site for the duration of the agreement

Grazing management – strategic grazing within the project area may be permitted subject to approval by Local Land Services staff.

Retention of existing habitat features – such as extruded rocks, dead standing and fallen timber within the site, remnant native vegetation etc.

Planting and site preparation - a project specific plan will be developed with a Local Land Services officer that will cover site preparation, species selection, planting and ongoing future maintenance etc.

To submit an expression of interest or for more information, please contact:

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