

Project Standards

Permits and approvals. All relevant permits and approvals for farm water supply dams must be obtained from or approved by appropriate government agencies prior to the commencement of any works.

Legislative requirements. Applicants must comply with all legislative responsibilities imposed by any other relevant Act in developing and implementing the project.

Native Vegetation. Under the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, any land under this project area cannot be used as a set aside for the duration of the agreement term. The project area may be eligible to undertake Environmental Protection Works in accordance with the Local Land Services Act 2013 and will require an approved project variation.

Monitoring and evaluation. Applicants are required to adhere to and maintain monitoring records for the duration of the agreement, as per the Central West Local Land Services monitoring program. Staff will establish monitoring sites and methods appropriate to your project.

Field day activities and access to the project site. The project site is to be made available for Central West Local Land Services to conduct an educational field day activity and provide information for case studies if requested and allow access to Local Land Services staff and any associated contractors for the purposes of on-ground scientific monitoring for the duration of the project.

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How to apply

Applications close **Monday 30 May 2022.**

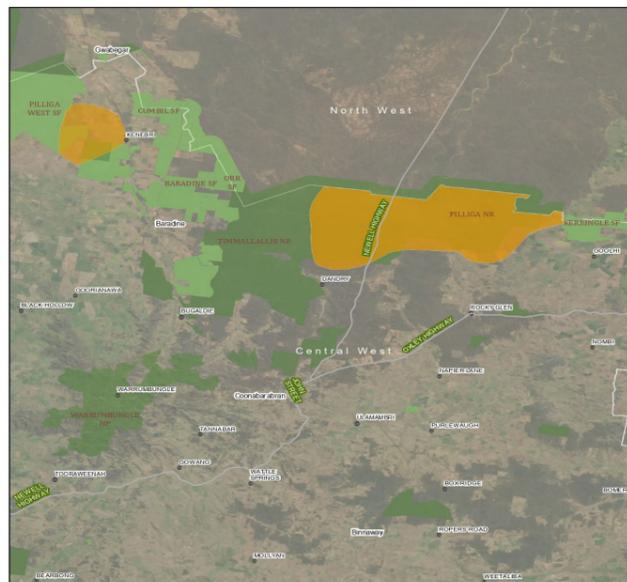
To apply, complete an Expression of Interest form and submit:

- In person: hand deliver to any Central West Local Land Services Office (due to COVID restrictions, an appointment must be made prior to attending any of our offices in person).
- Via email: submit as a PDF attachment to: incentives.centralwest@lls.nsw.gov.au

Once all details have been completed, and the application form returned, a Central West Local Land Services officer will contact you to discuss your project and organise a site visit. Any incomplete applications will be returned to the landholder.

Funding availability is limited and offered based on a Central West Local Land Services team review of the environmental services ratio scores and cost per hectare of all proposals.

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.



Map 1: Pilliga- Targeted priority area



Photo: NPWS

Central West Local Land Services

Making Central Inland

Glossies Great Again

Pilliga

About the project

Glossy Black-Cockatoos are a favourite amongst conservationists and the broader community, being well-known for their gentle nature, quirky behaviour and distinct colouration. Central Inland NSW is home to a significant, distinctive but declining Glossy Black-Cockatoo population concentrated in forest and woodland areas stretching from Parkes to Narrabri. The Glossy Black-Cockatoo is a landscape species managed under the Saving our Species (SoS) program. The “Making Central Inland Glossies Great Again” project was funded in May 2019 by the NSW Government’s SoS program and the Environmental Trust.

Ongoing protection, management and recovery of foraging and breeding habitat remnants on private land is crucial to the future survival of this unique species. Priority areas have been identified across the Central West region with recommended activities to support and increase the connectivity and condition of significant habitat. Your property is located within one of the identified priority areas which means you are eligible to receive funding to undertake projects which will enhance and protect foraging and breeding habitat on your property. Eligible projects will include the enhancement of existing remnant foraging and breeding habitat and/or revegetation activities to improve landscape connectivity.

Priority actions for on-ground improvement include:

- Fencing for stock management and installation of alternative stock watering points
- Pest animal and weed control
- Habitat augmentation including restoration of native vegetation through supplementary planting of native plant species, and installation of habitat features such as nest hollow augmentation (subject to site assessment)
- Stock access management to enhance species habitat
- Activities that protect, manage and preserve habitat and improve connectivity of native vegetation

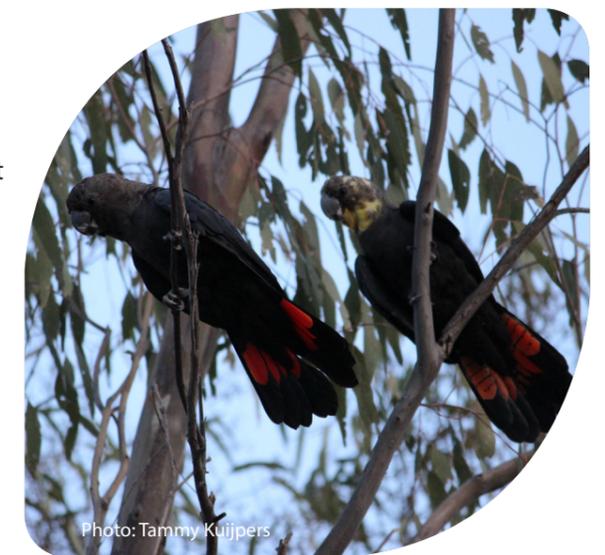


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What sort of assistance is available?

The Making Central Inland Glossies Great Again project will provide funding and technical support for the following activities, subject to site assessment and subsequent Environmental Services Ratio score:

Stock proof fencing to control stock access to existing she-oak (*Casuarina and Allocasuarina sp.*) stands or revegetation sites (\$6,000/km conventional or \$3,000/km electric).

Existing paddock tree protection to control stock access and allow natural regeneration. Funding will be provided towards the costs of standard fencing materials, site preparation and the purchase of new plants. Individual sites must be a minimum of 25m x 25m (0.0625ha) or out of tree drip line (stock proof fencing \$8/m conventional capped at \$2,000/paddock tree or \$4/m electric capped at \$1,000/paddock tree).

Scattered paddock tree establishment to increase connectivity across the landscape and link areas of remnant vegetation (\$5/tubestock capped at \$1,000 for site preparation, planting and maintenance of native tubestock plus \$50 per tree guard for scattered paddock plantings).

Establishing small clusters of paddock trees to increase the biodiversity across an area by having a dense planting of native trees, shrubs and ground covers (around an existing paddock tree if possible). Funding will be provided towards the cost of stock proof fencing (\$6/m conventional or \$3/m electric), site preparation, planting and maintenance of direct seeding/native tubestock. Sites must be a minimum of 1ha, a maximum of 3ha, and a minimum of 25m wide.

Alternate stock watering points where stock access to water in the paddock directly adjoining the project area will be lost due to project work (\$1,500/trough, \$3,000 tank and trough or dam).

Pest animal and weed control for initial and ongoing management of the site for the duration of the agreement. Control of feral animals, including pigs and goats. Weed control in existing stands of foraging habitats (\$50/ha capped at \$1500).

Habitat augmentation including the installation of nest boxes or hollow augmentation (\$500 per project).

Elevated water supply installation within the project area to ensure continued access to food and nest sites during periods when natural surface water is absent (\$2,000 per customised watering point built to Local Land Services specifications).

Cultural Heritage site assessment- Assessment by Central West Local Land Services to be undertaken prior to the commencement of on-ground works.

Eligibility

- To be eligible for funding, landholders must meet the following criteria:
- The project area must be located within the Central West Local Land Services region, see Map 1.
- The applicant must comply with the project standards (see following pages).
- The applicant must have \$10 million public liability insurance.
- Non-payment of rates and other Local Land Services fees and accounts will result in application ineligibility.
- All project infrastructure works must be completed by **30 April 2023**. The applicant must comply with the project standards (see following pages).

Disclaimer:

Funding is limited, which may mean some incentive projects will not be funded. Central West Local Land Services reserves the right to refuse funding for incentive projects or components which provide insufficient environmental benefit for their cost. Assessment of environmental benefit is at the sole discretion of Central West Local Land Services. Funding amounts listed are GST exclusive. Funding amounts, activities and project standards are subject to change without notice.

This project is being delivered by the NSW Government through a partnership between the Saving our Species Program and the Environmental Trust.

Project Standards

Project implementation timeframe. All project infrastructure works must be completed by **30 April 2023**.

Stock-proof fencing. New fences must be constructed with new materials and be maintained in a stock-proof condition for the duration of the agreement. Conventional fencing must be a minimum of 6 wires and electric fencing a minimum of 3 wires. **No apron or barbed wire** is to be used in the construction of the fence to ensure safe passage of wildlife. Plain wire is to be used for sections where there is a potential for flooding. **Boundary fencing is ineligible for funding.**

Individual paddock tree fencing. Planted individual paddock trees must be guarded to protect from grazing animals for the duration of the 10-year agreement. As a minimum, guards need to be 1.8m high made from sheep mesh or equivalent with 2 steel posts supporting and a minimum 1m diameter.

Alternate stock water supply. Available only where stock access to water will be lost because of project work (e.g. project fencing has removed access to a creek or dam). Funding is limited to a maximum of one alternative watering point where access to a watering point has been removed as a direct result of project activities. Troughs must at a minimum be concrete with a fully enclosed valve chamber and must be maintained in operational condition for the life of the project. Any polythene pipeline must be buried to prevent damage by fire or UV light. It is recommended that new water pipes and fittings are a minimum of 2 inch/ 50 mm internal diameter. Water infrastructure must be maintained for the duration of the agreement.

Grazing management regime. Sites can be strategically grazed up to twice annually, with a maximum graze duration of up to three days. The grazing strategy employed should maximise groundcover, according to land capability. Strategic grazing to manage fire hazards or weeds is permitted if required. If supplementary planting, stock are to be excluded from the project area for three years after the completion of supplementary planting on-ground works. Grazing is not to be undertaken during flowering and seed set during spring and summer.

Management of project area for ground cover.

The grazing strategy employed should maximise groundcover according to land capability. Project areas must be managed to increase perennial plant density and diversity. Groundcover is to be maintained at an average minimum level of 70% across the whole project area for the duration of the agreement. The grazing strategy employed should aim for 100% groundcover.

Minimise ground disturbance. The site should be managed to minimise ground disturbance that could lead to soil erosion for the duration of the agreement.

Supplementary Planting. Plant/seed establishment activities will be coordinated by Central West Local Land Services, including purchase of seed and/or seedlings. A supplementary planting plan will be established for all projects covering the position, width and length of the planting arrangement and species to be revegetated. The supplementary planting plan is developed in consultation with the project applicant. Landholders will be required to organise for their own site preparation, planting of seedlings and ongoing maintenance as per planting plan and advice from Central West Local Land Services. Project areas containing supplementary plantings are to have stock excluded for a minimum of three years to enable successful plant establishment.

Habitat features. Retain dead standing and fallen timber are important habitat features and must be retained on the project site. Movement of these features within the site is permitted only if they present a hazard.

Cultural heritage survey. Cultural heritage sites identified within the project area will be maintained and protected. Project activities and ongoing site management must not cause damage to any known cultural heritage sites. Cultural heritage sites discovered within the project area will be recorded in the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System.

Pest plant and pest animal control. All pest animals and pest plants must be controlled on the site for the duration of the agreement. Chemical control must only be with a registered herbicide/pesticide and in accordance with the directions on the label. If spraying along riparian areas, only chemicals registered for use around waterways are permitted.