



Fact sheet: Riverbank Rehabilitation Project

Background

Following severe storms and floods across the Hunter, Greater Sydney and North Coast regions in February and March 2021, the NSW and Australian governments have committed \$18.46 million to support the long-term rehabilitation and futureproofing of flood damaged riverbanks.

These waterways include the Hawkesbury River, Manning River (Taree), Nambucca River, Hastings River (Port Macquarie), Macleay River (Kempsey), Clarence River (Grafton), Richmond River (Ballina) and their flood-impacted tributaries.

The Riverbank Rehabilitation Project will include two sub-project streams, Targeted Riverbank Rehabilitation and Streamlined Riverbank Approvals.

Targeted Riverbank Rehabilitation

The Targeted Riverbank Rehabilitation project stream will survey and assess flood damage to identify, prioritise and undertake riverbank rehabilitation works on high priority, high-risk erosion sites aimed at future proofing environmental, cultural, agricultural and recreational assets on major impacted waterways.

This work will be guided by a Scientific Impact and Prioritisation Panel with on ground works completed by Local Land Services in consultation with landholders. This work is expected to commence from July 2022 with planning work already underway.

The restoration of landslips and built infrastructure on waterways, such as houses, bridges, roads (private or public) or pipelines are not eligible under this project.

Streamlined Riverbank Approvals

The Streamlined Riverbank Rehabilitation Approvals project stream will assign and position technical officers to apply a case management approach aimed at expediting the waterways approvals process without compromising the appropriate due diligence required for protecting natural and cultural heritage assets and effective riparian rehabilitation works.

Local Land Services will bring together relevant stakeholders from both local and NSW governments to form the Streamline Interagency Working Group to develop a framework that will support consistent approaches to rehabilitation works and consider applications in a timely manner. The project will provide ongoing resources and education that will allow landholders to make informed decisions when undertaking rehabilitation work. This work has already commenced.

Want to know more or get involved?

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