Expression of Interest (EOI) to improve

river, native vegetation and pasture health

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

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| **LLS use only**  | **Date Received:** | **Client Service Reference Number:**  | **EOI Activity Area:**  |
|  |  |  | [ ]  Ripn [ ]  RipnGraz [ ]  ThrSp [ ]  Natveg  |

 **Contact details (\*mandatory information)**

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| \*Name |  |  |  |
| Landowner (if different) |  |  Are you a landcare / industry member? |  |
| LLS HoldingRef number (if known) |  | Lot and DP |  |
| Address |  |  |  |
| \*Town |  | \*Phone or |  |
| \*Postcode |  | \*Mobile |  |
| \*Email |  |

**Property/Project details:**

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| \*Property Address of Project(If different from above) |  |
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| \*Size of Property (ha) |  | \*Proposed Project Area (ha) (approximate) |  |
| \*Have you had advice from Hunter LLS staff in development of this project? If So, Who: |  |
| \*Are you interested in applying for project funding as a Landcare Group /Industry Group or Aboriginal Organisation/Business? (Yes/ No) |  | Are you partnering with any public land manager/other agency? Please name them here. |  |

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**

\*Please identify the top 3 activities (where 1 is your first choice, number from 1 to 3):

[ ]  Protecting and improving riverbanks and native vegetation on rivers, wetlands, estuaries and other sensitive areas

[ ]  Stock management to reduce impacts on riverbanks, wetlands, estuaries and other sensitive areas

[ ]  Revegetation, including planting shelter belts or wind breaks, with native trees or shrubs (ideally at least 1ha in size, more than 1 ha for woodland/forest vegetation types)

[ ] Improve habitat/reduce impacts for threatened species (eg nest boxes, targeted pest control,

feral proof fencing)

[ ]  Protection of native vegetation from stock impacts through fencing and managing weed threats (ideally more than 1ha)

[ ]  Sustainable agricultural practices which improve groundcover, perenniality of pastures, soil health, water quality and nutrient management.

[ ]  Development and implementation of property plans

[ ]  Other: (please detail)……………………………………………………………………………

*Where funding is available it is for on-ground works in priority areas or with target groups or property planning only.*

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

***\*****Please provide a brief outline or what you would like to do. What types of activities are you interested implementing on your property? What do you want to improve as a result of these activities?*

*If you need more space please attach another piece of paper to this Expression of Interest Form and email with this form to:* admin.hunter@lls.nsw.gov.au

# NAME: SIGNATURE: DATE:

**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.

Our main priorities 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 in 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 recovery and restoration actions for our programs, and outcomes to improve rivers, native vegetation and pasture health.

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 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.

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