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Protecting the Bowling Green Bay Ramsar Wetland Funding Scheme

Do you live inland from the Bowling Green Bay Ramsar Wetland? Are you interested in managing weeds and/or feral pigs on your property? If yes, you may be eligible for funding assistance from NQ Dry Tropics.

What is available?

NQ Dry Tropics will fund activities on properties upstream from the Bowling Green Bay Ramsar Wetland which help to improve the health of this important system.

Eligible activities include revegetation along waterways, control of weeds of national significance, fencing to improve grazing management, and control of feral pigs.

Landholders must match funding with a 50 per cent cash or in-kind contribution. In-kind contributions may include labour, use of equipment, machinery, and materials. The maximum funding per landholder is \$50,000.

Future maintenance of the sites can be included as part of your in-kind contribution. The greater the sum requested, the longer you will be contracted to maintain the sites (e.g. less than \$5,000 = 1 year maintenance, greater than \$40,000 = 10 years maintenance). For more information see the application form.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible for funding you must live within the project area (see map). The project area is outlined in black. Some areas (red) will be given priority due to their influence on the Ramsar wetland site (green). Please contact NQ Dry Tropics to confirm if you live within the project or priority areas.

Landholders in the Bowling Green Bay catchment area who live outside this project area may be eligible for funding through other NQ Dry Tropics projects such as the Healthy Habitat project or the Regional Pest Management Strategy. Contact us for more information.

What exactly can be funded?

1. Management of weeds of national significance such as:

athel pine	lantana	parthenium	rubber vine
cabomba	mesquites	pond apple	salvinia
hymenachne	parkinsonia	prickly acacia	
2. Revegetation along waterways
3. Fencing to promote grazing of exotic grasses (e.g. hymenachne)
4. Fencing to exclude livestock from degraded areas to improve management of floodplain areas
5. Trapping or baiting of feral pigs to reduce erosion and damage to floodplains and waterways.



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How do I apply?

First contact NQ Dry Tropics to discuss the eligibility of your proposed project. Next submit an application form. These are available by contacting NQ Dry Tropics or from our website www.nqdrytropics.com.au under **Funding**

Applications close 1 November 2010.

When can I start?

Once all the applications are assessed you will be notified. When you have signed an agreement with us, you can begin works on your property.

When does the project finish?

All works must be completed by 1 June 2011.

How will I be assessed?

Applications will be scored on these criteria:

- value for money
- area impacted
- integrated management approach (e.g. cattle management as well as chemical weed control)
- involvement of multiple landholders (e.g. working with neighbours)
- located within priority area (sites outside the priority are still eligible but will need to score well in other criteria)

Where can I get more Information?

If you would like more information contact NQ Dry Tropics

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