

Guide to water quality improvement grants for graziers

Frequently asked questions

What can I apply for?

Funding is available for projects that implement best management practices, e.g. erosion control, fencing to land type, spreading grazing pressure away from degraded areas and implementation of wet season spelling of vulnerable areas to allow for regeneration. Projects must demonstrate a clear water quality improvement outcome through reduced sediment and/or nutrient loss. Applicant must contribute a minimum of 50% of project cost.

What am I applying for?

This is a voluntary program, funding is provided by the Australian Government's Reef Rescue program, and has NO links to the reef regulations. No identifying information about participants is provided to regulatory authorities.

What is expected from me?

Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with NQ Dry Tropics. This agreement will specify that the landholder complete the works agreed to, and contribute at least 50% of the project cost.

How long will I have to complete works?

You will have 12 months from the date the agreement is signed.

How will I be paid?

An initial 50% payment is made on receipt of a signed agreement and Tax invoice. The final 50% payment is made once the project has been completed and has been reviewed by a Field Officer. Payment will be by direct deposit into your account.

What is not eligible for funding?

Incentives cannot be provided for:

- activities undertaken outside of the Burdekin Dry Tropics region;
- purchase, lease or acquisition of land;
- subsidies for commercial operations;
- standard boundary fencing that would fall within a landholder's normal responsibilities;
- activities that include the establishment of plants that are known, or could become environmental or agricultural weeds;
- insurance or legal costs;
- weather stations, solar panels, or hand held GPS equipment;
- vehicle use and/or purchase, including the use and/or purchase of quad bikes, All Terrain Vehicles and motor bikes;
- investments which simply replaces existing equipment with similar equipment without bringing additional water quality benefits;
- costs associated with the maintenance or normal wear and tear of capital items;
- or applicants who have previously received grant funding and have not completed their works or finalised contract.

If you would like to apply for these grants, please contact:

NQ Dry Tropics on 07 4724 3544 and request a Grazing Field Officer