

2011 - 12 Investment Project

RB12-00007-1



CARING
FOR
OUR
COUNTRY

This is a record of your completed regional base level funding 2011-12 Caring for our Country project. This record was generated on 16/05/2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PROJECT

Project title

Please provide a title which clearly indicates what your project will achieve

Delivering regional NRM outcomes in the South East

Project Summary

Please provide a short description of your project. This summary will be used to communicate about your project e.g. in media announcements and in the Funding Agreement. The information should be consistent with what you give later in the application.

A comprehensive NRM program is proposed with extensive on-ground works supported by strong community involvement and active engagement of Aboriginal people.

The condition and extent of approximately 52,000 ha of native habitat will be improved in priority areas of remnant vegetation which include endangered ecological communities, and EPBC-listed species. Vertebrate pest and WoNS control works over 1,900 ha will be undertaken, and 220 ha of high ecological value aquatic ecosystems will be restored.

The management practices of about 300 farmers over at least 1,000 ha will be improved and there will be engagement of coastal community groups to undertake on-ground works to enhance cultural knowledge and protection of cultural landscapes.

Proposed duration

Proposed start date (mm/yyyy)

07/2011

Proposed completion date (mm/yyyy)

06/2013

State:

South Australia

NRM Region:

South East

Regional Body:

South East NRM Board

Are you authorised to act on behalf of the selected regional body?

Yes

If dividing your base-level project into separate projects, describe how the projects are linked or integrated.

N/A

Please identify any other projects that are linked to this one, and any projects (for example, new Caring for our Country, existing or new State/Territory projects) that you are aware of that may have synergies with this one.

N/A

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

SECTION : APPLICANT DETAILS

The *Applicant Details* are required for the legal entity with whom the Australian Government will form a contract, if this project is successful.

Organisation details

Organisation Name	South East Natural Resources Management Board
Organisation/Company ABN	93 209 459 406
Is your organisation registered for GST?	Yes

Entity type

State Government Other Incorporated Entity

Applicant contact information – primary contact person

The primary contact person should be a person in the lead organisation who is readily contactable in April-July 2011 during the project assessment period and will be involved in the day-to-day management of the project.

	Title	First name	Last name
Name	Mr	Fred	Stadter
Position in organisation	Commonwealth & State Programs Manager		
Business phone number	0887629116		
After hours phone number			
Fax	0887647477		
Mobile	0427390118		
PO Box/Street Address	PO Box 618		
Town/Suburb	Naracoorte		
State	South Australia	Postcode	5271
Email	fred.stadter@senrm.sa.gov.au		

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

Authorised person – person who will sign the contract

This is the person with power to bind the organisation in a contract for the value of this project.

Is the authorised person the same as the proponent organisation contact person (details in above)

No

	Title	First name	Last name
Name	Mr	Tim	Collins
Position in organisation	Regional Manager		
Business phone number	0887246000		
After hours phone number			
Fax	0887232965		
Mobile			
PO Box/Street Address	PO Box 30		
Town/Suburb	Mount Gambier		
State	South Australia	Postcode	5290
Email	tim.collins@sa.gov.au		

Applicant contact information – secondary contact person

The secondary contact person should be a person who is readily contactable in April-July 2011 and will only be contacted where the primary contact person is unavailable.

	Title	First name	Last name
Name	Ms	Melissa	Hunter
Position in organisation	Senior Project Officer		
Business phone number	0887629148		
After hours phone number			
Fax	0887647477		
Mobile	0447246020		
Email	melissa.hunter@senrm.sa.gov.au		

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

SECTION : TARGETS

Which Caring for our Country target(s) does your project address?

(Your project will be assessed against how well your project addresses these target/s .)

Biodiversity and Natural Icons

- Increasing native habitat
- Reducing the impact of vertebrate pest animals
- Reducing the impact of Weeds of National Significance

Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats

- Protecting critical aquatic ecosystems
- Increasing coastal community engagement

Sustainable Farm Practices

- Improving management practices
- Landscape scale conservation
- Improving knowledge and skills

What part of the selected target/s will your project meet?

Increasing native habitat

- Describe briefly how your project will reduce critical threats to biodiversity? **Targeted on-ground works that directly reduce the critical threats to biodiversity, including:**
 - Increasing connectivity between areas of high value habitat through strategic revegetation using endemic species,
 - Fencing remnant areas of native vegetation to promote natural regeneration of endemic species, and reducing the adverse impacts of stock grazing on established and emerging species,
 - Weed control, plant propagation and revegetation to increase the habitat for the EPBC-listed Glenelg Spiny Cray, Southern Bell Frog, Yarra Pygmy Perch and Variegated Pygmy Perch at six sites,
 - Vertebrate pest (deer and goat) control activities to reduce adverse herbivore and mechanical impacts on native species to promote natural regeneration of endemic species, and
 - Pest weed control activities in areas of high value habitat to enable natural regeneration of endemic species.

There will also be a strong emphasis on increasing the knowledge and skills of the community in protecting and enhancing biodiversity by involving individuals, community groups and Aboriginal people in on-ground activities, information sessions & training opportunities. Promotion of activities will occur through the production of regular NRM newsletters such as From The Ground Up and show-casing examples of best management to assist in increasing community effort in reducing threats to biodiversity.

- Area of native habitat and vegetation that will be managed to reduce critical threats to biodiversity **52060** hectares
- Does this area contain suitable habitat for any nationally threatened (EPBC listed) species? **Yes**
Please specify **Orange-Bellied Parrot, Jumping-Jack Wattle, Malleefowl, Southern Bell Frog, Yarra Pygmy Perch, Variegated Pygmy Perch, Glenelg Spiny Cray, Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo, plus others (insufficient space)**
- Does this area managed contain any nationally endangered ecological communities? **Yes**
- South Australia **Yes**

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

Please select the nationally endangered ecological communities included in the area you will be managing.

Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions **Yes**

Area **50** hectares

Grey Box (*Eucalyptus microcarpa*) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia **Yes**

Area **50** hectares

- Will your project address change at a landscape scale and enhance the condition or connectivity of habitats and landscapes? **Yes**
- Describe how your project will improve the condition of habitat on the property(s) and its connection to habitat (e.g. remnant vegetation patches, reserves, etc) in the nearby landscape. **The condition and resilience of habitat will be improved through:**
 - Fencing remnant native vegetation to exclude stock to promote regeneration,
 - Revegetating areas of degraded remnant native vegetation to increase their biodiversity value,
 - Revegetating aquatic and riparian zones with endemic species to increase refuge habitat for threatened species,
 - Weed control of remnant native vegetation to promote natural regeneration of native species,
 - Increasing the area of EPBC-listed communities, and
 - Feral deer and goat control in areas of remnant native vegetation to reduce the grazing pressure on naturally regenerating flora and destruction of habitat for endangered fauna.

Priority for revegetation and fencing works will be given to sites that will increase connectivity between remnant stands of native vegetation. The potential number of sites in the region to link remnant vegetation on private land with that on nearby Crown land (road reserves, drainage reserves and declared conservation areas) is significant. A DENR report "A discussion for determining priorities for selected Management Action Targets (MATs) of the South East NRM Plan" will greatly assist to identify high priority sites.

- Number of neighbouring properties to be connected through the activities of this project **39**
- Number of actual hectares being worked on **50808**

Reducing the impact of vertebrate pest animals

- Which pest species is your project targeting? **Rabbits**
- How many land owners/managers will increase their uptake of pest control options under your project? **50**

Will your project reduce the impact of pests on:

- Critically endangered and endangered species and communities **Yes**

Area over which pest control will take place **300** hectares

- High quality native vegetation on agricultural land **Yes**

Area over which pest control will take place **200** hectares

- What evidence exists to show that your activities will reduce the impact? **The results of previous control works undertaken (bait laying, ripping and fumigation of warrens) have been monitored by the Board with about a 90% reduction in rabbit population being achieved.**

Ongoing monitoring of rabbit populations at control sites by Board staff is undertaken to determine the effectiveness of control programs and identify areas where further control is needed. Also, limited monitoring of a range of flora species has been undertaken by DENR demonstrating that rabbit control appears to be having a positive impact on the germination of threatened flora species such as Monarto Mintbush and

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

Metallic Sun-orchid.

The effects of rabbits on native flora are widely documented and all control activities undertaken will be in line with the national Threat Abatement Plan for competition and land degradation by rabbits.

- Do you have a draft plan to maintain the site as an on-going best practice management site? **Yes**
- Have you discussed your project with the Australian Pest Animal Strategy coordinator? **Yes**

Reducing the impact of Weeds of National Significance

Which of the following Weeds of National Significance does your project address?

- Bitou Bush / Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) **Yes**
Hectares of outliers controlled **50** hectares
Hectares of containment lines managed **300** hectares
- Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* aggregate) **Yes**
Hectares of outliers controlled **250** hectares
- Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) **Yes**
Hectares of core infestation under management control **200** hectares
Hectares of outliers controlled **350** hectares
- Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) **Yes**
Hectares of core infestation under management control **250** hectares
- Are the activities you are undertaking in-line with a nationally agreed strategic plan? **Yes**
- Have you discussed your project with the relevant WONS coordinator? **Yes**

Protecting critical aquatic ecosystems

Please select which High Ecological Value Aquatic Ecosystem(s) your project addresses. Also select the activities you will implement from the relevant site investment guide.

- Lower Glenelg and Discovery Bay **Yes**
Weed control **Yes**
hectares where pest plant control measures implemented **30** hectares
Habitat restoration **Yes**
hectares of new native plantings **10** hectares
hectares of native remnant vegetation protected or under improved management **30** kilometres
kilometres of streambank protected **0** hectares
- Other sites **Yes**
Limestone Coast Wetland Complex **Yes**
Habitat restoration **Yes**
hectares of new native plantings **0**
hectares of native remnant vegetation protected or under improved management **180**
kilometres of streambank protected **0**

Aquatic habitat works **Yes**

Increasing coastal community engagement

- How many community groups will your project engage? **11**
- Are you an organisation seeking to engage a number of community groups across a broad geographic region? **Yes**

Improving management practices

- Improving management practices-soil condition **Yes**

What is the actual number of the following types of farmers/Indigenous land managers who will improve their practices and the actual area over which management practices will be improved?

Grazing farmers (including dairy farmers) **Yes**

Number **26**

Over **1020** hectares

What is the number of the following types of farmers/Indigenous land managers who will be influenced by the project to improve their practices and the area influenced over which management practices will be improved?

Grazing farmers (including dairy farmers) **Yes**

Number **290**

Over **290000** hectares

Please specify the natural resource condition issue(s) that your project addresses

Reducing the risk of soil acidification **Yes**

Carbon content of soils **Yes**

Practice(s) to reduce the risk of soil acidification:

Soil pH testing **Yes**

Soil nutrient testing **Yes**

Application of lime, lime sand, limestone or dolomite **Yes**

Other Practices **Yes**

Please specify **Delving, spading, clay spreading and irrigation to address sub-surface soil acidity issues**

Ground cover management practice(s) to reduce wind and water erosion and increase carbon content of soils:

Increased retention of crop residues (stubble) **Yes**

Reduced tillage **Yes**

Adoption of and management for ground cover targets (cropping and grazing systems) such as rotational grazing **Yes**

Maintenance of salt tolerant groundcover on salt affected land **Yes**

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

Increased proportion of perennial vegetation in pastures **Yes**

Ground cover management practice(s) to reduce wind and water erosion and increase carbon content of soils:

Management of Weeds of National Significance **Yes**

Landscape scale conservation

- Landscape scale conservation-extending and/or improving the condition of native vegetation **Yes**

On how many actual properties will activities be undertaken that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity? **90** properties

How many actual farmers will be engaged in the project and undertake activities that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity? **90** farmers

What is the total actual project area that activities will be undertaken that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity? **10400** hectares

On how many properties could activities be undertaken that contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity, as a result of being influenced by the project? **270** properties

How many farmers could undertake activities that contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity, as a result of being influenced by the project? **270** farmers

What is the total area that activities could be undertaken that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity, as a result of being influenced by the project? **270000** hectares

Which approach(es) will you use?

On adjoining properties which share a common biodiversity asset (such as remnant native vegetation, including native grasslands and riparian vegetation) **Yes**

On unconnected properties across the district that have shared biodiversity assets (such as paddock trees, rocky outcrops and wetlands) **Yes**

What landscape scale conservation activity(ies) will you undertake?

Developing and implementing management plans to facilitate activities being adopted that support landscape-scale biodiversity conservation during and after the project **Yes**

Revegetation **Yes**

Fencing **Yes**

Prevention, early detection and eradication of emerging weeds **Yes**

The payment of incentives for on-ground works **Yes**

Improving knowledge and skills

- Improving management practices-soil condition **Yes**

Please specify how many farmers or land managers will demonstrate an improvement in knowledge and skills in natural resource management under your proposal. **316** Number

- Landscape scale conservation-extending and/or improving the condition of native vegetation **Yes**

Please specify how many farmers or land managers will demonstrate an improvement in knowledge and skills in natural resource management under your proposal. **130** Number

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

SECTION : PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Activities proposed

Please, clearly identify what activities this project will carry out.

Include the proportion of the budget for each of the following activities (if applicable).

Activities proposed that will contribute to the Caring for our Country targets are:

Increasing native habitat (39%)

Weed control, plant propagation and revegetation to improve 28 ha of habitat for the EPBC-listed Glenelg Spiny Cray, Southern Bell Frog, Yara Pygmy Perch and Variegated Pygmy Perch at 6 regional localities.

Control of pest weed infestations in 210 ha of high value habitat (Glen Roy CP, Big Heath CP and Mary Seymour CP) to promote natural regeneration of endemic species, together with 20 ha of revegetation.

Vertebrate pest (deer and goat) control activities to reduce adverse herbivore and mechanical impacts on native species over 50,000 ha of native vegetation in the Upper SE.

Restore 40 ha of habitat for EPBC-listed species.

Revegetate 35 ha at the Naracoorte Caves WHA to connect remnant native vegetation and improve the condition of 555 ha of habitat.

Involve at least 5 landholders and 8 community groups in 1,207 ha of habitat restoration works.

Involvement of community in on-ground biodiversity activities by participation in NRM training workshops, field days, community events (eg Threatened Species Day, World Wetland Day) and information sessions.

Reducing the Impact of vertebrate pest animals (4%)

Control rabbit populations in high priority areas to improve the condition of 300 ha of habitat for endangered ecological communities and protect EPBC-listed flora species & 200 ha of high quality native vegetation on agricultural land.

Reducing the impact of weeds of National Significance (14%)

Control works over 1,400 ha to reduce the adverse impact of WoNS targeting Western Cape bridal creeper, bridal veil, boneseed, gorse and blackberry.

Protecting critical aquatic ecosystems (4%)

40 ha of habitat in the Lower Glenelg and Discovery Bay HEVAE enhanced through revegetation and weed control works.

180 ha of wetland restoration at Lake Hawdon South to improve habitat for EPBC-listed species in the Limestone Coast Wetland Complex HEVAE.

Increasing Coastal Community Engagement (3%)

11 community groups undertaking coastal restoration activities to enhance cultural knowledge and protection of cultural landscapes.

Improving management practices (15%)

2 new demonstration farms established and monitoring undertaken to evaluate soil treatments to address sub-surface acidity, carbon content and erosion issues at 6 sites. Results disseminated to landholders to increase uptake of improved practices (supplementing a separately Board funded MBI to address acidity issues in high priority areas).

Pasture trials in the Upper South East drainage area continued, evaluated and results disseminated to increase the uptake of improved pasture species by landholders to improve soil health and maximise the economic benefits from the large investment made by the Australian and State Governments and the SE community in the construction of the extensive drainage scheme.

Landscape scale conservation (21%)

At least 90 landholders undertaking works to improve 10,400 ha of habitat and increase connectivity through fencing of remnant areas of native vegetation, revegetation using endemic species and control of pest weeds and animals.

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

Workshops, field days and information sessions held, with the production of materials, to improve the skills and knowledge of the community to undertake biodiversity improvement activities.

Explain why you have selected these activities and how they will lead to improvements in terms of each selected target.

Please address each target and support claims that the activities and the practices are relevant, the best available or technically feasible in your area.

The Board has recently completed a regional NRM Plan which defines the natural resources and identifies management action targets (MATs) to be undertaken to improve the condition of these resources.

The MATs were prioritised by the Board to provide a focus for investment, and a series of 4 workshops were held in late 2010 to identify the activities that needed to be undertaken to address these priority MATs. The workshops were attended by a range of stakeholders including technical experts from relevant State agencies, community representatives, Board Members and staff, non-government organisations and members from various community NRM groups.

About 100 key NRM projects were identified using a Program Logic approach to address the MATs. Subsequent work was undertaken to identify which of these NRM projects were aligned to the targets in the Caring for our Country 2010 Business Plan.

In addition to the above work, in late 2010 DENR produced a report titled A Discussion for Determining Priorities for Selected Management Action Targets of the South East NRM Plan which identified 70 priority habitat areas for biodiversity works. These priority areas were identified using a rigorous approach known as the Environmental Weed Management Action Tool (EWeedMAT) model, which prioritises patches of remnant vegetation based on a range of physical and biological characteristics and also incorporates values related to their weed threats.

The Board considers, based on the workshop results and the DENR report, that the proposed activities to address the Increasing Native Habitat, Reducing the Impact of Vertebrate Pest Animals, Reducing the Impact of Weeds, Protecting Critical Aquatic Ecosystems and Landscape Change Conservation targets in the 2011 Caring for our Country 2010 Business Plan are most relevant and feasible to achieve the anticipated NRM outcomes.

In relation to the proposed activities to address the Increasing Coastal Community Engagement and Improving Management Practices targets in the 2011 Caring for our Country 2010 Business Plan, further discussion and input from Board staff and appropriately qualified staff in relevant State agencies (particularly Primary Industries and Resources SA) have shown that the proposed activities based on the workshop results are also relevant and feasible to achieve the anticipated NRM outcomes.

The depth of experience of Board staff and those of its partner organisations in undertaking the wide range of proposed activities will ensure that these will be carried out effectively and efficiently.

Devolved grants

If you are seeking funding for a devolved grants component please outline

- the type of devolved grants, market based instrument or economic incentive that will be used to deliver the Caring for our Country target/s
- the target audience and likely degree of adoption
- the size of the grants/incentives for groups
- the expected administration costs for your organisation to run these grants
- how much funding will be delivered to on-ground activities

Devolved grants and/or a market based instrument program will be used to address the Increasing Native Habitat and Landscape Scale Change Caring for our Country targets.

The target audience is landholders and some community groups. It is anticipated that, based on the past experience of the Board in implementing the previous Bucks for Bush devolved grant programs, that the level of interest will be high and the funding programs will be over-subscribed.

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

The amount of funding made available to individual landholders and community groups will vary according to the nature of the funding program, with single payments expected to range from a few hundred dollars up to about \$30,000.

The administration costs to run these funding programs are expected to be about \$65,000.

A total of \$647,000 will be made available to landholders and community groups to undertake on-ground works.

Project manager or facilitator services

If your project involves the use of a project manager(s) or facilitator(s) please outline:

- What activities they will undertake
- What amount of funding will be required to cover their costs

The Board has a range of skilled and highly qualified staff that have demonstrated abilities to plan, implement and report on projects. A Commonwealth and State Programs Manager (1FTE), Senior Project Officer (0.6FTE) and Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (1FTE) will oversee the delivery of the NRM program, with activities including:

- rigorous financial management,
- contract management - in cases where the SE NRM Board subcontracts components of the program, rigorous "third" party contracts will be established with delivery organisations,
- liaising with the Australian Government - development of milestones and MERI Plan, program variations, auditing, etc.,
- developing and overseeing the implementation of the program MERI plan,
- co-ordinating monitoring and evaluation activities for the NRM program,
- managing the MERI reporting for the NRM program, and
- continuing with the improvement and promotion of the use of the nrmSPACE web-site.

In addition to the staff referred to above, a further 2.4 FTE of Board staff will be employed to implement the aboriginal engagement (0.8FTE), parts of the community involvement (1FTE) and enhancing soil health components (0.6FTE) of the NRM program.

The funding needed over the two years for the 5 FTE's is about \$850,000.

How many project managers or facilitators will be directly employed in a full time equivalent (FTE) position under your project?

5.0000

Indigenous Engagement and Participation

How will Indigenous Australians be involved in your project? How did you explore opportunities to engage Indigenous Australians?

The proposed NRM program will have an indigenous focus and will provide a number of opportunities for Aboriginal people to be involved. There will be continued support provided to the South East Aboriginal Focus Group (SEAFG), a proven valuable approach to engage and exchange knowledge with Aboriginal people in the region.

The SEAFG has representatives from each of the Aboriginal groups in the region and provides the opportunity for Aboriginal people to share their cultural knowledge with the wider community, take part in NRM activities and provide comment on relevant NRM matters being considered by the Board.

In addition to supporting the SEAFG, activities involving the wider Aboriginal community will include:

- on-ground pest weed and animal control works over 977 ha at Aboriginal owned or managed properties, with associated fire prevention works,
- engaging with six school groups and one Aboriginal Health Organisation to participate in Aboriginal NRM focused projects in the Limestone Coast Wetland Complex HEVAE. These projects will include coastal restoration activities to enhance cultural knowledge and protect cultural landscapes.
- providing opportunities for Aboriginal people to be employed to undertake on-ground activities,
- two Aboriginal cultural awareness workshops in the region to ensure that Aboriginal knowledge and values are included in the management of native habitat across the region, and that there is an increased

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

knowledge of Aboriginal culture and values by the wider community.

How many Indigenous Australians will be directly employed in a full time equivalent (FTE) position under your project?

0.2000

How will you engage other community members in your project?

Please outline

- the engagement activities planned
- the scale of this involvement
- the potential to raise community awareness and enhance skills

Community engagement is an important component of the NRM program and will supplement the on-grounds works being undertaken across the region.

A range of activities will be undertaken to increase the knowledge, awareness and participation of community members in NRM activities. These include providing community NRM training workshops and information forums, providing technical information, holding field days and community events (eg Threatened Species Day, World Wetland Day), production of NRM information materials such as the quarterly editions of the From The Ground Up NRM newsletter.

It is anticipated that at least 30 community groups and about 12,000 community members will be directly engaged. Many of the engagement activities undertaken eg (Field Days, workshops, forums) will be designed in response to community interest and needs, and will directly enhance skills in natural resource activities.

Mainstream media sources (eg newspaper, radio, television and websites) will be used to disseminate NRM information to the community.

With the level of community engagement to be undertaken and based on previous experiences by the SE NRM Board and its external project deliverers, the potential to raise community awareness and enhance their NRM skills is considered to be quite high.

How many community groups will you engage in you project?

30

Does your project include activities that are likely to have a significant adverse impact on any matters of national environmental significance?

No

Risk Management

Please define the major risks associated with this project and what management actions you will put in place to minimise or avoid these risks

What are the risks?	Impact of the risk	Likelihood of it occurring	Overall risk	Mitigation strategy
Lack of interest and participation in activities by landholders and community.	Minor	Unlikely	Minimal	Undertake extensive consultation, use flexible techniques, ensure timing of implementation is complementary to workloads and allow time for participants to be involved
Adverse seasonal or climatic conditions.	Minor	Possible	Low	Well planned delivery and appropriate resourcing of activities undertaken on

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

Adverse seasonal or climatic conditions.	Minor	Possible	Low	ground, including contingency plans if seasonal conditions are adverse. Undertake work on multiple sites in different geographical areas, and over more than one growing season.
Extreme weather events (eg flood, wild fire).	Minor	Unlikely	Minimal	Undertake work on multiple sites in different geographical areas across the region, and over more than one growing season.
Failure of management activities to address issues.	Minor	Unlikely	Minimal	Best practice techniques and ongoing monitoring ensures that activities undertaken are effective.
Misuse of chemicals in control activities	Insignificant	Unlikely	Minimal	Only use trained staff and contractors are involved in the activities that involve the use of chemicals. The Board employs a number of authorised APC Officers that have the qualifications required in handling chemicals.
Potential lobbying by stakeholder groups in relation to deer and goat control activities (eg animal liberationists).	Minor	Unlikely	Minimal	No publicity prior to start of control program, seek support from RSPCA and brief local police. The past success of this type of work indicates that these strategies have been successful.
Aircraft accident. Aircraft could crash during survey or cull activities, 2-4 people are on board at any time and there is a risk of death or serious injury.	Moderate	Very unlikely	Low	Ensure appropriate aircraft and skilled and experienced pilot engaged, ensure aircraft supplier has appropriate safety measures in place and all staff briefed on safety procedure and emergency procedures prior to work commencing.
Lack of participation by Aboriginal members of the South East Aboriginal Focus Group meetings/events.	Insignificant	Unlikely	Minimal	Regularly refer to key documents in meetings. Request Chairperson target non-contributing members during meetings and ask for their opinions. Encourage attendance by contacting members before meetings and setting meeting times/dates to suit members.
The ability to provide support to landholders beyond the short term funding	Minor	Possible	Low	Look to attract alternative sources of funding to provide on-going technical support beyond the 2 year funding available.

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

made available in the project.	Minor	Possible	Low	Look to attract alternative sources of funding to provide on-going technical support beyond the 2 year funding available.
2 year funding timeframe creates practical challenges with the delivery of some elements of on-ground work (such as revegetation).	Minor	Unlikely	Minimal	Initiate early works at revegetation sites to maximise potential success.

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

SECTION : BUDGET

Budget for project

Caring for our Country target	Financial year	Funding sought (GST exclusive)
Increasing native habitat	2011-12	\$ 917,650.00
	2012-13	\$ 930,850.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 1,848,500.00
Reducing the impact of vertebrate pest animals	2011-12	\$ 84,080.00
	2012-13	\$ 84,080.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 168,160.00
Reducing the impact of Weeds of National Significance	2011-12	\$ 348,320.00
	2012-13	\$ 335,110.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 683,430.00
Protecting critical aquatic ecosystems	2011-12	\$ 110,500.00
	2012-13	\$ 103,300.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 213,800.00
Increasing coastal community engagement	2011-12	\$ 66,060.00
	2012-13	\$ 78,070.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 144,130.00
Improving management practices	2011-12	\$ 366,340.00
	2012-13	\$ 372,340.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 738,680.00
Landscape scale conservation	2011-12	\$ 496,050.00
	2012-13	\$ 485,250.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 981,300.00
Total:		\$ 4,778,000.00
Of this what funding is allocated to MERI planning and implementation		\$ 400,000.00

Other source/s of cash funding

Please indicate other cash funding which is necessary for the completion of your project.

Organisation	Contct person	Phone	Security of funds	Amount (GST
Total				

Caring for our Country 2011-12 Investment Project

Total project budget

Caring for our Country funding (GST excl)	Other funding (GST excl)	Total Amount (GST excl)
\$ 4,778,000.00		\$ 4,778,000.00

Overview information for project

Project ID	Project Title	Budget
RB12-00007-1	Delivering regional NRM outcomes in the South East	\$ 4,778,000.00
Total		\$ 4,778,000.00

SECTION : DECLARATIONS

Proponents should note that, by completing and submitting this project, they agree to the following statements.

I certify that:

- to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this project is complete and correct and no information is false or misleading. I understand that it is an offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* to provide false or misleading information
- I understand that the Australian Government is under no obligation to provide funding for this project
- I understand that the Australian Government assumes no responsibility for any investment in activities relating to this project that are made before the formation of a contract with the
- I/the organisation I represent supports this project and, if successful, agrees to enter into a contract with the Australian Government to deliver the project and administer the project's
- I have the agreement of all partners to the contents of this project
- I will spend the funding and implement the project in the ways described in the project, unless otherwise agreed by all parties
- the project has not already received funding in part or in full from any other funding source, except as identified in this project
- I/the organisation I represent understand that any payments made by the Australian Government in relation to this project are subject to the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services) Act 1999*
- I consent, on behalf of all parties, to this project being referred to third parties for assessment purposes
- I understand that the Australian Government may undertake external assessments or feasibility studies in relation to this project
- I understand that the Australian Government may undertake to negotiate components of this project to ensure that the most appropriate package for investment and delivery of Caring for our Country targets is in place
- I consent to publication of the above information by the Australian Government if I am awarded funding under this grants program
- I agree that I accept full responsibility to ensure that all of the necessary planning, regulatory and other approvals, permits and permissions are obtained before commencing this project
- to the best of my knowledge, there are no real or likely to be perceived conflicts of interest contained in or associated with this project

The Australian Government thanks you for your interest in Caring for our Country and for the time and effort you have made in preparing this project.