

# 2011 - 12 Investment Project

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PROJECT

### Project title

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

Balancing biodiversity and agricultural outcomes in the N&Y Region

### 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.

This program builds upon our extensive engagement of land managers and focuses on strategic on-ground management actions to protect priority assets. In the southern Flinders Ranges and on southern Yorke Peninsula (areas with significant remnant habitat and marginal agriculture), the focus will be on landscape-scale management of biodiversity (352,500ha) and innovative agricultural practices (65,000ha). In the region's highly productive agricultural zone, the focus will be the improvement of sustainable practices (200,000ha) and management of 9 EPBC species. The program will increase the capacity of our Aboriginal communities, to enhance participation in NRM. The program will be delivered via partnerships with industry, NGOs and volunteers.

### Proposed duration

Proposed start date (mm/yyyy)

07/2011

Proposed completion date (mm/yyyy)

06/2013

**State:**

South Australia

**NRM Region:**

Northern and Yorke

**Regional Body:**

Northern and Yorke 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.

At the strategic level, the project components of this program have evolved out of the N&Y Regional NRM Plan and are underpinned by extensive Conservation Action Planning (CAP) and stakeholder consultation. All projects seek to achieve and highlight a triple bottom line (3BL) approach to nrm, by recognizing that nrm outcomes will only be achieved if they provide for simultaneous social and economic benefits. By utilising the N&Y NRM and CAP plans as the framework for all activities in the region, we can ensure that priority actions are identified and that all projects (regardless of funding source) are integrated and complementary. Project plans are developed well in advance and can be directed towards the most appropriate funding arrangement. As such, multiple levels of integration exist between the projects contained in this application and those projects that are currently underway and funded from additional sources.

At the operational level, all projects are coordinated through monthly meetings of all partners (NRM, DENR, ALT, NGOs, private sector), to ensure efficiencies are achieved and that nrm outcomes are maximized across projects (CfoC

and others).

Landscape-scale projects in the SFR and on SYP focus on integrative pest management techniques, to control weeds and feral animals to produce both bio and production outcomes. Considerable effort is made to ensure that landholders and community groups are engaged and educated on the 3BL benefits of the projects and develop a sense of ownership over the projects, helping to ensure the long-term survival of the various programs. Emphasis has also been placed on increasing the capacity and options for Aboriginal communities to take on OGW as future commercial enterprises.

The program emphasises the proactive engagement of landholders, comm groups and local councils, to provide direction to their various projects and emphasise the need for the strategic and integrated management of nrm assets.

**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.**

"Northern & Yorke Landcare Facilitator" (CfoC; N&Y NRMB)

"Environmental Stewardship Multiple Ecological Communities Project - Peppermint box grassy woodland & iron-grass natural temperate grasslands" (CfoC; MDB NRMB)

"Councils and community Caring for the Coast" (CfoC; Local Government Association)

"Increasing Long-term Engagement of SA Rural Coastal Community Environment Groups" (CfoC; Conservation Volunteers Aust)

"Increased Adoption of Improved Production & Resource Management Practices in SA" (CfoC)

"Trans-Australia EcoLink" (SA Gov; DENR)

"Managing biodiversity through increased community capacity and landholder participation" (State NRM Program Competitive Regional Investment; N&Y NRMB)

Multiple projects under the State NRM Community Grants Program (N&Y Community Groups)

"Grain and Graze 2" (GRDC)

"Regional Climate Change Vulnerability" (C'wealth Natural Disaster Resilience Program & State Government Sustainability and Climate Change Division; Central Local Government Region of Councils)

"N&Y NRM Community Grants" (N&Y NRMB levy funds)

"Sustainable Agriculture Initiative" (DENR)

"Flinder-Olary Naturelink" (SA Gov; DENR)

"Project Bounceback" (SA Gov; DENR)

"Southern YP Ecological Restoration Program" (SA Gov; DENR)

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## 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	Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board
Organisation/Company ABN	52523451613
Is your organisation registered for GST?	Yes

### Entity type

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.

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## 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)

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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.

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## 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 .)

#### Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement

- Indigenous participation

#### Biodiversity and Natural Icons

- Increasing native habitat
- Reducing the impact of Weeds of National Significance

#### Sustainable Farm Practices

- Improving management practices

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

#### Indigenous participation

- Describe how you will be working with or engaging Indigenous Australians to deliver your project. **This project will increase the capacity of Abor. communities to undertake IPM on their own lands, to mitigate threats to biodiversity & EPBC species. The long term goal is to facilitate the establishment of Abor. enterprises, which can participate in the regions pest control programs on a commercial basis. Activities include; pest management w'shops, native animal conservation w'shops, formal training (Cert 2 Con and Land Man), pest management OGW, the establishment of a seed bank and reveg works. Integrated management of goats, rabbits, foxes and cats will occur at Yappala IPA and adjacent plains and Point Pearce Community lands, including Wardang Island and 40 km of coastline. Emphasis will also be placed on the control of African boxthorn, which provides harbor for foxes and rabbits. These projects will provide significant outcomes for several threatened species, including yellow-footed rock-wallabies and southern hairy-nosed wombats. These activities will be delivered by SA ALT.**

#### Organisations you will be working with and the contact details

Organisation	Contact person	Contact phone
SA Aboriginal Lands Trust (Yappala)	Mr Chris Rains	0429095969
SA Aboriginal Lands Trust (Point Pearce)	Mr Roger Rigney	0427794792

- Are you receiving funding through Working on Country? **No**

#### Increasing native habitat

- Describe briefly how your project will reduce critical threats to biodiversity? **Bio condition will be enhanced through landscape-scale management programs in the SFR and on SYP, both identified as sig bio hotspots. In the highly fragmented agric zone, actions will focus on the site-specific management of EPBC listed flora. Priority sub-projects have been identified through CAP planning in the SFR and SYP. CAP will be initiated the agric zone. Industry partnerships to achieve 3BL outcomes will be pursued via the CAP process. Bio outcomes will be achieved through; OGW, comm and landholder engagement, and comm education (incl. schools). IPM will occur in the SFR and on SYP, complementing and building on previous programs. Secondary control of Bridal Creeper and Boneseed will occur on SYP, along with the containment of outlying pops of Bridal Creeper and Blackberry in the SFR. Landholders will be actively encouraged to participate in the OGWs and 3BL benefits promoted. Comm & landholder groups, & local councils will be proactively engaged, and support provided for the development of strategically aligned projects. Comm groups will be encouraged to work collaboratively, to achieve outcomes across the landscape. Workshops will be held for landholders participating in the SFR and SYP landscape projects to**

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increase their capacity to sympathetically manage their lands (3BL). School education days will also be targeted at the comm's in the SFR and SYP.</style>

- Area of native habitat and vegetation that will be managed to reduce critical threats to biodiversity **352,000** hectares
- Does this area contain suitable habitat for any nationally threatened (EPBC listed) species? **Yes**

Please specify **SFR = 6 fauna, 16 flora; SYP = 9 fauna, 12 flora; Ag Zone = 8 fauna, 27 flora**

- Does this area managed contain any nationally endangered ecological communities? **Yes**
- South Australia **Yes**

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

Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia **Yes**

Area **7800** hectares

Peppermint Box ( Eucalyptus odorata ) Grassy Woodland of South Australia **Yes**

Area **23250** 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. <style isBold="true" pdfFontName="Helvetica-Bold">Landscape-scale man programs will occur in the SFR & SYP, producing tangible bio outcomes and program efficiencies. Man will occur on private lands, in prioritized bio hotspots, thereby linking the reserve network. The control of goat (SFR) and rabbit (SFR & SYP) pop's will contribute sig to a reduction in total grazing pressure, enabling native flora pops to regenerate, with subsequent improvements in resource availability for native fauna and 3BL benefits. Pops of threatened flora will benefit from a reduction in feral herbivore abundance. These actions are timely, given the apparent break in drought conditions. The SFR and SYP feral predator control programs will improve the permeability of the landscape, facilitating the movement of native fauna and the re-connection of their pops. This is of particular importance in the SFR; a transitional zone between biomes, where climate change effects are likely to be profound. An IMP approach will be taken to ensure feral herbivore pops do not increase. Emphasis will placed on engaging landholder groups, to communicate the 3BL benefits of management & restoration activities. The control of weeds will enhance the capacity of native flora to regenerate and limit the spread of WONS. Conservation of EPBC flora in the agric zone will be achieved through increased vol participation in site man works, facilitating greater comm ownership.</style>

- Number of neighbouring properties to be connected through the activities of this project **51**
- Number of actual hectares being worked on **96,543**

## Reducing the impact of Weeds of National Significance

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

- Blackberry (Rubus fruticosus aggregate) **Yes**

Hectares of outliers controlled **100** hectares

- Bridal Creeper (Asparagus asparagoides) **Yes**

Hectares of outliers controlled **100** 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**

## Improving management practices

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- 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?**

Cropping farmers (including horticulturists) **Yes**

Number **4**

Over **3003** 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?**

Cropping farmers (including horticulturists) **Yes**

Number **255**

Over **160000** hectares

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

Number **80**

Over **40000** hectares

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

Reducing the risk of soil loss through wind and water erosion **Yes**

Carbon content of soils **Yes**

**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**

Other practices **Yes**

Please specify **(i) No-till weed management. (ii) Use of chaff to ameliorate effects of saline scalds.**

**Additional practice(s) to increase soil carbon:**

Optimisation of inputs to grow more biomass and so provide more residue for soil carbon **Yes**

- Innovative management practices to improve resource condition **Yes**

**What is the actual number of the following types of farmers/fishers (including Indigenous) who will improve their practices and the actual area over which management practices will be improved?**

Cropping farmers (including horticulturists) **Yes**

Number **0**

Over **0** hectares

**What is the number of the following types of farmers/fishers (including Indigenous) who will be influenced by the project to improve their practices and the area influenced over which management practices will be improved?**

Cropping farmers (including horticulturists) **Yes**

Number **110**

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Over **65000** hectares

**What is the number of the following types of farmers/fishers (including Indigenous) 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 **0**

Over **0** hectares

Aquaculturists **Yes**

Number **0**

Fishers **Yes**

Number **0**

Please specify the innovative management practice(s) to improve the resource condition **(i) The benefits of applying biochar to free-up nutrients for crops on highly calcareous soils will be assessed. (ii) The benefits of habitat improvements for native pollinators and the flow-on effects for production outcomes for canola and bean crops will be assessed.**



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## 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).

**INDIG PARTICIPATION (17% of budget):** engage 2 Abor communities, to increase participation in nrm; undertake 4 training w'shops; deliver accredited training for Cert 2 in Con & Land Man; undertake fox, cat & goat control & refuge destruction (18500ha) on Abor. lands; establish seed bank & undertake targeted reveg works; facilitate 2 project review w'shops for Abor community; engage neighbouring landholders, to promote landscape outcomes.

**NATIVE HABITAT (70% of budget):** 24 collaborative CAP planning w'shops for SFR (1590Kha), SYP (327Kha) & agric zone (1682Kha); update CAP planning & spatial databases; seek corporate & philanthropic contributions to regional projects; develop partnerships with tourism organizations; engage 36 major landholders & undertake control of goats (50000ha), foxes (110000ha), rabbits (63500ha) & weeds (17000ha) in priority landscapes, to improve vegetation condition, reduce grazing impacts on palatable species & protect threatened species habitat; develop a collaborative working group to prioritise & coordinate IPM across sig parcels of Crown & private lands in the SFR; undertake site management works for 42 populations of 9 EPBC listed flora species in the agric zone; facilitate 5 EPBC species recovery teams; provide technical & facilitation support for 40 community groups, 5 councils & 9 schools to provide the skills & knowledge to undertake nrm; provide technical & facilitation support for 13 landholder groups to provide the skills & knowledge to incorporate 3BL biodiversity outcomes on their properties; deliver 4 landholder w'shops in targeted landscapes; promote nrm principles at 10 agric field days & 10 community shows; develop & conduct 6 school education days; deliver 12 community w'shops in targeted landscapes; facilitate monthly regional partner planning & coordination meetings.

**WONS (5% of budget):** undertake 100 ha of Bridal Creeper & Blackberry control within the SFR to manage/eradicate an outlying population of these species & contain their northward spread.

**SUS FARMING - IMPROVING MAN PRACTICES (8% of budget):** a series of w'shops, demonstration sites & field days will be held to communicate best practice management principles. | 4 w'shops & 2 discussion groups (80 indiv) to improve farmer & farm advisor understanding of the importance & methods to improve stubble & pasture cover in grazing systems | An assessment trial of the benefits of applying biochar to calcareous sands will be undertaken | 1 field day to convey results of biochar trial to (30) farmers | 3 w'shops targeting (12) young farmers, to improve knowledge of crop & pasture management | 4 demonstration sites at agricultural field days (90 indiv), to promote use of improved herbicide tolerant crops & herbicides in stubble retention no-till farming systems | 4 demonstration sites & 4 field days (50 indiv) to demonstrate the techniques & benefits of improving soil cover to decrease erosion risk in lentil production | 2 demonstration sites & 2 field days (30 indiv), to demonstrate the benefits of applying chaff to increase soil cover & production on erodible saline soils | 1 field day & 2 w'shops will be undertaken to improve the knowledge & skills base of farmer's partners (60) | 3 demonstration sites & 2 field days (60 indiv) will be undertaken to demonstrate the benefits of habitat improvement for native pollinators & production outcomes.

### 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.

All programs are consistent with current NRM planning frameworks (C'wealth CfoC Business Plan, SA State NRM Plan, N&Y NRM Plan). All activities are based on current best practice and will be delivered in alignment with appropriate guidelines and procedures (e.g. DSEWPC SOP: Ground baiting of foxes with 1080).

**INDIG PARTICIPATION:** The prior provision of facilitation resources, by N&Y NRMB, have been largely unsuccessful in leveraging additional funding for OGW in Abor. communities. The current project will provide additional resources to implement OGW programs, thereby achieving both training and biodiversity outcomes. The project will provide capacity to reinstate Abor. cultural responsibilities to take care of country and enhance the communities confidence and capacity to participate in the NRM market place.

**NATIVE HABITAT:** This project applies modern biodiversity conservation theory and extensive planning (e.g. SFR CAP, SYP CAP) to the management of the region's biodiversity. Priority areas have been identified for

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landscape-scale conservation programs (e.g. N&Y CAP, N&Y Landscape Function Anal). In the highly fragmented agric zone, where landscape recovery is not feasible, site-specific actions have been developed to arrest the further loss of biodiversity (N&Y Species Risk Assessment & Prioritisation, species recovery plans). Landholders and community groups will be directly engaged in biodiversity issues, enabling the future expansion of landscape programs and an increased level of community ownership of biodiversity assets. An emphasis will be placed on shifting the scope of projects undertaken by community groups, to ensure they deliver strategic, priority outcomes. Given that most landholders and community members are time-poor, support will be provided for the development of projects and funding applications. Regional technical authorities have reviewed the OGW components of this project and consider that the activities can be delivered effectively and will provide tangible outcomes. All OGW activities will conform to accepted best practice methodologies (AG DEH model code of practice and standard operating procedures for the humane capture, handling or destruction of feral animals in Australia).

WONS: Discrete, small populations of Bridal Creeper & Blackberry (with over-lapping distributions) exist in the SFR. These are outlying populations that exist on the frontier of the species' distributions. In accordance with the WONS strategic plans, we will undertake works to control and possibly eradicate these species, halting their northward progression. Control activities will conform with best practice methodologies (WONS Weed Management Guide: Bridal Creeper, WONS Weed Management Guide; Blackberry).

SUS FARMING - IMPROVING MAN PRACTICES: The improvement of farm management practices will be achieved through the provision of an extensive landholder consultation program. A program of demonstration sites, on-farm field days, workshops and displays at agricultural field days will be developed. Both targeted and general invitation will be used to attract participation from innovators within the farming community. The application of this accepted agricultural extension technique allows for the adoption of new techniques through the direct observation of outcomes and peer pressure. Given the good harvests of recent years, we anticipate that many landholders will be in a financial position to quickly adopt new practices.

## 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

N/A

## 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

Program Manager (1.0 fte; \$125,000; \$130,000); program coordination and project integration, partner liaison; third party contract management; budget and reporting oversight.

Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (0.7 fte; \$70,000; \$72,000); collation and preparation of MERI reports.

Upper North NRM Officer (0.4 fte; \$38,000; \$40,000); facilitation and support services for community and landholder groups, and local councils; provision of support to NRM groups; support and advice to CAP; coordination of exhibits at agricultural field days and regional shows; development and coordination of schools education program.

Lower North NRM Officer (1.0 fte; \$95,000; \$100,000); facilitation and support services for community and landholder groups, and local councils; provision of support to NRM groups; support and advice to CAP; coordination of exhibits at agricultural field days and regional shows; development and coordination of schools education program.

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Yorke Peninsula NRM Officer (1.0 fte; \$95,000; \$100,000); facilitation and support services for community and landholder groups, and local councils; provision of support to NRM groups; support and advice to CAP; coordination of exhibits at agricultural field days and regional shows; development and coordination of schools education program.

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

4.1000

## Indigenous Engagement and Participation

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

The SA Aboriginal Lands Trust will deliver the Indigenous Engagement component of the program. In collaboration with the SA ALT, a shared goal was developed which recognized Aboriginal cultural rights and responsibilities to take care of their country. Continued engagement with the Aboriginal community will occur through the regular participation of ALT representatives at routine regional program meetings.

The current program seeks to facilitate this goal by raising the communities' awareness of nrm and increasing Aboriginal participation in community nrm programs (native fauna, coastal & pest management) through accredited training in Conservation and Land Management, educational workshops and employment opportunities through the delivery of high quality and targeted on-ground works. The current project focuses on lands of the Yappala and Port Pearce communities, but the longer term goal is to increase the capacity of these communities and providing opportunities for them to participate in the region's OGW programs as commercial enterprises.

Members of the Yappala community will implement integrated pest management over the 10,876 ha of the IPA and plains below Yappala, to stabilise and possibly increase the local population of the Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby. The primary objective will be to reduce the grazing pressure of rabbits and feral goats. Further control to be implemented includes; regular fox and cat baiting/trapping, reducing the damage of feral goats at cultural and important water sites and the removal of pest plants such as African Boxthorn, particularly along boundaries with neighbouring properties.

The Point Pearce Community will implement integrated pest management over 7,542 ha, to protect high value remnant landscapes, which support numerous diverse vegetation associations, including coastal environments. Focus will be placed on the control of rabbits, foxes, cats, feral pigeons and African Boxthorn, to provide outcomes for Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats, Crested bellbirds and Australian Sea-lions.

The ALT will employ 3.3 Aboriginal fte to complete this project.

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

0.0000

**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

The broader community will be engaged through;

(i) The annual production of "Yacka", a 28-page full-colour tabloid newspaper distributed to all households, pedestrian venues, libraries, councils and media in NY region, and beyond. Content includes; N&Y NRM news, opinion, features, diary events, issues, initiatives and opportunities. More than 40,000 newspapers are distributed regionally, with an estimated readership of 60,000. Targets include media, land managers, indigenous Australians, teachers and community volunteers. Yacka provides a highly visible, iconic source of local knowledge about the people and institutions practicing sustainable NRM in the region.

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(ii) The N&Y NRMB corporate website, which hosts diverse printed, audio visual, and interactive information about NRM issues, initiatives and opportunities, planning and research documents, NRM publications, fact sheets, children's games, latest news, upcoming events, courses, volunteering opportunities, etc.

(iii) Displays at agricultural shows (e.g. Paskerville Field Day; 50,000 visitors) and country shows (e.g. Jamestown Show), promoting the latest and most innovative NRM and agricultural ideas through a range of displays, the direct provision of advice and the coordination of sustainable farming and NRM group presentations into single display. Topics cover; sustainable water management; native vegetation identification, sustainable agriculture, monitoring and improving ground cover, the importance of native grasses, soil health, sustainable grazing, pasture cropping, whole farm planning, pest animal & plant control.

(iv) Media articles will be developed on the various NRM activities undertaken with CfoC support and circulated through established networks within the regional printed press; Yorke Peninsula Country Times, Flinders News, Northern Argus, etc. Follow-up verbal interviews will be provided when requested by regional radio.

Community and volunteer groups will be actively engaged through the provision of facilitation & support services, to enable the attraction of funding for strategic and priority projects.

## How many community groups will you engage in you project?

53

## 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
Inability of partner organizations to deliver on contract obligations.	Moderate	Unlikely	Low	Regular project review meetings, attended by all partners, to enable re-allocation of tasks and activities between partners.
Inability to source sufficient qualified contractors to undertake OGWs.	Major	Unlikely	Medium	A wide database of local, inter-regional and inter-state contractors has been developed. Provide existing local contractors long term notice of project requirements. Encourage landowners to undertake proportion of on ground works.
Unwillingness of landholders to participate in landscape-scale biodiversity programs.	Minor	Possible	Low	Use of local staff, with pre-existing networks with landholders in target area. Seek alternate neighbouring landholder participants. The loss of individual landholders from the programs will only have a minor effect on outcomes at the landscape-scale.
Dis-interest from	Major	Unlikely	Medium	Program being managed by

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Aboriginal communities in participating in training & OGW programs.	Major	Unlikely	Medium	ALT, which has significant insight into the likely level of participation and potential success of the project.
Insufficient funding to achieve OGW management objectives.	Moderate	Unlikely	Low	Project costings developed by experienced regional officers. Ensure strong links with ongoing base level programs, to enable follow-up funding in future years.
Future funding not received to ensure long-term outcomes are achieved.	Major	Unlikely	Medium	Ensure strong links with regional NRM program.
Loss of staff from N&Y NRMB or partner organization, resulting in loss of corporate knowledge base and slow-down on project delivery.	Moderate	Possible	Medium	Regular program meetings, attended by all partners, will provide support for new incumbents, while networks, knowledge, etc is developed.
Late arrival of Commonwealth funds, resulting in milestones being missed due to seasonality, etc.	Moderate	Very unlikely	Low	Use of N&Y NRMB funds to temporarily finance projects.
Inability of contractors or sub-contractors to deliver on obligations.	Moderate	Possible	Medium	Routine project management and regular project review meetings, attended by all partners, to provide wider network of potential contractors and/or to enable re-assignment of contracts.
Inability of N&Y NRMB or partner to attract suitably experienced staff.	Major	Very unlikely	Low	Advertise position/s in a variety of media across Australia. Utilise existing networks to bring position to the attention of suitable people.
Inability of N&Y NRMB or partner to attract staff quickly enough to achieve milestones.	Major	Possible	High	Commence recruitment administrative process prior to signing of contract, enabling immediate advertisement upon signing of contract. Utilise existing staff to initiate programs prior to arrival of incumbent.
Poor environmental conditions prevent, or reduce the efficacy, of land management practices and/or experimental trials.	Moderate	Possible	Medium	Utilise alternate approach (eg drill and fill boxthorn vs plucking), or postpone action and increase subsequent intensity (eg fox baiting delayed by rain), or change landholder engagement approach (from demo site to workshop).

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Local governments and community groups may not request or require assistance.	Moderate	Unlikely	Low	Proactively engage with councils and community groups. Number of deliverables is based on requirements from previous years.
Insufficient capacity to develop or deliver training /educational workshops.	Moderate	Unlikely	Low	Many suitable issues already known and workshops can be developed around these themes. Use of staff experienced in developing workshops. Re-allocate workshops to other partners.
Key stakeholders (e.g. Tourism, Indigenous) not willing or able to contribute to Conservation Action Plan workshops.	Moderate	Unlikely	Low	Promote 3BL focus and outcomes from CAP. Use of experienced CAP coach working with long established networks. Potential contributors proactively encouraged to participate. CAP process doesn't rely on any one person to proceed.
Corporate groups unwilling to contribute support to CAP goals & activities.	Moderate	Likely	High	Professional marketing approach used to attract funding.
Unwillingness of neighbours of Abor. lands to participate in pest control programs.	Moderate	Possible	Medium	N&Y NRM Authorised Officer to undertake pest control on neighbouring lands.
Price of contractors &/or sub-contractors higher than budgeted.	Minor	Possible	Low	Maximise use of local contractors to reduce travel costs. Costings based on known industry rates.
Amount of pest control work required higher/lower than expected.	Moderate	Possible	Medium	A detailed scoping plan has assessed weed and pest abundances and this has informed the targets.
Insufficient farmer &/or farm advisor participation in agricultural extension programs.	Major	Unlikely	Medium	Targeted and widespread promotion of project objectives and 3BL outcomes. Effective use of existing networks.
Insufficient farmers adopting improved practices.	Major	Possible	High	Supplemental reinforcement of project objectives, further promotion of 3BL outcomes. Investigate other methods to increase adoption rate.
Improved agricultural practices fail to deliver targeted outcomes.	Major	Unlikely	Medium	Review project objectives, strategies and outcomes. Refine and develop improved practices. Review process built into projects.
Temporary loss of	Minor	Likely	Medium	Seek other participants from

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Aboriginal workforce, due to cultural commitments.	Minor	Likely	Medium	community's workforce pool.
Loss of local Aboriginal community knowledge and participation in NRM.	Major	Unlikely	Medium	Ensure Elders and community are well informed about project and provide opportunities for gatherings to obtain information and encourage participation.
Maintaining on-going attendance and commitment from Aboriginal participants in long term project.	Major	Possible	High	Participant attendance would be monitored by Community Council, ALT Land Mgt Team and through their individual job network providers who provide ongoing mentoring support.
Drastic changes to ecology and resilience of ecosystem based on removal of predators/ prey/ weeds from system.	Moderate	Possible	Medium	IPM will be implemented, to avoid unforeseen flow on effects. M&E program will detect dramatic changes in species composition.
Quality of contractor workmanship &/or professional standards is poor.	Moderate	Possible	Medium	Use experienced contractors with proven track record and expertise in weed/pest control. Ongoing review of performance and development of a pool of alternate suppliers.
Insufficient volunteer assistance to undertake threatened species OGW works.	Minor	Unlikely	Minimal	Past experience indicates that sufficient numbers of volunteers are interested in supporting the project. Opportunities are advertised across entire voli network, not just particular interest groups.
Access to threatened species sites is prohibited by landholders.	Major	Very unlikely	Low	Works have been undertaken at all sites for > 10 years and relations with landholders are amicable.
Temporarily unavailability of aerial marksmen team for goat cull operations.	Moderate	Unlikely	Low	Re-schedule culling operations. Seek assistance from inter-state. Investigate alternate control methods (eg mustering).

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## SECTION : BUDGET

### Budget for project

Caring for our Country target	Financial year	Funding sought (GST exclusive)
Increasing native habitat	2011-12	\$ 1,369,710.00
	2012-13	\$ 1,389,750.00
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 2,759,460.00</b>
Reducing the impact of Weeds of National Significance	2011-12	\$ 76,650.00
	2012-13	\$ 56,250.00
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 132,900.00</b>
Improving management practices	2011-12	\$ 120,640.00
	2012-13	\$ 121,000.00
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 241,640.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 3,134,000.00</b>
Of this what funding is allocated to MERI planning and implementation		\$ 202,000.00

### 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
<b>Total</b>				

### Total project budget

Caring for our Country funding (GST excl)	Other funding (GST excl)	Total Amount (GST excl)
\$ 3,134,000.00		\$ 3,134,000.00

### Overview information for project

Project ID	Project Title	Budget
RB12-00019-1	Balancing biodiversity and agricultural outcomes in the N&Y Region	\$ 3,134,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,134,000.00</b>



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## 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.***