

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

Riverland Restoration - Reinforcing Regents, Regeneration and Revegetation

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.

The Riverland Restoration project will provide the technical advice and resource assistance to the landholders of the Riverland to improve, protect and extend 2500 hectares of critical habitat vital to the Regent Parrot and other EPBC listed species of the region. Focusing on functional connectivity, protection of the regeneration occurring in the mallee and rangelands after this exception season of rainfall and the flooding events and habitat condition, this project will enhance the resilience of this landscape and support landscape scale conservation across a predominantly agricultural landscape.

Proposed duration

Proposed start date (mm/yyyy)

07/2011

Proposed completion date (mm/yyyy)

06/2013

State:

South Australia

NRM Region:

South Australian Murray Darling Basin

Regional Body:

South Australian Murray Darling Basin 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.

Riverland Restoration baseline project clearly links to and builds on the landscape approach of the terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity programs of the Board. Geographically important, this project provides the opportunity to restore functional connectivity between areas of riparian habitat and the dryland mallee of the region which is vitally important for several EPBC listed species. It also provides the connectivity between the Board's existing Stewardships programs of the Murraylands, the current restoration of the northern Mallee and the proposed Pike restoration program, creating a network of native vegetation extent and condition improvement projects in the region.

The project builds on and is supported by the Board's base-level Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement projects 'Engaging Indigenous communities in the management of natural resources' and '2010/11 CfoC Business Plan Base-level CSK&E project'. These will support the Indigenous engagement and volunteer support components of this project.

The on-ground works component will complement our existing incentive and stewardship programs in the region and

the knowledge and administrative process that have been in place for many years to implement these programs will provide efficiencies and effectiveness to the delivery of the Riverland Restoration program.

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.

Improving the management of terrestrial native habitats funded through CfoC, this will be the key linkage as the Board's administrative processes for providing incentive to landholders, providing technical advice and undertaking contracts to implement work will be based on process in place for this project, creating efficiencies in delivery. Also community engagement, landholder involvement and skilled volunteers from this project will be leveraged in the Riverland Restoration Project.

Improving the management of aquatic native habitats funded through a combination of CfoC and the Board's NRM Levy, the linkages with this project will assist in accessing the volunteers within wetland care groups and with access to landholders with the key habitats that require restoration for the protection of the EPBC listed threatened birds.

Woorinen Recovery Project, Native Vegetation Council of South Australia funded, a three year project to increase extent of northern Mallee sand dunes. This will link closely as the southern geographic boundary and neighbouring ecological community that provided a key food source for the targeted threatened bird species.

SA MDB NRM Board Pest Plant and Animal Control Program, funded through the NRM Levy, this program will assist with the expert advice and knowledge required to implement the threat abatement components of this project.

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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

| | |
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| Organisation Name | South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board |
| Organisation/Company ABN | 14305414800 |
| 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 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
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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

| | Title | First name | Last name |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name | <input type="text" value="Ms"/> | <input type="text" value="Denise"/> | <input type="text" value="Fowles"/> |
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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.

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|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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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 vertebrate pest animals

Sustainable Farm Practices

- Improving management practices
- Landscape scale conservation

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. **A key aspect of this project is the involvement of the Riverland Indigenous Community. The Board's Aboriginal Partnerships Project will assist with communication and consultation with local Indigenous groups and encourage participation in planning, delivery and addressing cultural significance at potential sites for restoration by the project.**

The project will also directly engage members of the Riverland Indigenous Community in the delivery of on-ground works through the establishment of an Aboriginal Learning on Country (ALoC) project. This will involve community members in the on-ground aspects of the project including seed collection, revegetation, fencing, threat abatement and monitoring, and provide them with accredited training and qualifications in Conservation and Land Management .

Organisations you will be working with and the contact details

| Organisation | Contact person | Contact phone |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Aboriginal Lands Trust | Mr Roger Rigney | 0881691500 |
| Gerard Community Council | Mr Barney Lindsay | 0885837304 |

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

Increasing native habitat

- Describe briefly how your project will reduce critical threats to biodiversity? **This project will undertake restoration of the vegetation communities that provide critical habitat for EPBC listed species and are the transition between the floodplain and the dryland areas of mallee and rangelands. Restoration activities will address a number of critical threats to biodiversity including, reducing total grazing pressure through pest control and grazing management, reducing competition from WoNs weed species, increasing extent of vegetation communities to build resilience and abundance, buffering to reduce edge effects and revegetation and regeneration to assist with connectivity. The reduction of threats and improvement of extent will provide key aspects of habitat that are currently in decline in the landscape and that are of vital importance for EPBC listed species survival such as nesting trees, regeneration of plants with canopies high enough to create flight paths, foraging areas in shrubby understory and grassy patches within shrubby understory. By addressing these threats it is anticipated that the higher level threats to biodiversity such as species loss, habitat decline, habitat fragmentation and susceptibility to negative impacts caused by climate change will be reduced as well.**

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- Area of native habitat and vegetation that will be managed to reduce critical threats to biodiversity **2500** hectares
- Does this area contain suitable habitat for any nationally threatened (EPBC listed) species? **Yes**

Please specify **Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides - Regent Parrot (eastern) Leipoa ocellata Malleefowl Manorina melanotis Black Eared Miner Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater Litoria raniformis Southern Bell Frog**

- Does this area managed contain any nationally endangered ecological communities? **No**
- South Australia **Yes**
- 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. **This project will enhance the condition of 2500 hectares with the involvement of over 100 landholders. Importantly the target area is providing the vital connectivity between the River Murray and the mallee dryland and rangeland areas that are important parts of a functioning habitat for Regent Parrot, Malleefowl and other threatened species. This project through condition and extent improvement of native vegetation will also improve the resilience of the landscape and it's species to climate change and extreme seasonal conditions. The project area is also bordered by several complimentary landuses that will build on the achievements of the project over time such as private conservation trusts, dryland agriculture with large remnants and Ramsar wetlands.**
- Number of neighbouring properties to be connected through the activities of this project **20**
- Number of actual hectares being worked on **2500**

Reducing the impact of vertebrate pest animals

- Which pest species is your project targeting? **Rabbit control will be a key factor to the success of this project. Through a 1000 hectare integrated rabbit control program involving landholders, community groups and organisations that control land we are aiming to protect the regeneration that has occurred after the exceptional rainfall in the mallee and rangelands and the flooding of the Murray system.**

Protection of regeneration in this area may also include goat, deer and hare control along with improvement management of grazing practice neighbouring remnant vegetation to provide buffering and increase in extent.

- How many land owners/managers will increase their uptake of pest control options under your project? **100**

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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 **1000** hectares

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

Area over which pest control will take place **1500** hectares

- What evidence exists to show that your activities will reduce the impact? **Total grazing pressure management is a key to restoration in this project and will be closely monitored. Targeted pest control campaigns have been shown to be able to significantly increase survivorship of regeneration and revegetation activities in a wide variety of projects across Australia. In this project rabbit control will be undertaken in a targeted manner, with all neighbouring properties participating and in an integrated fashion utilizing best practice of both baiting and warren destruction. Monitoring of the sites for threats to the survivorship of regenerating plants will allow the project manager to effectively determine if pest control other than rabbits is required to be implemented.**
- 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? **No**

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?

Cropping farmers (including horticulturists) **Yes**

Number **62**

Over **48,554** 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 **200**

Over **155537** 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**

Selection of appropriate form of nitrogen fertiliser **Yes**

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

Maintenance of inter row cover (horticulture) **Yes**

Landscape scale conservation

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- 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? **30** 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? **100** farmers

What is the total actual project area that activities will be undertaken that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity? **2500** 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? **250** 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? **750** 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? **10230** 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**

Strategic actions from pest and Weeds of National Significance plans **Yes**

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

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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).

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On-ground works to protect, enhance and extend native habitat will be undertaken by private land managers including items such as; pest animal control to protect regeneration and revegetation, pest plant control of WoNs to reduce competition with regenerating native vegetation, grazing management change, revegetation in particular of nesting and fodder plants within the habitat and the development of buffers to assist with functional connectivity. These on-ground works will be undertaken to the technical standards of the SA MDB NRM Board and will be maintained by the land manager under a land management agreement with the NRM Board. Encouragement and assistance to enter into conservation covenants to protect native vegetation on title through the SA Heritage Agreement scheme will also be undertaken to build the opportunity for long term landscape protection. The on-ground works component of the budget will comprise approximately 88% of the budget.

Technical advice and support to land managers, community groups and indigenous groups to participate in the program and to build local skills and knowledge surrounding native vegetation protection and enhancement and the ecology of the EPBC listed species will also be undertaken through this project. Volunteers, land managers and participants in the Aboriginal Learning on Country project will not only be involved in the delivery of on-ground works but will also be engaged in survey and monitoring of vegetation condition, habitat requirements and species presence. This involvement will enable them to increase understanding of the species requirements and vegetation community requirements for healthy resilient landscapes by practical participation in the ecological science behind the project. The project facilitation and technical advice component of this project comprises approximately 22% and also includes project management, administration and coordination along with the broader communication of this project to reach the wider Riverland and SA MDB community.

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.

Increasing Native Vegetation

The buffering, condition improvement and extent increases that will come from this project will provide 2500 of increased native habitat. The location of this project is highly important in the landscape at a number of scales including a functional connectivity between the ecosystems of the mallee dryland, rangelands and floodplain and at a landscape scale as the surrounding land uses of the project areas are complimentary, such as the large privately owned conservation trusts to the north, dryland agriculture with significant remnant remaining on property and parks and reserves.

The restoration activities within this project such as revegetation of habitat, grazing management and threat abatement to improve condition will be relevant to the local area and through the use of local expert knowledge and learning's from complimentary projects in the vicinity will incorporate best available practice.

The habitat targeted to be improved is critical for several EPBC listed species including the Regent Parrot, Malleefowl, Southern Bell Frog and migratory species such as Black Eared Miners and Rainbow Bee-eaters which may enter the area. The habitat also contains a large number of state listed threatened flora and fauna as it covers the vital transition area between aquatic and terrestrial habitats.

Reducing the impact of Vertebrate Pests

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This target is vitally important within the Riverland Restoration project as currently the Region has a perfect opportunity to capitalize on the regeneration of native vegetation that is occurring after an exceptional season of rainfall and a prolonged period of rainfall deficit that dramatically reduced the possibility to have any recruitment of seedlings at all.

1000 hectares of rabbit control, through integrated programs, involving all landholders within a target region will provide areas where regeneration can take hold. Other vertebrate pest control programs may be implemented as needed. Hare, Goat and Deer also inhabit the area and these species impacts will be monitored and controlled as needed by engaging the landholders in effective pest management

Regeneration is a key component of habitat that is missing within the mallee dryland, rangelands and the connected areas towards the floodplain. The recruitment of large trees for nesting sites and the regeneration of understory and shrubby layers within remnants are critical habitat for a suite of EPBC listed and threatened species such as the Regent Parrot. By protecting regeneration we are cost effectively maximizing succession of plants rather than the expensive exercise of trying to revegetate to recreate large areas of habitat.

Landscape Scale Change

This project will engage 100 landholders in conservation of biodiversity on their properties. Management plans will be developed and implemented with landholders to facilitate activities being adopted that support landscape-scale biodiversity conservation during and after the project. Support for landholders to undertake on-ground works for habitat improvement and pest reduction, technical advice, skill building and communication activities will contribute to landscape scale change for biodiversity conservation across the wider landscape by the protection and enhancement of the remnants upon their own properties. This project will be complimented by work on dryland agriculture, large private conservation trusts and parks and reserves.

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

The SA MDB NRM Board will use a devolved grants process in combination with technical advice provision. These grants have been run successfully previously and have a less than 10% administration component. The devolved grants will use set incentive rates that require a 1:1 or greater contribution from the landholder. An expression of interest process will engage the wider community with prioritisation for investment being undertaken through a decision making metric containing CFOC targets, Threatened Species listings, Ecosystem prioritisation, condition, size and value for money.

Successful landholders will receive incentive payments and technical support to undertake on-ground works. All works will be audited and subject to a standard land management agreement for maintenance of the works.

Target areas for work will occur on private land, within the SA MDB NRM region and within priority vegetation communities of mallee woodland gum woodland and the vital transition area between these vegetation communities. Higher value will be given to areas that will provide already known areas for habitat for EPBC listed species, will improve connectivity and increase extent of habitat and have a larger patch size.

It is expected that landholders will average approximately \$5000 of incentive funding each. Each grant will average to be providing protection and restoration to 30 hectares.

Technical advice will be provided to the wider community as well as the participants within the incentive program. Capacity building regarding improved land management and restoration of habitat will be conducted with all landholders in the incentive program and with the wider community through training events, demonstrations and field days.

Over \$150,000 of project funds per annum will be distributed in this manner. This will be complimented with targeted site on-ground works where the highest priorities are already known and engagement of

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adjoining land managers to increase the in-kind contribution of the community towards habitat restoration.

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 project manager for this Riverland Restoration will be provided at 0.8 FTE costing \$103,000 per annum. This is 22% of the total project budget. The project manager will coordinate the on-ground works delivery via private landholders, engage the community in the project, provide technical advice regarding best practice restoration techniques and provide communication and promotion of the project.

The project manager will facilitate the involvement of aboriginal learning on country crew and community groups in various aspects of restoration and threatened species management that contribute towards the achievement of the targets in this project.

The project manager will be responsible for reporting, administration and MERI requirements of the project and will act as the key point of contact for collaboration between agencies, non government organisations, community groups, industry stakeholders and farmers who have land within the project area. Working with the complimentary landuses surrounding the project area and building on conservation efforts will be a key part of this project that the project manager will undertake.

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

0.8000

Indigenous Engagement and Participation

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

The Indigenous engagement elements of this project will be supported by the Board's Aboriginal Partnerships Project. The staff of this program will assist the project manager for Riverland Restoration to engage local Aboriginal people in on-ground works and also to increase their capacity and skills around habitat restoration for threatened species of the mallee dryland and floodplains.

A key aspect of this project is the establishment of an Aboriginal Learning on Country (ALoC) team. This will involve community members in the on-ground aspects of the project and provide them with accredited training and qualifications in Conservation and Land Management. This will increase the future capacity of Indigenous communities in the Riverland to undertake further work towards landscape restoration and maintenance of the on-ground works undertaken throughout this project.

The wider Indigenous community of the Riverland will be engaged in the project through a range of activities managed by the Aboriginal Partnerships Project including targeted awareness raising events, presentations and tours for local Indigenous Elders and the creation and promotion of volunteering opportunities. The Riverland Aboriginal NRM Group, which is supported by the Aboriginal Partnerships Project, will provide advice and direction to the project as required.

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

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The community will be involved in four key ways within the Riverland Restoration project.

Implementation

Volunteers and landholders will be the major implementers of on ground works throughout this project. They will be involved in all facets of on-ground implementation from revegetation, threat abatement, changing grazing practice, monitoring and identification of threats to habitat and species survey to ensure that the deliverables are meeting the aim of restoration to provide habitat for threatened species.

Advice

The process of restoring remnants depends highly on local conditions. Landholders and local community experts in species such as Regent Parrots will provide a key role in the project by sharing knowledge about locations of threats or species, or knowledge of effective habitat management options. This advice and knowledge when combined with the best available scientific advice will form the basis of the restoration plans for various sites within the project area.

Skills and Learning

Throughout the project there will be demonstrations, technical advice and implementation to restoration techniques that will enable participating landholders and community groups to increase their skills and capacity to undertake environmental management in the future. Capacity will be built around practical management techniques to protect regeneration or undertaking revegetation for ecological restoration and it will also be built around the ecological attributes and requirements of threatened species such as the Regent Parrot and the Malleefowl.

Awareness and Values

Media articles, promotion in newsletters and on local radio or television will bring the attention of the wider community to the importance of habitat protection and enhancement and most importantly the critical nature of landscape scale restoration and connectivity of habitat across many different types of complimentary landuse.

Links will be made with other NRM Board programs such as Catchment Care and the River Murray Youth Council to ensure that young people are engaged with and have their awareness raised regarding these threatened species and the active management of habitat. Similarly local governments, sustainable agriculture groups and industry groups within the Riverland will be communicated with to raise the awareness of the project and to seek possible links or future opportunities that will enhance environmental projects.

The project anticipates that over 100 community members will directly be engaged in the project, however the overall promotion and awareness of the project will be raised through local media outlets covering approximately 20,000 people.

How many community groups will you engage in you project?

21

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

No

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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 |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| Seasonal Conditions | Major | Unlikely | Medium | The two years will allow for flexibility with the delivery of on-ground works, ensuring that threat abatement and revegetation are undertaken in the most appropriate seasons. Landholders in the area are already primed for action. |
| Lack of community interest | Major | Very unlikely | Low | The two years will allow for flexibility with the delivery of on-ground works, ensuring that threat abatement and revegetation are undertaken in the most appropriate seasons. Landholders in the area are already primed for action. |
| Lack of participation from government agency | Moderate | Very unlikely | Low | The two years will allow for flexibility with the delivery of on-ground works, ensuring that threat abatement and revegetation are undertaken in the most appropriate seasons. Landholders in the area are already primed for action. |
| Change in program delivery | Minor | Unlikely | Minimal | The two years will allow for flexibility with the delivery of on-ground works, ensuring that threat abatement and revegetation are undertaken in the most appropriate seasons. Landholders in the area are already primed for action. |

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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 | \$ 184,175.00 |
| | 2012-13 | \$ 184,175.00 |
| | Subtotal: | \$ 368,350.00 |
| Reducing the impact of vertebrate pest animals | 2011-12 | \$ 131,450.00 |
| | 2012-13 | \$ 121,450.00 |
| | Subtotal: | \$ 252,900.00 |
| Improving management practices | 2011-12 | \$ 24,278.50 |
| | 2012-13 | \$ 24,281.82 |
| | Subtotal: | \$ 48,560.32 |
| Landscape scale conservation | 2011-12 | \$ 144,673.00 |
| | 2012-13 | \$ 144,673.00 |
| | Subtotal: | \$ 289,346.00 |
| Total: | | \$ 959,156.32 |
| Of this what funding is allocated to MERI planning and implementation | | \$ 11,156.32 |

Non-target Funding

Please add non-target funding sought for each financial year.

Please add how much funding you are seeking to spend on governance activities.

| Funding type | Financial year | Funding sought(GST |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Core Funding | 2012-13 | \$ 5,578.16 |
| | 2011-12 | \$ 5,578.16 |
| Total | | \$ 11,156.32 |

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 | | | | |

Total project budget

| Caring for our Country funding (GST excl) | Other funding (GST excl) | Total Amount (GST excl) |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$ 970,312.64 | | \$ 970,312.64 |

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Overview information for project

| Project ID | Project Title | Budget |
|--------------|--|----------------------|
| RB12-00039-1 | Riverland Restoration - Reinforcing Regents, Regeneration and Revegetation | \$ 970,312.64 |
| Total | | \$ 970,312.64 |

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.