

## FarmFLOW Best Management Practice Incentives

### Background

The FarmFLOW project is led by Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries, with funding from the Queensland and Australian Government's contribution to the Healthy Country Partnership. This project is working with primary producers to increase the adoption of land and water management practices to create more productive and sustainable landscapes.

As part of the FarmFLOW extension team's promotion of win-win solutions, an incentive scheme has been devised to assist producers in their moves to adopt more efficient practices. These incentives will aim to help producers keep soil and nutrients on the land where they can drive production and keep them out of our waterways and wetlands.

### Successful applicants

Participants in the incentive scheme include primary producers, targeting erosion prone landscapes and nutrient 'hot spots' in the Lockyer, Bremer, Logan-Albert and Pumicestone Catchments.

The incentive payments range from about \$2000 for maintenance and restoration works to \$10 000 for larger projects or owners of multiple properties.

The projects range from small boutique production farms to some of the larger grazing and horticultural enterprises in the region.

The applications were assessed based on the likely improvement in sustainability of production, the likely scale of reduction of sediment and nutrients leaving the property and the suitability of the project for future extension activities.

### Examples of practice change projects

#### *Grazing*

- Farm infrastructure redesign – e.g. realigning or constructing new fencing according to land type
- Fencing to better manage grazing pressure around watercourses/wetlands and their riparian zones
- Constructing off-stream watering points
- Rehabilitation of C&D land condition with sown pastures
- Gully rehabilitation
- Converting High Risk or D Condition land to farm forestry

#### *Horticulture and cropping*

- Establishing inter-row cover
- Establishing grassed headlands, filter/buffer strips
- Accurate scheduling of nutrient application by transitioning to fertigation
- Converting equipment to enable to more accurate variable rate fertiliser calibration and nutrient budgeting
- Converting to zero till/minimum till to reduce erosion potential e.g. incentive to purchase trash managers Construction of sediment detention ponds, or enhancing filter function of wetlands

### Further information

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