



# Indigenous Engagement

## SEQ Healthy Waterways Strategy - Healthy Country

### What is the SEQ Healthy Waterways Strategy?

The SEQ Healthy Waterways Strategy 2007-2012 is an integrated set of Action Plans that aims to maintain and improve the health of the waterways and catchments of South East Queensland.

One of the Action Plans in the Strategy aims to reduce non-urban diffuse source pollution entering Moreton Bay and the Healthy Country project addresses some of these issues.

### What is the *Healthy Country* project?

The Healthy Country project supports communities, farmers and scientists to work together to improve water quality in South East Queensland catchments and Moreton Bay.

The four year project focuses on ways to reduce sediments and nutrients entering our waterways locally and in the Bay. There are three priority catchments, Logan-Albert and Bremer Rivers and Lockyer Creek, which have been shown to contribute the majority of sediment to Moreton Bay.

### What will *Healthy Country* deliver?

There are four sub-projects under the Healthy Country project led by:

- The SEQ Healthy Waterways Partnership - science and planning
- SEQ Catchments - waterway restoration
- Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries - sustainable land management
- South East Queensland Traditional Owners Alliance (SEQTOA) - cultural Heritage

### Traditional Owner Engagement

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and SEQ Catchments supported SEQ traditional owners in the establishment of SEQTOA and continue to do so. SEQTOA supports all SEQ traditional owner groups and allows them to engage effectively in decision-making, planning and on-ground works.

Within the *Healthy Country* project, SEQTOA is resourced to participate in implementing the Strategy and will promote a model of broader Indigenous engagement within the priority areas. This will include:

- participation in project planning;
- promoting Indigenous work teams for on-ground works;
- developing community understanding of the traditional condition and use of the country and the history of its changes;
- promoting community understanding and conservation of culturally significant heritage sites.

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