

Linking Our Landscape

2018/19 Project Standards and Eligibility Criteria

CENTRAL TABLELANDS Local Land Services

Current contractual and financial arrangements

To be eligible for incentive funding any Central Tablelands LLS or previous Catchment Management Authority agreements must be completed and payment of any Local Land Services rates needs to be up to date.

Public Liability Insurance to the value of 10 Million dollars is also required.

Project implementation time

You must complete your project by 31st May 2020. Your project must be managed and maintained, as per standards, for 10 years.

Project area

Your project area must be greater than 2 ha and located within the Central Tablelands priority corridor areas, or projects connecting to priority corridor areas by existing native vegetation linkages ([Click here for Map](#)).

Stock-proof fencing

You must construct fencing with new materials and manage it in a stock-proof condition the duration of the contract. Conventional fencing must be a minimum of 6 lines, electric fencing a minimum of 3 lines. You should avoid using barbed wire where possible and replace it with plain wire for the top two and lowest strands (this is to ensure safe passage for native wildlife).

The Central Tablelands LLS cannot fund boundary and exclusion fencing.

You must use plain wire fencing for streams where flooding is possible.

Guarantee of Management

All stock access to the project site must be controlled for the length of the management agreement (including access from either side of the waterway during periods of low flow).

Grazing management

Stock exclusion is recommended and rewarded through a one-off management payment to control pest animals and weeds.

Strategic grazing within the project area may be negotiated up to twice per year for a maximum of 3 days to manage groundcover. Spring time should be avoided to allow seed set (vegetation).

Planting projects are required to exclude stock for a minimum of 4 years to allow trees and shrubs to establish.

Stream protection

All stream protection projects must be located on a named stream.

You must provide an average width of 20m from the top of the bank over the length of the site, with a minimum width of 10m.

You must maintain vehicle access on the inside of the fenced area along its length (for maintenance and weed control).

Management payments limited to a maximum fencing setback of 50m from top of bank on either side of stream.



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Revegetation

All eligible revegetation must link two existing native vegetation areas, each with a minimum size of 1ha. Projects must provide an average width of 20m and 3 rows (planting zone width excludes infrastructure areas such as roads).

Planting densities must be a minimum of 200 to a maximum of 400 seedlings per hectare.

Site preparation for planting

All revegetation activities must use locally occurring tree, shrub and groundcover species. You will develop a revegetation plan with a Central Tablelands LLS officer. The plan will include a schedule of site preparation, species list, weed control options, key contacts and planting options. Landholders will be responsible for all site preparation including ripping and weed control to ensure successful revegetation establishment.

A minimum of 50% survival rate for tubestock planting must be achieved by the landowner. The installation of additional plantings to achieve this survival rate will be the responsibility of the landowner.

Sensitive regulated land

Native vegetation within your project area will be classified as 'Category 2 – Sensitive regulated land' under the Local Land Services Regulation 2014. Clearing native vegetation will be restricted within your project area. Contact the Sustainable Land Management unit for advice on 1300 778 080 or slm.info@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Alternative stock water supply

Central Tablelands LLS can only fund stock water supply where stock access to water will be lost because of project works. Funding is only available to one alternative stock watering point per paddock affected.

You must bury any polythene pipeline to prevent damage by fire or UV light. The Central Tablelands LLS will not fund major farm water supply under this activity.

Water systems must be designed and carried out by a design specialist in the water reticulation field and comply with Australian engineering standards. All systems need to allow adequate flow and quantity for the required number of stock.

Retain dead standing and fallen timber and bush rock

You must retain bush rock, dead standing and fallen timber as they are important habitat features. Movement of fallen timber within the site is permitted if it presents a hazard but should not be destroyed.

Exotic plant and pest animal control

You must control all pest animals and exotic plants on the site for the duration of the agreement.

Permits and Approvals

All relevant permits and approvals for works that trigger State Government legislation must be obtained from or approved by appropriate government agencies.

Legislative Requirements

You must be aware of and comply with all legal responsibilities under legislation relevant to the project. This includes the application and use of chemicals and poisons for exotic plant and pest animal control.

Field day activities

You must make your project site available for the Central Tablelands LLS to conduct educational field day activities and provide information for case studies.

Monitoring and evaluation

You may be required to undertake annual monitoring records for 10 years, as per the Central Tablelands LLS monitoring program. You need to make the project sites available for scientific monitoring activities as organised by the Central Tablelands LLS.