Reef Water Quality Grants (Grazing) 2015-16 round

The Reef Water Quality Grants (Grazing) program is an initiative of the Australian Government aimed at improving water quality in the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon by assisting graziers to improve their management practices. In the Burnett region this means providing support to coastal graziers to improve and enhance their current grazing management practices.

Incentive funding for on-ground works is being allocated to catchments in the lower Burnett region prioritised according to sediment load runoff to the Great Barrier Reef lagoon.

The third and final round of funding through this program will be available in the 2015-16 financial year. For the 2015-16 round, the priority catchments will be the Burnett River (below Paradise Dam), and the Burrum River (including the Isis, Gregory and Elliott River catchments). The Baffle Creek and Kolan catchments are also included.

Graziers within these priority catchments are encouraged to participate in the 2015-16 Reef Water Quality Grants program by completing this expression of interest form and forwarding it to BCCA.

To be eligible to apply for Reef Water Quality Grants (Grazing) funding, landholders must:

- Have a grazing property in the lower Burnett River catchment (below Paradise Dam) or the Burrum River catchment
- Complete the online Grazing BMP program
- Conduct a property capability assessment and mapping process with a BCCA extension officer
- Have an ABN
- Complete a funding application form with assistance from a BCCA extension officer
- Match funding requested (maximum $10,000) at least 50:50 by cash and/or in-kind

Project activities which may be eligible for funding include:

- Fencing of creeks and rivers to reduce the grazing impacts of livestock and protect riparian vegetation
- Off-stream water points: pumps, poly pipe, tanks and troughs. Dams could also be considered as off-stream water
- Fencing for improved grazing management (to allow pastures to be spelled, improve evenness of grazing, rotational grazing etc)
- Additional water points to reduce patch grazing or cattle tracking
- Repairs to and fencing of eroded or degraded areas to allow rehabilitation

Please complete if you are interested in being involved in the 2015-16 Reef Water Quality Grants program

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Catchment (Burnett, Burrum, Kolan or Baffle)

Once we have received your form we will be in contact with you to discuss your involvement in the program

Return this completed form to the BCCA office ASAP but no later than Friday 29th May 2015
Email: admin@burnettcatchment.org  Post: PO Box 8 Monto Q 4630  Fax: (07) 4166 3897
If you have any questions regarding this funding, please contact BCCA Extension Officer Peter Crawford on 0427 024 921

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