

The Australian Government's "NRM Regional Bushfire Recovery in the Forests of the NSW South Coast bushfire Region" project

— Treating erosion and weeds to help the recovery of threatened species impacted by the North Black Range fire

Wildlife after Wildfires - Landholder Registration of Interest

The Wildlife after Wildfires project is funded by the Australian Government's "Regional Fund for Wildlife and Habitat Bushfire Recovery (the Regional fund)-NRM" and is a partnership with South East Local Land Services aimed at supporting the recovery of threatened species through specified land management activities on private land. Funded projects will aim to address processes that continue to threaten the habitat of known threatened species in the area (see attached map). Projects will be developed with landholders to focus on promoting the preservation of soils and the regeneration of native vegetation.

Registrations of Interest must be received before end of June 2021 for funding in the 21/22 financial year.

Projects can include:

EROSION CONTROL

Erosion can impact upstream and downstream aquatic and terrestrial habitats. Funding is available for a range of on-ground works designed to control gully erosion and stream bed/bank erosion. Project activities may include soil conservation earthworks, streambed and bank works, fencing of vulnerable areas and alternate stock water. Works generally require the regeneration of existing native vegetation and this may involve fencing, revegetation and weed control.



RIPARIAN PROJECTS

Funding is available for the provision of fencing materials, native trees and shrubs and alternate stock water which will result in the protection and enhancement of native riparian areas, including controlling erosion and weeds. To be eligible for funding all projects must include waterway fencing that controls stock access with a minimum setback average of 20m from the top of the bank (this may be varied to deal with geographic constraints). Weed control is a significant factor in regenerating native habitats along riparian areas and funding can be provided for primary control.





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WEED CONTROL PROJECTS

Weeds have proliferated on fire-grounds following several favourable seasons post fire. Weeds can overrun native areas and degrade the habitat of threatened wildlife. Funding is available to assist landholders with weed control in riparian areas and high value native vegetation, particularly vegetation communities listed as Threatened Ecological Communities. Projects funding weed control may also be eligible for funding for fences to control grazing pressure as well as revegetation with native plants to promote competition against weeds reinvading. The details to be discussed upon site inspection.



Projects may include a range of the above activities. Further guidelines regarding the eligibility of projects will be discussed upon site inspection.

This project location was chosen due to the high number of threatened species records, across a range of species, in the public reserve system that was burnt in the North Black Range Fire. These records occur immediately behind private land and conservation efforts in this area are likely to have a positive impact on the habitat of these threatened species.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- South East Local Land Services will provide support to landholders in project development. Landholders will
 be expected to enter into a 10 year management agreement and will be required to undertake agreed
 management activities relevant to the funding they receive. All works associated with the project must be
 completed within an 18 month period. Landholder co-contributions are expected in some cases where fencing,
 revegetation and weed control are funded.
- Eligibility for incentive projects will be considered based on: (i) the landholder's ability to meet any matching criteria for funding provided, (ii) the landholders ability to complete necessary works within an agreed time frame (iii) the landholders willingness to maintain and monitor project sites (iv) how the project rates from an environmental perspective.
- If you would like to apply for funding or discuss opportunities with South East Local Land Services, please complete the attached Registration of Interest form and return it to your local office
- South East Local Land Services is committed to the protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. All project
 applications are assessed to determine if a known (registered) aboriginal site is in close proximity to the project
 site. In the instances where this occurs, an Aboriginal Sites Officer, engaged by South East LLS, will inspect the
 project site to ensure that the proposed activities do not impact on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.



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egistrations of Interest are valid for 6	months only.	
Applicant/s Name:		
Applicant/s Postal Address:		
Applicant/s Telephone No.	Home:	Mobile:
Applicant/s Email Address:		
Property Owner's Name (if different from applicant):		
Property Owner's Contact No:	Home:	Mobile:
ABN:		
Length of time owning property:		
Property Name:		
Property Address:		
Property size:		
Property Id or Lot/s and DP/s:		
Type and number of stock:		
Have you applied for funding through the Catchn Yes	nent Managemer No	nt Authority/Local Land Services previously?
If Yes, please indicate what project(s) you have d are incomplete:	one in the past a	nd under what program and if any of these
What eligible on-ground works are proposed in t	his project?	

CONTACT DETAILS

South East Local Land Services (PO Box 97) 42 Ryrie Street BRAIDWOOD NSW 2622 Phone the office: 02 4842 3800 or Mobile (Andy Taylor): 0427 750 891 or Email: andy.taylor@lls.nsw.gov.au



It is important that you are aware of the following conditions prior to seeking funding with South East Local Land Services.

I am aware that (please tick box):

Work that is a requirement under Development Consent conditions, or required by a Remediation Notice served cannot be funded.
To obtain funding the landowner will be required to enter into a 10 year management agreement with South East Local Land Services.
A level of in-kind cash or labour contribution is required with respect to erecting fences, undertaking weed control and revegetation activities. Erosion control structures will be fully funded.
For the life of the contract (10 years) I will be responsible for the care of the Project or site. I am also aware that if any loss or damage occurs to the Project or site I am to make good at my own expense (for instance, replace plants that have died, keep fences stock-proof etc).
For the life of the contract (10 years), as required under legislation, I will provide all labour and equipment to maintain the contract areas free of noxious pests and weeds.
For erosion control projects, once the earthworks are constructed the works will become my property and my responsibility to maintain.
SE LLS do not guarantee erosion control works.
I must maintain and operate the erosion control works subject to any directions by SE LLS for a period of 10 years (contract length).

If you would like to seek clarification on any of the above, please contact the appropriate South East Local Land Services officer as noted above.



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