

# Expression of Interest

## Investigating improved Soil, Pasture and Grazing Systems for the North Coast.

CANSW 2020/21

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Are you interested in improving soil, pasture and grazing management on your property? Here is a chance to be involved in a research project and access up to \$26,000 to assist with implementation. North Coast Local Land Services is looking for beef producer to partner with.

North Coast Local Land Services (NCLLS) in collaboration with Catchment Action New South Wales (CANSW), seek to establish a research and demonstration project to investigate improved soil, pasture and grazing management system. A grant of up to \$26,000 is available to an eligible beef producer to assist in the implementation of this project.

This project will allow you to access the best available information and advice for improving beef production on the North Coast, assistance in the concepts of improved grazing principles and in the sub-division of paddocks and watering points to implement a modified grazing system.

To be involved you must be willing to share farm records and your time to work with the Sustainable Agriculture team and other relevant industry personnel to collect and interpret data relating to soil health, pasture species, growth and uptake as well as animal production to determine key financial and productivity indicators.

The project hopes to identify better ways to produce more beef per hectare through improved management, with a focus on pasture production, grazing and carrying capacity whilst still meeting the nutritional needs of cattle in an economically and environmentally sustainable way.

### The landholder will agree to the following for the project area;

- Provide an area of up to 100ha.
- Enter into a contract with Local Land Services.
- Allow Local Land Services and its contractors to access the farm business finances such as operating costs and returns, to effectively compare and understand the data collected throughout the project.
- Match the grant funding amount by either a cash contribution or in kind contribution (labour) to purchase required materials or pay relevant contractors.
- Contribute to the development of a project plan comprising of a work plan schedule, a budget, an annual monitoring plan as well as an evaluation process whereby data collected for the project area will be made publicly available.
- Allow members of the community to come onto the property for the purpose of field days or workshops, provided restrictions regarding Covid-19 allow.

### Still interested?

Then please complete and return the following form to **Alix Johnston** at North Coast Local Land Services by **Friday the 9th October, 2020**.

Completed forms can be scanned and emailed to [alix.johnston@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alix.johnston@lls.nsw.gov.au) or dropped into the following Local Land Services offices;

- 83 Belgrave Street,  
Kempsey NSW 2440
- Level 1/30  
Park Avenue,  
Coffs Harbour  
NSW 2450

#### Privacy Statement.

The personal information you provide on this form is subject to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998, under which you have rights and obligations. The information in this form is being collected for the purposes of involvement in the North Coast Local Land Services Pasture and Grazing Systems project. You are not required to provide your personal information but Local Land Services cannot

process your application without it. This information is given voluntarily, however failure to supply full details will mean that Local Land Services may not be able to respond to you. Local Land Services will not disclose your personal information without your consent unless required by law. Further information regarding privacy can be obtained from the Privacy Commission NSW <https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/privacy/citizens>



Local Land  
Services

Helping secure the future of farming and the environment for North Coast Communities

Please fill in the following form and return Friday the 25th September, 2020

**Details:**

Name of applicant/landowner:.....

Mobile:..... Email: .....

Property Street address:.....

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Property Lot and DP (if known)..... Property suburb/Region:.....

Size of grazing property (ha):.....

**Describe your current grazing system for your property.**

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**Can you commit to investing your time in assisting with the research project concerning improving soil, pasture, grazing management systems?**

Yes  No:  Maybe

**Are you willing to match the grant amount or provide (in-kind) labour to complete the research project?**

Yes  No:  Maybe

**Do you agree to your property being used as a Case Study or for field days to assist other producers?**

Yes  No:  Maybe

**Are you willing to sign an agreement with LLS to allow access to your property by NCLLS staff and its contractors for project site visits?**

Yes  No:  Maybe

**Number of head of livestock**

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**What is your predominant production system; Cow Calf, Backgrounding, Finishing or Seed Stock?**

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**Do you produce anything other than livestock?**

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**What pastures do you currently have?**

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Please fill in the following form and return Friday the 25th September, 2020

Is there a water course close to or on your property? (Name if applicable)

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Do you have any additional watering points or irrigation?

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Do you know what your water usage is? If so please enter:

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Do you monitor your soil/substrate moisture levels? If so please list how:

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Are you running any supplementary feeding programs?

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Are you aware of any erosion on your property?

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Do you take soil tests? If so, do you use these to guide your nutrition?

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*You must be the land-owner, or have the land-owners written permission to apply for funding.*

*Funding is only guaranteed for one applicant only. NCLLS will decide which producer is the most suitable to proceed.*

Completed and signed forms can be emailed to [alix.johnston@lfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alix.johnston@lfs.nsw.gov.au)

NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE

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79 Conway Street  
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