



Local Land
Services
Western

Multi Species Exclusion Fencing Demonstration Site and Field Days 2014

Guidelines and Expression of Interest

Guidelines for individuals, groups and organisations applying to provide a site for a **Multi-Species Exclusion Fencing Demonstration and Field Day** to assist in the management of **Total Grazing Pressure** within the Western Region .

In partnership with



Australian Government

*Catchment Action
NSW*

Send Expressions of Interest to:

Post:

Western Local Land Services
Fencing Demonstration Project
Po Box 307
Cobar NSW 2837

Email:

amy.gunn@lls.nsw.gov.au

Expressions of Interest must be hand delivered or postmarked by 5pm on:
Monday 24 November 2014

Project Description:

This project involves the establishment of four multi-species exclusion fencing demonstration sites on properties located next to major roadways within the Western Local Region.

The project will demonstrate the construction features of the different designs currently being used by landholders to restrict the movement of all grazing species (including goats and kangaroos) and predator species (feral pigs, wild dogs).

The aim is to show how fencing can help in the management of groundcover: pasture utilisation and long-term species composition, as well as the impact of predator animals on production.

Each site will consist of 2km of fencing, demonstrating four specific fence designs:

1. 500m of Hinged Joint™ 150-180cm Multispecies Exclusion Fence
2. 500m of Hinged Joint™ 8-90-30
3. 500m of Westonfence™
4. 500m of Multi Plain Wire Fence

Pickets will be spaced at 8-10m intervals with end assemblies. Each 500m strain will be separated by an in-line strainer post. A contractor will be engaged by Local Land Services to erect the entire fencing project over the four sites and a single brand of fencing material will be used to maintain consistency and quality.

The four demonstration sites will be next to the following roadways:

1. Silver City Highway, south of Broken Hill
2. Barrier Highway, between Cobar and Broken Hill
3. Kidman Way, between Cobar and Bourke
4. Kidman Way, between Cobar and Hillston.

The demonstration sites will be well signed and visible from the major roadways to allow landholders and other interested parties to view the different types of fences available and the relative success of each in terms of multispecies exclusion and groundcover management.

A field day will be held at nominated project sites to demonstrate the successes of the fencing designs and promote the uptake of multi species fencing within the region.

Project Guidelines:

Western Local Land Services is calling for expressions of interest (EOI) from landholders that meet the project criteria to provide and maintain a long term site demonstrating the current options of multi species exclusion fencing.

Applicants are required to submit an EOI by **Monday 24 November 2014**.

Applicant Project Requirements:

- Provide a highly visible site adjacent to one of the listed roadways, ideally with a consistent landscape type
- Clear a line 2km long and up to 40m wide (20m on either side of the fenceline) for the fence to be erected
- Take part in a Local Land Services Western Region Field day at the demonstration site following construction (likely to be in March or April 2015)
- Maintain the demonstration fence line for the duration of the project
- Provide feedback on the effectiveness of the different fence designs to Local Land Services Project Manager and at the field day
- Allow project signage to be erected
- Accept roadside inspections of the fencing.

General

- All on-ground works are to be conducted on land within the Western Local Land Services region in the areas nominated
- All fencing activities, including strainer assemblies, will be carried out by a contractor employed by Local Land Services
- Your project will be used by Local Land Services for demonstration and/or promotional purposes.

If you have any questions about project eligibility or the project proposal form please contact the Local Land Services Western Region staff at Broken Hill, Cobar or Bourke.

Eligibility

- Applications are invited from all land managers, including individuals, groups, non-government organisations, not-for-profit organisations, Local Government and State Government agencies (*core functions of government agencies will not be funded*).
- Negotiations will only be entered into with the legal entity responsible for the land the project is to occur on. EOIs may be submitted by land managers, however contracts will only be considered with the appropriate legal entity (lessee).
- **Applicants with current Local Land Services/National Landcare/previous Catchment Management Authority projects that are not compliant with contract conditions as at 24 November 2014 will not be eligible for funding. This includes applicants with incomplete monitoring records.**

Monitoring and evaluation of outcomes

- If successful, you will be required to provide feedback on the outcomes of the project. This information will help Local Land Services assess the project's success and improve future programs.
- At times, Local Land Services staff may require property access for project monitoring purposes. You will be advised in advance of any access requirements.

Compliance with existing State and Commonwealth Legislation

Local Land Services only approves the location of this project site. All necessary approvals, licenses, permits, consents and legislation must be complied with, including, but not restricted to the following:

- *Western Lands Act 1901* – NSW
- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* – NSW
 - *Please note, Cultural Site Identification and Protection requirements have been updated. Please refer to the Due Diligence Code of Practice fact sheet at www.environment.nsw.gov.au
- *Native Vegetation Act 2003* – NSW
- *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* – NSW
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* – NSW
- *Environmental Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 2000* – Federal
- *Water Management Act 2000* NSW
- *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* NSW
- *Work Health & Safety Act 2011* NSW
 - *Please note, WHS legislation now places new responsibilities on Local Land Services, landholders and sub-contractors.

Project timeframe

Local Land Services requires projects that can be completed within the current financial year.

- Project sites will be given to locations most suitable for project outcomes and with achievable and realistic short timeframes (ie completion by 1 March 2015)
- Local Land Services contracts and agreements require ongoing maintenance of project outcomes.

Lodging an Expression of Interest

If you believe your project is eligible, complete the EOI on pages 7 and 8 of this document.

EOIs will be considered if they are received or post-marked by 5pm on 24 November 2014. You will receive an acknowledgement to confirm your EOI has been received.

All applications will be competitively assessed.

Applications must be received by 24 November 2014.

Assessment process

Your application will be assessed by panel of Local Land Services staff and ranked accordingly. Based on the information provided the assessment panel will:

- Evaluate nominated sites for suitability and landholders willingness to provide feedback and participate in field days
- Rank sites based on merit.

Project approvals and Agreements

- You will be advised in writing if your project has been approved.
- If your proposal is funded, you will be contacted in writing by Local Land Services and a Landholder Agreement will be made. The agreement will be granted for an agreed period and will detail the negotiated outputs and outcomes of the project.
*Note: All project establishment works **must be completed by 1 March 2015**.*
- It is your responsibility to accept the Landholder Agreement by the given deadline, or decline the project and notify Western Local Land Services.
- The fencing contractor employed by Local Land Services to carry out the erection of the fence will be engaged under a separate contractual agreement.

Note: Project sites will be selected and ranked into an eligibility list until all sites have been contracted.

Eligibility list for approved but unselected project sites:

- If your site is approved but misses out on the initial selection, it will remain on an eligibility list.
- Opportunities may become available if contract offers are declined.

Site Preparation Inspection & Final Inspection

All project sites are required to undergo a site preparation inspection and a final inspection to complete the project. Inspections are carried out by Local Land Services Western Region officers, who will negotiate:

- A suitable timeframe to conduct the inspections.
- For site preparation inspection: ensure the location of the site and the graded line specifications are met against the landholder agreement before the fence is erected. The agreement will include the information provided in the application form and any negotiated outcomes.
- For inspection: check all infrastructure against the contract agreement with the fencing contractor. This will include the consistent quality of materials used, the integrity of the fence, the location of infrastructure, the amount of materials used, etc.
- GPS locations of key points and photographs of infrastructure in order to accurately record the project for future monitoring.
- Your ongoing feedback and field day requirements.

Please Note: Any changes to agreed outcomes that do not have a written variation approval on file could constitute grounds for cancellation of the agreement, thus forfeiting the completion of the project.

Unsuccessful applicants

You will be notified in writing if your project is unsuccessful. You may seek additional advice/discussion from your Local Land Services Office.

What happens to the information I provide?

Collection:

Project proposal information collected is used to assess your application and to contact you. Please contact Local Land Services if you believe the information collected is not relevant or excessive.

A statutory declaration will be provided for you to give consent to Local Land Services to use and store the information for assessment purposes and to be entered onto the public register. The declaration indicates the information was collected directly from you and is accurate.

People involved in the collection, assessment and processing of this project will view your information. These people are required by law to treat your information as confidential.

Storage:

Information is assessed by an independent panel which includes experts, landholders, staff, board and industry representatives. The panel do not retain any of the information you provide. Your information will be stored in secured files within the Local Land Services Western Region offices. The information will be kept for the organisational life of Local Land Services or subsequent agencies. Only Local Land Services staff will have access to your information.

Access:

You are able to view or correct this information at your request in business hours.

Use:

Consent will be sought for any use of the collected information outside of Local Land Services.

Disclosure:

The amount of funds granted, applicant name, location and brief project description will be placed on the Local Land Services public register. This will take effect if the applicant enters into a contract with Local Land Services.

The purpose of the public register is to inform the community where public funding is directed in the region and additionally, to ensure integrity, honesty and transparency in the administration of the Devolved Grants Program.



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Applicant Details

Name <small>Please include first and last name, not initials</small>		ABN	
Mailing Address		Property name: <small>(Location of works)</small>	
Email			
Contact Number			
WLL Number		DP:	

1. Are you ... (multiple answers allowed)

- an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- a member of a voluntary group (Landcare/pest management/producer group)
- including a riparian (river, floodplain, wetland) fencing component in your project?

2. Tell us why you want to be involved? *(eg on a listed priority road, similar landscape, high traffic flow, personal interest, part of existing property plan)*

Hand delivery:
To any Local Land Services Western Region office

For more information:
Email: amy.gunn@lls.nsw.gov.au
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3. What risk factors and mitigation have you considered for the site? (eg floodways, INS invasion, permission from Main Roads, vandalism, property sale/transfer – a risk matrix will be developed prior to contract if your site is successful)

4. Is your site along a priority road as specified in Project Description?

Yes No *If yes, please include a property map demonstrating location of proposed site.

5. Do you have the capacity to clear a fence line 2km long and a maximum of 40m wide?

Yes No

7. Are you prepared to participate in a Western Local Land Services Field day at the demonstration site following construction?

Yes No

8. Do you have the capacity to maintain the demonstration fence line for the duration of the agreement?

Yes No

9. Are you prepared to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the fence and to the field days?

Yes No

10. Please indicate if your proposed project includes any of the following: (multiple answers allowed)

Boundary Watercourse

11. Have you experience with non-traditional fencing systems?

Multispecies Exclusion Westonfence™ Hinged Joint™ 8-90-30 Multi Plain Wire Fence

Please attach a clear and concise map of the project area and property.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: / 11 / 2014

EOIs due Monday 24 November 2014