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Local Land Services

Healthy Landscapes Landholder Incentives

Making Inland Glossies Great Again (Pilliga)

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Map 1: Priority area

- ▭ Pilliga Priority Area
- Private Land
- National Parks
- State Forests

Disclaimer: Funding is limited, which may mean some incentive projects will not be funded. Central West Local Land Services reserves the right to refuse funding for incentive projects or components which provide insufficient environmental benefit for their cost. Assessment of environmental benefit is at the sole discretion of the Central West Local Land Services. Funding amounts listed are GST exclusive. Funding amounts, activities and project standards are subject to change without notice.

Glossy Black-Cockatoos are a favourite amongst conservationists and the broader community, being well-known for their gentle nature, quirky behaviour and distinct colouration. Central Inland NSW is home to a significant, distinctive but declining Glossy Black-Cockatoo population concentrated in forest and woodland areas stretching from Parkes to Narrabri. The Glossy Black-Cockatoo is a landscape species managed under the Saving our Species (SoS) program. The “Making Central Inland Glossies Great Again” project was funded in May 2019 by the NSW Government’s SoS program and the Environmental Trust.

Ongoing protection, management and recovery of foraging and breeding habitat remnants on private land is crucial to the future survival of this unique species. Priority areas have been identified across the Central West region with recommended activities to support and increase the connectivity and condition of significant habitat. Eligible projects will include the enhancement of existing remnant foraging and breeding habitat and/or revegetation activities to improve landscape connectivity.

How to apply

Applications close Friday 7 October 2022.

To apply, complete an Expression of Interest form and submit:

In person - hand deliver to any Central West Local Land Services Office

Via email - submit as a PDF attachment to: incentives.centralwest@lls.nsw.gov.au

Once all details have been completed, and the application form returned, a Local Land Services

officer will contact you to discuss your project and organise a site visit. Any incomplete applications will be returned to the landholder.

Funding availability is limited and offered based on a Local Land Services team review of the environmental services ratio score and cost per hectare of all proposals.

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.



For further information contact
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What assistance is available?

This project will provide funding and technical support for the following activities, subject to site assessment and project ranking (please see project standards for more details on each of these activities):

Activity	Description	Dollar amount
Stock-proof fencing	Fencing to control grazing to allow regeneration to occur and improve groundcover. These areas need to be a threatened ecological community. Boundary fencing is ineligible for funding.	\$6,000/km conventional or \$3,000/km electric.
Alternate water supply	Alternate watering points will be available if an existing watering point is lost due to the project.	\$1,500/trough, \$3,000/trough and tank or \$9,000/dam. Capped at \$9,000 per project.
Supplementary planting	Supplementary planting of native trees and shrubs to extend and improve an existing remnant area or to connect patches of vegetation.	Up to \$1000 per project to support site preparation, planting and maintenance for direct seeding or planting of tubestock. Local Land Services will supply seed and/or seedlings.
Habitat augmentation	Installation of hollows will provide habitat for hollow dwelling fauna. Hollow logs provide protection from predators on the ground and are also habitat for various species of ground dwelling fauna.	Arranged by Local Land Services at no cost to the landholder.
Pest animal and pest plant control	Pest plant and animal control in the project area.	Up to \$50/ha capped at \$1,500, and up to 2 pig/goat traps on quotation.
Cultural heritage site assessment	Cultural site identification prior to on-ground works will ensure project activities will not cause damage to Aboriginal cultural sites.	Arranged by Local Land Services at no cost to the landholder.
Training and resources	Free information resources and workshops will be available to assist in the completion of the project and ongoing management.	

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, landholders must meet the following criteria:

- The project area must be located within the Central West Local Land Services region and within the targeted priority area, The fence must be stock proof and maintained in a stockproof condition for the duration of the 10-year agreement.
- Troughs must at a minimum be concrete with a fully enclosed valve chamber and must be maintained in operational condition for the life of the project.
- The applicant must comply with the project standards (see following pages).
- The applicant must have \$10 million public liability insurance.
- Non-payment of rates and other Local Land Services fees and accounts will result in application ineligibility.
- All project infrastructure works must be completed by **31 May 2023**.

Project standards

Project implementation timeframe. All project infrastructure works must be completed by 31 May 2023. Duration of agreement is 10 years.

Stock-proof fencing. Fences must be constructed with new materials and be maintained in a stock-proof condition for the duration of the agreement. Conventional fencing must be a minimum of 6 wires and electric fencing a minimum of 3 wires. No apron or barbed wire is to be used in the construction of the fence to ensure safe passage of wildlife. **Boundary fencing is ineligible for funding.**

Alternate stock water supply. Available only where stock access to water is removed due to project work. Funding is limited to a maximum of one alternative watering point per paddock affected. Troughs must at a minimum be concrete with a fully enclosed valve chamber and any polythene pipeline must be buried to prevent damage by fire or UV light. It is recommended that new water pipes and fittings are a minimum of 2 inch/ 50 mm internal diameter. Water infrastructure must be maintained for the duration of the agreement.

Supplementary planting and/or revegetation. Plant/seed establishment activities will be coordinated by Local Land Services, including purchase of seed and/or tubestock. A revegetation plan will be developed for the project site by Local Land Services and will include site design, species list, the position, width and length of the planting arrangement and site preparation requirements. Landholders will be required to organise their own site preparation, planting of tubestock and ongoing maintenance as per revegetation plan and advice from Local Land Services. Project areas containing revegetation are to have stock excluded for a minimum of three years to enable successful plant establishment.

Pest plant and pest animal control. All pest animals and pest plants must be controlled on the site for the duration of the agreement. Chemical control must only be with a registered herbicide and in accordance with the directions on the label. If spraying along riparian areas, only chemicals registered for use around waterways are permitted.

Cultural heritage survey. Cultural heritage sites identified within the project area will be maintained and protected. Project activities and ongoing site management must not cause damage to any known cultural heritage sites. Cultural heritage sites discovered within the project area will be recorded in the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System.

Management of project area for ground cover. Project areas must be managed to increase perennial plant

density and diversity. Groundcover is to be maintained at an average minimum level of 70% across the whole project area for the duration of the agreement. The grazing strategy employed should aim for 100% groundcover. Grazing is not to be undertaken during flowering and seed set during spring and summer. Strategic grazing to manage fire hazards or weeds is permitted if required. If undertaking revegetation, stock is to be excluded from the project area for three years after the completion of on ground works.

Minimise ground disturbance. The site should be managed to minimise ground disturbance that could lead to soil erosion for the duration of the agreement.

Habitat features. Dead standing, fallen timber and rocks are important habitat features and must be retained on the project site. Movement of these features within the site is permitted only if they present a hazard.

Permits and approvals. All relevant permits and approvals for farm water supply dams must be obtained from or approved by appropriate government agencies prior to the commencement of any works.

Legislative requirements. Applicants must comply with all legislative responsibilities imposed by any other relevant Act in developing and implementing the project.

Native Vegetation. Under the Local Land Services Act 2013, any land under this project area cannot be used as a set aside for the duration of the agreement term. The project area may be eligible to undertake Environmental Protection Works in accordance with the Local Land Services Act 2013 and will require an approved project variation.

Monitoring and evaluation. Applicants are required to adhere to and maintain monitoring records for the duration of the agreement, as per the Local Land Services monitoring program. Staff will establish monitoring sites and methods appropriate to your project.

Field day activities and access to the project site. The project site is to be made available for Local Land Services to conduct educational field day activities, provide information for case studies and allow access to Local Land Services staff and any associated contractors for the purposes of on-ground scientific monitoring for the duration of the project.