



Riparian Projects

Q: What is riparian vegetation?

A: Riparian vegetation is the vegetation that grows near the verges of rivers, streams, lakes, billabongs and wetlands, including floodplains.

Q: How close to the waterway can I go with my fence?

A: Fences can be constructed up to 50m near a waterway.

Q: Can I still graze the area if I fence it off?

A: Strategic or crash grazing to control rank growth and fire hazards is permitted, however stock need to be excluded during seed set periods and high flow events.

Q: My boundary is a creek; can I use it as one of the sides for my project?

A: Yes, if the water body forms an effective permanent barrier. However shallow or semi-permanent water bodies will allow neighbouring stock to enter the project area, reducing your ability to manage the project area according to your plan. This would be considered a risk. As this program encourages landscape-scale solutions, if more than one landholder works together to secure the landscape, such as fencing both sides of a waterway, then these projects may receive a higher score during assessment.

Q: If I fence off my side of the river, how will I water my stock?

A: You can apply for a maximum of two water points per project consisting of storage tank and trough, up to five kilometres of poly pipe and Local Land Services Western Region will pay up to \$6000 on a 2:1 ratio for a suitable pump.

Q: Can I apply for multiple projects?

A: You can only submit one proposal for a Total Grazing Pressure Project, however you may also submit one proposal for a Riparian Project.

Q: I've just purchased some fencing material and cleared some of the fence line; can I be reimbursed for items that I have already bought?

A: No, Local Land Services Western Region will not reimburse land managers for items already purchased, or works already completed. Applicants should not begin works until a contract has been issued and signed.

Q: My house block is near the river, can I include it inside my fence?

A: No, protecting the riparian vegetation will include reducing the impact of high traffic areas such as yards, house blocks and sheds.

Q: How much can I apply for?

A: There is no upper limit on how much you can apply for, however the project must be achievable within the allocated time frame. As a result, proposals seeking a contribution of \$50,000 or more from Local Land Services Western Region will be heavily scrutinised for the risk of incompleteness. Also note that the investment per hectare is considered during assessment.

Q: How do I know what my Western Lands Lease, Lot or DP numbers are?

A: You can usually find these numbers on the rates notice from Crown Lands or from your relevant Local Government. Note that these are not listed on your Local Land Services rates notice.

Q: I want to manage weeds, control pests and do some training but there doesn't seem to be anything in this program for these activities?

A: Refer to our Western Region Small Land Management Grants Program, which is continually open for applications for these types of activities.