

Early Needs Recovery Program



Stakeholder update | October 2023

The Early Needs Recovery Program has been working toward providing on-ground support and services to assist primary producers regain lost productivity following the severe weather and flood events in February and March 2022.

The program has achieved great outcomes, a survey of stakeholders in July showing the program is supporting primary producers to recover from the devastating floods with comments like 'the program so far has been invaluable to us'.

Not-for-profits fencing program

- **127,948 m** of flood damaged fences cleared, repaired and replaced
- **600** volunteers engaged to help primary producers
- **\$955,111** delivered to NFPs in grant funding

Industry grants program

- **51** awareness raising/ capacity building events with **820** participants
- **102** communication products developed
- **419** 1:1 landholder consultations with over 60 of the most flood impacted dairy farmers

Landscape pest, weed and disease control

- **4,201** weed inspections carried out throughout flood impacted regions
- **731** lab diagnostics tests conducted (soil, water, feed, pest) to help diagnose, treat and manage deficiencies
- **4,099 ha** of weed surveillance and control
- **27,185 ha** controlled for vertebrate pests
- **94** investigations for plant pests/disease

Extension activities

- **87** workshops and capacity building events with **7,844** participants
- **612** 1:1 landholder advice consultations providing technical advice and support.
- **40** water quality surveys



1,686

primary producers supported



\$3,240,535

grant funding awarded



13

primary industries supported



1,237

1:1 consultations with primary producers



140

awareness raising and capacity building events

Upcoming priorities

- Support the beef industry through the release of the Beef Fundamentals course developed in partnership with NSW DPI.
- Develop extension and advisory collateral in the way of videos and case studies for the ongoing support of impacted primary producers.

The Early Needs Recovery Program is part of the \$150 million Primary Industries Support Package which is co-funded by the Australian and NSW Governments.

More information

To find out more about the program scan the QR code or email recovery@lls.nsw.gov.au

