

PEST AND FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM ON CROWN LAND

The Department of Lands will provide funds in the 2008/09 year for integrated pest and feral animal control projects on Crown land and other land under the control of the department. This can include Crown land which is vacant, under short-term tenure or the control of community or corporate Trusts.

Project applications may be made to the Department of Lands by Rural Lands Protection Boards (RLPBs), Trusts, community groups or departmental staff. In any case, consultation with local Department of Lands staff in identification of the land and design of the project is essential.

Projects will be assessed according to the following criteria, which have been developed in close consultation with the State Council of Rural Lands Protection Boards:

- 1 Confirmation of the status of the land as Crown land or other land under the control of the Department of Lands.
- 2 Severity of the pest and feral animal problem and its potential to spread and/or degrade agricultural land, natural vegetation communities or the environment.
- 3 Project is compatible with State, Regional, catchment or local plans for targeted pest or feral animals.
- 4 Project demonstrates “best practice” in pest and feral animal management as recommended by the Vertebrate Pest Control Manual, Department of Primary Industries, NSW Pest Animal Council and Rural Lands Protection Boards.
- 5 Participation by neighbours, community groups or other land managers.
- 6 Project attracts contributions from agencies, Trusts, community groups or other parties either in cash or in kind.
- 7 There is a commitment by all stakeholders to implement follow up work to promote long term control of the identified pest or feral animal population.
- 8 The project promotes the effective management of Crown land or other land under the control of the Department of Lands.
- 9 If the project is continuing, satisfactory progress must be made and a report provided as to expenditure of the funds previously granted.

It is expected that successful applications will meet most of these criteria. Works projects which primarily benefit private landholders will not be funded and projects which do not lead to the decline of the targeted pest or feral animal species within a designated timeframe will not receive priority. Funds will be allocated to on-ground works rather than capital items e.g. computers.

Funds will only be approved under this program for one year at a time. Continuing funding for ongoing projects will be considered in subsequent years if satisfactory progress is made and funds are available.

Applications are to be submitted to the Department of Lands by C.O.B. 15th August 2008. Lodgement of applications by email to john.woods@lands.nsw.gov.au using the attached Microsoft Word application format is strongly encouraged. Enquiries or mailed or faxed applications should be directed to:

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APPLICATION FOR PEST AND FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL PROJECTS ON CROWN LAND AND OTHER LAND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

APPLICANT:

CONTACT PERSON: _____ **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** _____

ADDRESS:

PROJECT TITLE:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AREA AND THE CROWN LAND INVOLVED (location, status, area):

BACKGROUND:

PROJECT AIMS:

KEY ACTIVITIES:

BUDGET DETAILS:

Proposed Project Costs						
	\$ year one – 2008/09		\$ year two – 2009/10		\$ year three – 2010/11	
	In kind	From Fund	In kind	From Fund	In kind	From Fund
Works program						
Labour(details):						
Materials (details):						
Equipment (details):						
Contractors (details):						
Other (details):						
TOTALS:						

Note: Successful applicants will only receive funds for year one (2008/09) of the project. Funding for subsequent years is not guaranteed.

AMOUNT OF LANDS FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THE PROJECT:

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1 Which Department of Lands office and staff member have you consulted with about this project?
- 2 What is the severity of the pest or feral animal problem and its potential to spread to and/or degrade agricultural land, natural vegetation communities or the environment?
- 3 If there are State, Regional, catchment or local plans for the targeted pest or feral animal, what are they and how does the project contribute to achieving the aims of these plans?
- 4 Does the project contribute to achieving the aims of a Threat Abatement Plan for Key Threatening Processes or a Recovery Plan for threatened species under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995? If so, how?
- 5 Specify how the project will meet the standards of best practice in pest and feral animal management?
- 6 What is the expected level of control to be achieved within a designated timeframe?
- 7 Specify the other partners in the project and their commitment of resources in financial or other terms?
- 8 Outline the commitment of the stakeholders to follow-up control strategies once funds have been fully utilised.
- 9 How will the effectiveness of the project be monitored?
- 10 How will the project be promoted?

MAP

Please supply a map of the project area delineating the differing land tenures involved in the project when submitting this application.

REPORTING

If you received funds in 2007/08 for pest or feral animal control on Crown land or other Departmental land please report on progress made towards achieving the objectives of each project.