

Project Application Form



Brigalow Nandewar Biolinks
connecting communities, cattle, crops and creatures

Thank you for your interest in the Brigalow Nandewar Biolinks project. In order to progress your Expression of Interest to the next stage, some additional information is required.

Overview

The Brigalow Nandewar Biolinks project will attempt to connect the plains and the tablelands, spanning the catchment and strengthening the links between biodiversity and agriculture. The project has two main areas of interest:

- A focal '**Landscape Area**' approximately bounded by Moree, Edgeroi, Bingara and Gravesend (see map), and
- '**Riparian Areas**' including rivers, creeks and floodplains catchment wide.

Please select which category your application will fall under. (place a tick in one of the following)

- Landscape Area
- Riparian Areas

Partnership Agreement

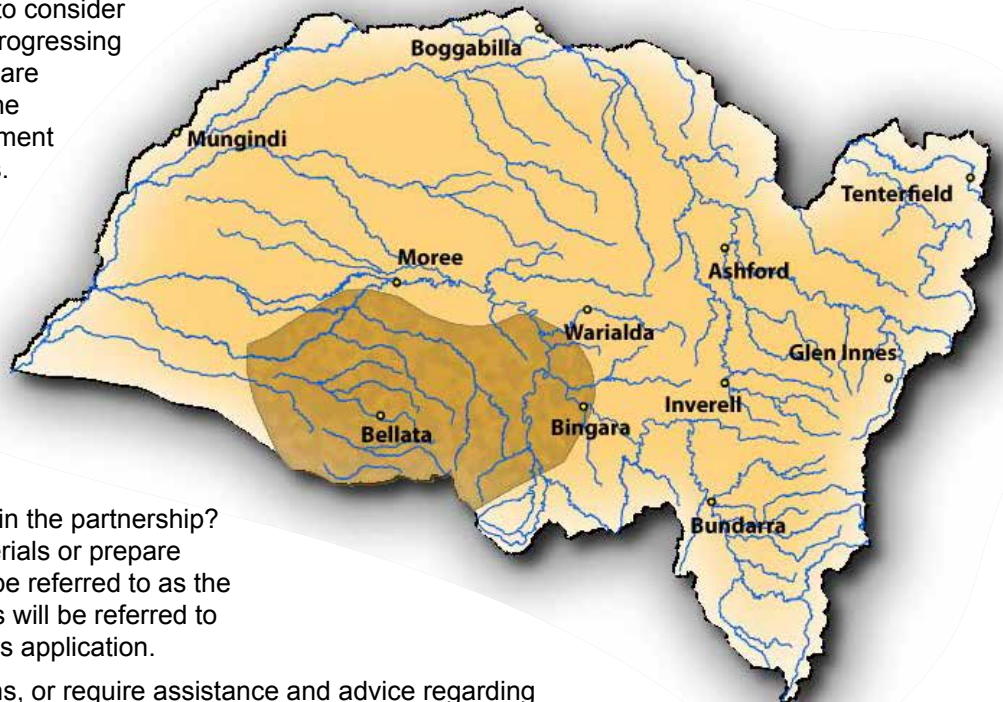
The CMA encourages all applicants to consider the following responsibilities before progressing any further. Partnership agreements are essentially a joint venture between the landholder and the CMA, with investment and responsibilities from both parties. To determine the parameters of this partnership, the CMA ask you to consider the following.

- What do you (the landholder) require from the CMA? (e.g. materials, seedlings, services, etc) This will be referred to as the **CMA Contribution**.
- What are you prepared to offer in the partnership? (e.g. labour to erect/install materials or prepare sites for planting, etc) This will be referred to as the **Landholder Contribution**. This will be referred to in more detail in Section 6 of this application.

If you have any questions or concerns, or require assistance and advice regarding your application, please do not hesitate in contacting **Martin Dillon** of the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA on **02 6773 5268**.

Client Details

Name of Applicant / Organisation:	
Contact Person:	
Name of property & road where works are to be carried out:	
Postal Address (if different to the above):	
Phone (BH):	Mobile:
Email:	
Signature:	Date:



Assessing Applications

The main goal of the Brigalow Nandewar Biolinks project is to enhance biodiversity and its contribution to production systems. Answers to the following questions will assist the CMA in assessing the eligibility of your proposal. Please take the time to provide as much relevant information as possible.

Place a in the box/s that best relate to your circumstances.

Are you the current legal owner of the land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have current Public Liability Insurance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have current Workers Compensation Insurance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section 1 - Site Description

Site details:

Number of sites involved (if more than one):

Total area of site/s (in hectares):

Place a in the box/s that best relate to your site(s).

- Revegetation services required?
 Yes No
- Looking to manage/enhance existing bushland?
 Yes No
- Pest animal problem present?
 Yes No
- Invasive weed problem present?
 Yes No

Site Description (current use):

Place a in the box/s that best relate to your site(s).

- Cropping Yes No
- Grazing Yes No
- Bushland Yes No
- Wetland Yes No

Section 2 - Project Description

Below are some examples of activities the CMA will be looking to assist landholders with. Tick any of the following boxes that best describe what you plan to do achieve/manage through your proposed works.

- Fencing bushland patches to manage stock grazing to maintain higher levels of groundcover and to encourage seed set and survival.
- Reducing isolated threats to paddock trees.
- Revegetation to create new bushland patches.
- Planting paddock trees to assist declining bird populations.
- Establishing wildlife corridors 15-100m wide, to create links between patches of remnant vegetation.
- Planting shelter belts 2-6 rows wide placed perpendicular to the prevailing or damaging winds.
- Roadside plantings to fill in gaps and increase connectivity for wildlife.
- Revegetating riparian buffers to increase biodiversity, stabilise banks and improve river health.
- Mid-paddock clumps to provide shade and shelter from wind and to provide rest stops for wildlife.
- Controlling invasive weeds to allow native plants to grow and survive.
- Controlling feral animals to minimise their impact on native flora, fauna, habitat and the spread of disease.
- Buffering bushland patches to make them bigger through natural regeneration.

Section 2 - continued

Please take the opportunity to describe in more detail your proposal.

(For example: I propose to increase a bush patch located close to Frasers Creek. This will involve a total area approximately 5.5ha (including 2km of the creek). Work will include revegetating a buffer zone 40m wide off Frasers Creek. To do this I propose long stem plantings along river banks, combined with traditional tubestock in less vulnerable areas. Other activities will include)

Section 3 - Location of proposed works

Provide an accurate diagram that helps show the nature and location of your works. Provide the following information:

- creeks / rivers (name if possible) in proximity to the project.
- infrastructure (sheds, yards, homestead).
- existing fence lines, pumps, troughs, tanks, dams, etc.
- roads.
- existing vegetation patches, crops, etc.
- location of proposed works.
- north arrow, map key (symbology description)

Section 4 - Budget and Project Breakdown

A budget will need to be determined before the project can start with a sharing of costs and responsibilities between the landholder and CMA. For the purpose of this proposal, please complete the following table listing all activities and indicating if the activity will be 'Landholder Contribution' or 'CMA Contribution'.

Please note that all revegetation work (direct seeding / tubestock plantings) will be performed by professional services engaged by the CMA.

Please consider any 'Opportunity Costs' for the area of ground you are proposing for revegetation. Consider the dollars per hectare profit you would normally generate if the land was left under production (cropping or grazing). The CMA will recognise this value as part of the Landholders contribution towards the project.

Example:

Description of Activity	Landholder Contribution	CMA Contribution	Area (ha)	Length (m / km)	Estimate Cost (\$)
Labour - site preparation (slashing / spraying / ripping in advance of planting - 15 hours at \$? per hour)	✓		2.5 ha		\$
Revegetation services (5 rows 600m long each - 3km total)		✓	2.5 ha	3km	\$
Opportunity costs (\$?/ha per year)	✓		2.5 ha		\$
Materials - to fence site and to manage stock access (Steel posts, 4 plain, 2 barb)		✓		750 m	\$
Labour to install fence (\$?/km)	✓			750 m	\$

Your Project:

Description of Activity	Landholder Contribution	CMA Contribution	Area (ha)	Length (m / km)	Estimate Cost (\$)

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Section 4 - Continued

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Business Details

The following details will be required in the event of your application is successful.

Legal/Entity Name:
Trading Name:
ABN:
GST Registered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Business Address:

Bank Details

Bank:
Branch:
BSB:
Account No:
Account Name:

Property Management Training

Have you undertaken a Property Planning course? (includes Property Management Planning, Landscan, etc)

Yes No

If no, would you be interested in undertaking a free Property Planning course with this CMA?

Yes No

Have you had previous projects with the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA or Landcare?

Yes No

Submitting Your Application

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and for providing the CMA with your information. Applicants will be contacted once all applications have been reviewed.

**Applications close for the current round:
Friday 26th July 2013**

To submit your application either email it to:

drew.mccudden@cma.nsw.gov.au

or post it to:

**Attn: Drew McCudden
Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA
PO Box 411, Inverell NSW 2360**