

LMD CMA FACT SHEET No 045

LMD CMA RABBIT CONTROL FUNDING

Coordinated by RMAP and RLPB

ELIGIBILITY

- All landholders within the LMD Catchment are eligible to apply for this funding.
- Areas of land previously treated (for rabbit control) using government funds are not eligible for further funding.
- The LMD CMA provides funding to eligible landholders on a dollar for dollar (1:1) basis.
- Landholder contributions can include rabbit and harbour destruction (with approved equipment), marking out warrens and monitoring rabbit populations before and after.
- LMD CMA rabbit control funding is not available on land designated for LMD CMA Conservation Reserve Schemes or Sustainable Grazing Schemes (where rabbit control is specified in the agreement).

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Form

If you would like to apply for Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority (LMD CMA) rabbit control funding please do the following;

1. Read through the application form,
2. Fill out as much of the form as you can (all of the form if possible),
3. Contact Phil Baird or Trevor Ablett to arrange for a property visit.

Property Visit

During the property visit Phil or Trevor will;

1. Inspect the areas proposed for control works to determine eligibility,
2. Inspect machinery and equipment for eligibility,
3. Discuss the application form with the landholder and assist with the completion of the form.

Check Database

Following the property visit, RMAP will check the areas proposed to be treated against records of areas previously treated using government funds. Eligible applications will be approved immediately provided sufficient funds are available through the LMD CMA to complete the proposed project.

Funding Available

Although there are currently limited funds available through the CMA for rabbit control works, RMAP and RLPB encourage landholders to complete an application form if they are interested in receiving funding to assist with rabbit control works. When the currently available funding is exhausted, the outstanding applications that RMAP and RLPB have received from landholders can be used to encourage the LMD CMA to set aside further funds for rabbit control works in future years.

LMD CMA Management Agreement

A Management Agreement between the Landholder and the LMD CMA will need to be signed by both parties after approval of the application and prior to on ground works beginning.

The estimated hectares and warrens to be ripped will be used as a guide only. Landholders and contractors will be paid based on the project budget on page 7. ie. Stop ripping once these hours have been accrued regardless of the warrens or hectares ripped.

INSPECTION OF COMPLETED WORKS

The landholder and contractor should provide a complete tax invoice to Phil or Trevor at the completion of works. Once the invoices are received an inspection of the completed works will be undertaken. RMAP will then arrange for the LMD CMA to make payment on the authorised invoices.

TAX INVOICES AND GST

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

If a business is registered for GST the Tax Invoice must include a GST amount.

If a business is **not** registered for GST then a GST amount must **not** be included on the Tax Invoice and a "Statement of Supplier" must be attached with the invoice. A "Statement of Supplier" pro-forma can be obtained from the Australian Taxation Office website.

Tax Invoices

A complete Tax Invoice must contain the following information:

1. The Entity's (Farm or Contractor Business) Trading Name
2. The Entity's ABN
3. The words "Tax Invoice"
4. The GST amount (if the farm or contractor business is registered for GST)
5. Who the invoice is made out to "Lower Murray Darling CMA"
6. The Management Agreement number (eg. 17 MA2 00001) as appearing in handwriting on the top of the signed Management Agreement.

CONTACT DETAILS

Phil Baird

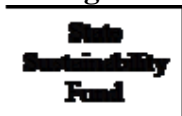
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Funding source:



LOWER MURRAY DARLING CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY RABBIT CONTROL - APPLICANT DETAILS

Last Name _____ Given Name(s) _____

Property Name _____

Property Address _____ Town _____

Postal Address <input type="checkbox"/>	same as above	(Tick or provide details below)

1. Applicant. (Please tick the applicable box below.)

Landholder <input type="checkbox"/>	Family member <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Details</i> _____
Joint owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Manager <input type="checkbox"/>	
Spouse/Partner <input type="checkbox"/>	Employee <input type="checkbox"/>	

2. Payment of CMA grant funds by electronic funds transfer (EFT) direct to your bank account is recommended (Payment by EFT will be faster than by cheque). If you require payment by electronic funds transfer, please tick below and complete your bank account details.

YES (please provide details below)	Pay By Cheque
Bank _____ Branch _____ BSB _____ Account No. _____ Account Name _____	

3. Your contact details

Phone () _____	Mobile _____
Fax () _____	Email _____

4. Farm Business Enterprise

Trading Name _____ ABN _____

I can provide a complete Tax Invoice. (See notes on page 2 about the requirements of a complete Tax Invoice)	YES/NO	I am registered for GST. (If not see page 2.)	YES/NO
RLPB _____			

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

5. Have you included a property plan on either A3 or A4 paper in your application that shows areas that you plan to treat?

YES

NO

6. Do you intend to use monitoring methods on the project site including both the CMA photo points and spotlight counts? For information regarding monitoring procedures contact Phil Baird at RMAP.

YES

NO

(Monitoring time can be included as in-kind contribution)

(Refer to question 8)

7. With this project, what percent reduction in the rabbit population will you achieve in each treated paddock?

8. Describe how you will determine how successful your project has been? (eg. We will record percentage of warrens re-opened one month and twelve months after ripping).

9. Will this be the first amount of government funding you have received to undertake rabbit control works on the harbour/warrens proposed in this application?

YES

NO

(Areas (ie. Harbour and warrens) where rabbits have been previously controlled using government funds are not eligible for this CMA funding.)

10. What technique/s do you intend to use?

Ripping

Fumigation

Baiting

Rodex Fumigation

Other: (specify) _____

If you do not intend to use ripping, you must contact project officer to discuss your proposal.

11. Do you intend to use?

Contractor

Contractors Name: _____

Your own machine

PROJECT BUDGET

Outline your project budget. The marking of warrens, monitoring and control works done by the Landholder can be used as In-kind contribution @ \$30 per hr (includes labour, vehicle and consumable costs). Amounts must be **GST exclusive**.

Activity	Landholder hours (In-kind contribution)	Landholder rate (\$/hr)	In-kind Total	Landholder cash contribution	Landholder Total (In-kind + cash)	CMA Contribution Requested (not more than Landholder Total)
Rabbit Harbour Destruction / Rabbit Control						
		\$30				
		\$30				
		\$30				
		\$30				
CMA funds requested						
Sub Total						

Notes:

The following times and rates should be used as a guide only:

1. For marking out allow approximately one hour per 30 warrens.
2. a) For photo-point monitoring allow three hours per site (ie. one hour per photo-point monitoring event); and
 b) For spotlight counts allow five hours for the pre-control count, five hours for the one month post-control count and five hours for the twelve months post-control count (ie. 1.5 hours for each spotlighting event – see pages 13 & 14 in “Western Division Rabbit Control” booklet). In total **15 hours** could be allocated for spotlight monitoring one area.
3. When considering what area of warrens can be ripped within your budget, the following Contractor rates can be used as a guide:
 - a) \$100 -\$170/hr (150 – 300 Hp); or
 - b) \$8-\$10/warren, and
 - c) up to 8 warrens per hour may be ripped (if all is going well!).

APPLICANT DECLARATION

I _____ of _____ declare:
PRINT NAME PROPERTY/STATION

1. The information that I have provided in this application is complete and correct.
2. I will undertake monitoring as described in the project timetable and provide the results to the CMA.
3. I will undertake follow-up work as described in the project timetable.

Signed: _____ Date: _____/_____/2008

Send your application form and property plan to either:

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