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2006-2007 INCENTIVES NOW CLOSED

A record number of landholders have applied for natural resource management incentives. These incentives have been applied by the landholder to on-ground works to improve the natural resources in the Lower Murray Darling Catchment Authority's 2006-2007 Incentive Program.

The 2006-2007 Incentive program offered landholders financial incentives to improve the natural resources of their area through conservation farming, threatened species identification, groundcover management, natural resource management including invasive native scrub control, pest management, riparian and water quality improvements and, environmentally significant areas.

"Despite prolonged drought conditions, interest shown in this Incentive Program has increased steadily each year" said Mr Mark King, LMD CMA Chair.

"There is a growing awareness within the community of improvements being undertaken at a local level and the benefits of working in partnership with the LMD CMA" he said.

Recently landholders have submitted applications on the obsolete 2006-2007 Incentive Application form, which cannot be accepted.

Now that the 2006-2007 Incentive Program is fully subscribed, landholders need not fear of having missed out on essential funding dollars.

Over the past few months, the LMD CMA have re-assessed the Incentive Program subjects and the assessment process by an appropriate specialised technical panel. This will mean a faster turn-around as well as ensuring that the projects approved for funding will result in the best on-ground improvements possible.

A new 2008-2009 Incentive Program will be announced in the coming weeks that will again provide landholders with funding opportunities. It is envisaged that the standard of applications will remain high and representative of a good geographic spread across the catchment.

Landholders are urged to frequently visit the LMD CMA website (www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au) for the new announcement or contact Susan Walla (Education Facilitator/Media) on 03 5021 9460 to ensure that their landholder contact details are correct to receive the news via email.

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