

# Media Release



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### **NEW ROUND OF FUNDING IN THE LMD CATCHMENT Landholders Get \$\$\$ to Improve their Total Grazing Pressure**

Total Grazing Pressure (TGP) and sustainable grazing incentives are now available for a short time for NSW Lower Murray Darling Catchment landholders interested in improving the management of their land through water point management, rabbit and goat control, stock containment and sustainable grazing projects.

Landholders can seek funding in order to maintain condition of native vegetation have until **30 January 2009** to complete and submit an application form to LMD CMA.

Chair of the Lower Murray Darling CMA, Mark King, says anyone in the Catchment is eligible to apply.

“If you are in the rangelands and want to assist us to achieve our CAP targets by improving the condition of native vegetation communities, then landholders should contact the LMD CMA” he said.

“Every landholder needs to be prepared to face the future by developing a sustainable grazing plan, improving water point management, installing goat traps in conjunction with exclusion fencing and to monitor and remove rabbits. Ensuring that landholders maintain condition of the native vegetation on their properties is very important. This can simply be done by restricting livestock grazing in any one area and stock containment facilities are the way to do this.”

“The availability of this short-term LMD CMA incentive becomes a worthy contribution to your property’s ability to help reduce grazing pressure and to maintain the 40% minimum ground cover that assists in the recovery of vegetation” he said.

“No two properties, or no two paddocks or two projects are ever the same. The LMD CMA will be able to provide financial funding to assist landholders in establishing more effective management practices on their properties.”

Guidelines and application form are available now by calling 03 5021 9460 or visiting [www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au)

As well as administering incentive funding for on-ground works and training, LMD CMA will assist local people to set the direction for natural resource management through the Catchment Action Plan, manage native vegetation and undertaken and coordinate broad-scale projects that are essential for the health of the Catchment.

LMD CMA staff will be available to assist landholders to develop a project and to fill in the application form. Site visits to assist landholders to identify suitable areas will also be available.

Further information can be viewed on our website at [www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au) Fact sheet No.51. If you require further information or a copy of the guidelines and application forms, phone the LMD CMA on 03 5021 9460.

**Applications close: COB Friday 30 January 2009**

Please note that the LMD CMA office will be closed for the Festive Season break from 12noon on 24 December 2008 and reopen on Thursday 8 January 2009.

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