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Border Rivers and Maranoa/Balonne Catchments

Strategic weed and pest animal action in the Border Rivers and Maranoa Balonne Catchments (\$290,000, 2003-04)

The project focus is on minimising the impact of weeds and pest animals in the Border Rivers and Maranoa Balonne Catchments through better management practices.

Saving our soils (\$115,000, 2003-04)

This project's aim is to encourage landholders to implement better soil conservation practices. This will help cut the loss of soil nutrients by keeping the soil where it's needed - on the farm - and reduce the sediment levels in local streams.

Improving water use efficiency (\$185,000, 2003-04)

This project involves providing incentives to irrigators in Queensland's part of the Murray Darling Basin to accelerate implementation of water use efficiency measures.

Strategic management of parthenium weed and weed seed spread in the Border Rivers and Maranoa Catchments (\$175,500, 2004-05)

The project aims to reduce the spread of parthenium — a Weed of National Significance — in the Murray-Darling Basin. It will capitalise on the success of existing prevention and control strategies, and also put in place management strategies and codes of practice that will continue to reduce the spread of parthenium.

Demonstration of a sustainable production incentives process for NRM planning groups (\$331,000, 2004-05)

Working with several sub-catchment planning groups, the project will demonstrate how practical targeting of key issues can encourage the use of sustainable farming and grazing practices, and improve sustainability.

Monitoring for good on farm practice (\$88,900, 2004-05)

The project aims to increase monitoring at the property and sub-catchment level, which is lacking in current regional, NRM planning processes. At the same time, it will make certain community-based monitoring benchmarks and protocols exist to ensure data quality, documentation for the benchmarks and protocols, and local tools are available to assist in the interpretation of data for use by landholders.

New England North West Landcare Adventure (\$9,850, 2004-05)

The project will contribute to the 2005 New England North West Landcare Adventure, a two-day event of information sessions and hands-on activities for landcare networks from the tablelands and slopes of northern NSW and southern Queensland. It will provide participants with new skills and knowledge to take back to their local areas.

Sustainability of agriculture on Indigenous managed lands near St George and Dirranbandi through targeted on-ground works (\$54,000, 2004-05)

The project aims to demonstrate to Indigenous communities the benefits of working together to identify problems, seek solutions and implement on-ground change leading to improved agricultural sustainability. It will engage local Indigenous communities through participation and implementation of sustainable on-ground works on land managed by them to improve their NRM skills.

Farm Management Systems (FMS) - Demonstration of an approach to improve NRM on mixed enterprise properties in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin (\$180,000, 2004-05)

The project will assess the applicability of the Queensland Farmer's Federation Farm Management System approach to selected mixed enterprise properties across the region. It will provide a strategic sub-catchment and property planning process for mixed farming enterprises and their operations.

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Burdekin

Revitalisation of landcare on the Burdekin Dry Tropics coastal plain (\$120,000, 2003-04; \$180,000, 2004-05; \$170,000, 2005-06)

The project will support a local grants scheme, with particular focus on best management practices, grazing, pest plant and animal management, and field days and workshops.

Piloting the Australian Landcare Management System (ALMS) - Environmental Management System (EMS) approach to improved natural resource management in the Belyando-Suttor and Bowen-Broken Catchments (\$82,500, 2003-04)

ALMS is a voluntary, on-farm and independently audited environmental management system. This project will provide landholders within the Belyando-Suttor and Bowen-Broken sub-catchments of the Burdekin Dry Tropics Region with the opportunity to implement an integrated approach to managing their impact on the environment.

Desert Uplands on-ground landcare support (\$90,000, 2003-04)

This project will provide landcare groups in the Desert Uplands Region with funding to improve their land management practices by targeting specific issues and solutions identified by the region's landcare groups.

Strategic Partnership Incentives for Revitalising Landcare (SPIRAL) in the Burdekin Rangelands, north Queensland (\$258,360, 2004-05; \$330,200, 2005-06; \$330,200, 2006-07)

The project will encourage 20 sub-catchment Landcare groups throughout the Burdekin Rangelands to further develop their landcare activities. It will also target landholders not previously involved and small rural block holders. Other activities include targeted on-ground works, providing grazing land management training and computerised property mapping skills, and supporting the use and adoption of paddock-based land condition monitoring tools by landholders.

Tackling degraded lands in the Bowen/Broken/Bogie sub-catchment (\$249,696, 2007-08)

Through a property management planning (PMP) framework, this project will increase the capacity, capability and skills of producers which are integral to developing PMPs. The project will include a staged, costed action plan to deal with soil loss, best management practices, integrating natural resource management into property plans and producer demonstration sites.

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Burnett Mary

Regional landholder ownership of sustainable land-use issues and solutions (\$311,440, 2003-04)

This project will focus on providing training to increase awareness, and the adoption, of sustainable agricultural practices by landcare members, landholders and land managers (including local government) through field days, workshops and information kits.

Coloma Landcare and Rivercare Facilitation Project (\$17,490, 2004-05)

The project will help develop, fund, deliver and report on community-based NRM projects, including liaising with stakeholders, council officers and state agencies, and promoting best practice through the Gympie & District Landcare Group.

Regional landholder ownership of sustainable land use solutions and implementation (\$339,260, 2004-05; \$170,000, 2005-06; \$169,995, 2006-07)

This project involves a collaboration of 15 landcare groups (known as the Burnett Mary Regional Landcare Partnership), and will use local field days and workshops to promote sustainable agriculture and landcare farming. It will build on existing landholder and local government knowledge and skills.

Implementation of sustainable animal waste re-use and recycling on dairy farms, piggeries, beef feedlots and chicken farms (\$274,708, 2005-06)

This project involves best management practices for managing animal waste across three NRM regions and four industry sectors (dairy, chicken, intensive beef and pork). The project will provide opportunities for producers to enhance their decision-making as well as on-farm technical support to develop an action plan.

Western Mary Sub-catchments grazing landscapes project (\$172,375, 2005-06)

This project involves helping graziers improve their productivity and sustainability, and to integrate the management and rehabilitation of wetlands and riparian zones into their property management planning processes (targeting land, nutrient, sediment, chemical and salinity issues), on a whole-of-landscape scale in the Munna, Wide Bay and Widgee sub-catchments.

Western Mary sub-catchments grazing landscapes project (\$192,700, 2007 08)

This project will assist grazing landholders—particularly those in the peri-urban grazing landscape in sub-catchments adjacent to the Munna, Wide Bay and Widgee (in the Glastonbury, Mrytle, Ooramera, Benarige sub-catchments)—to improve productivity and sustainability of their grazing management systems, and to integrate the management and rehabilitation of wetlands and riparian zones into their property management processes, on a whole of landscape scale.

Technology for more productive, sustainable horticultural and cane-growing systems (\$67,980, 2007-08)

This project will provide an on-ground demonstration of the practicability, productivity and sustainability of cropping systems using precise permanent wheel lanes to reduce soil disturbance. This will capitalise on the recent provision of global positioning system (GPS) infrastructure for precision GPS guidance in this region, and help replace existing monocultures.

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Cape York Peninsula

Building a landcare ethic within Cape York Peninsula (\$137,500, 2003-04)

The region is remote, and local natural resource managers have limited access to the range of ideas, innovations and management approaches needed to boost their sustainability and profitability. This project involves establishing a Landcare Resource Centre, holding small forums in key regional townships and communities as part of a landcare road show, and establishing a Landcare Education Exchange project to promote the sharing of ideas and solutions.

Supporting the development of sustainable grazing management systems on Cape York Peninsula (\$100,400, 2003-04; \$80,000, 2006-07; \$80,000, 2007-08)

Grazing management has been identified as a key issue for the health of tropical savannas. This project involves employing a skilled Sustainable Grazing Support Officer; undertaking a Grazing Management Survey to get a snapshot of current management practices; and implementing a Best Practices Model with a group of neighbouring enterprises.

Targeting landcare initiatives in practice on Cape York Peninsula (\$138,300, 2005-06; \$138,462, 2006-07)

This project will build on the success of an earlier NLP-funded project — Innovation in Rehabilitation Processes on Cape York Pastoral Land. It will continue to tackle the NRM issues identified in the Cape York Peninsula NRM Plan and the Cape York Peninsula Land Use Strategy (CYPLUS) Stage 2.

Continuing the landcare ethic within Cape York Peninsula (\$104,750, 2005-06; \$105,645, 2006-07)

This project will continue the job of examining the key impediments to improving natural resource management on Cape York Peninsula. It will build on the success of a previous NLP project — Building a Landcare Ethic in Cape York Peninsula.

Development of a strategic approach to weed management on Kaanju Homelands (\$84,950, 2005-06; \$84,855, 2006-07; \$84,855, 2007-08)

This project aims to develop an integrated, strategic approach to managing weeds on 840,000 ha around the Wenlock and Pascoe Rivers in central Cape York Peninsula. It will bring together Indigenous and non-Indigenous land managers in an effort to ensure sustainable outcomes for the environment and the pastoral industry, and people living and working in the area.

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Condamine Catchment

Implementation Extension to the Integrated Area-Wide Management Program (\$300,000, 2003-04)

There are three components to this project: managing weeds, improving pasture and infiltration rate/soil condition management in grazing lands, and more efficient water use.

Saving our Soil: better soil and land management practices on dairy farms within the Condamine Catchment (\$107,000, 2004-05; \$180,000, 2005-06)

The project will help dairy farmers throughout the Condamine Catchment increase their profitability, competitiveness and sustainability by taking up improved on-farm soil and land management practices. It will focus on the links between on-farm practices and the end-of-valley NRM targets, and the priority NRM issues identified in the draft Condamine Catchment NRM Plan.

Capacity building for improved management of Indigenous lands in the Condamine Catchment (\$65,000, 2004-05)

The project aims to improve the management of local Indigenous lands by developing and implementing an appropriate training program in a culturally friendly manner with Indigenous land owners and managers. Skills to manage natural resources on their land will be enhanced, allowing them to undertake the ongoing management of culturally significant sites across the catchment as well as passing the skills on to other community members.

Capacity building of land managers in the sustainable management of natural resources (\$94,600, 2004-05)

The Chinchilla District Landcare Group aims to add two more sub-catchment groups to the current five. It will also implement integrated area-wide management, increase learning, group planning and participation opportunities, develop the Chinchilla Landcare Future Ag group, and increase communication and information sharing.

Clifton Pest and Weed Show (\$17,240, 2004-05)

The Central Downs Landcare group will hold a two-day expo highlighting pests and weeds management in September 2005, capitalising on the February 2003 inaugural Clifton Pest and Weed Show's reputation and image. The show will demonstrate the impacts of pests and weeds on natural resource management and agricultural production for rural, peri-urban and urban communities.

Use of intensive animal production waste by-products for broad-acre crop production in the Darling Downs (\$32,000, 2004-05)

The project will encourage and assist landholders to adopt and manage effective use of waste manures from intensive livestock as a substitute for commercial mineral fertilisers in the eastern Darling Downs. Landholder groups, including the Clifton Allora Top Crop group, will collaborate to assess the appropriate types of waste manure, tillage methods and application rates on pilot sites.

Activity in Warwick Shire (\$52,769, 2004-05)

The project will address strategic NRM issues in this area in the Condamine Headwaters. Activities proposed include riparian fencing, targeted revegetation and pasture establishment, and the use of water efficient delivery and storage infrastructure.

Sustainable land management through partnerships and spatial information technology (\$172,155, 2004-05, \$145,000, 2005-06; \$151,680, 2006-07)

The project will improve the capacity of landholders in three production areas of the north eastern Darling Downs to develop and implement property and local area action plans based on improved knowledge of sustainable agricultural and NRM processes. The project will use a participatory approach to planning through coordinated Geographical Information Systems property planning techniques together with a developed sub-catchment planning process.

Sustainable soil and land management at sub-catchment level (\$50,000, 2004-05)

The project will offer eastern Darling Downs landholders a coordinated process to improve their property management by incorporating more sustainable land use and NRM practices. Activities will include improving the soil health of degraded country, returning cropping country to deep-rooted perennial pasture, planting demonstration fodder tree plots, encouraging the use of current recommended practices for pest and weed control and land management, and extending biodiversity corridors in salinity prone areas.

Aligning production outcomes with coordinated NRM within the Aubigny catchment (\$45,000, 2004-05; \$50,000, 2005-06; \$55,650, 2006-07)

The project will address several NRM issues raised as priorities through community consultation within the Aubigny Catchment area. Activities proposed include strategic weed control, fencing and revegetation, erosion control, catchment soil conservation and management of overland flows.

Implementation of floodplain management priorities in the Upper Condamine floodplain (\$208,300, 2005-06)

This project involves implementing management priorities identified during community consultation in two key areas of the Upper Condamine River floodplain. It will also draw on information gained over the past six years developing the Brigalow Jimbour Management Plan.

Protecting the soil resource of the Condamine floodplain (\$166,700, 2007-08)

This project will address the priority natural resource management issues of water erosion, fertility decline, water quality, structure degradation, organic matter decline and waterlogging in the key agricultural area of the Condamine floodplain. It will create new partnerships, and strengthen existing ones, for building the capacity of landholders and implementing targeted on-ground works to conserve and sustainably manage the soil resource.

Implementing best management practice in grazing lands in the Condamine catchment (\$300,000, 2007-08)

This project will utilise an eco-tendering process to improve resource condition and land management practices and achieve priority resource condition outcomes in targeted areas across the Condamine catchment.

Improving the sustainability of intensive industries in the Condamine catchment (\$376,300, 2007-08)

This project will horticultural growers' to improve their production-based outcomes, by implementing practical, on-ground techniques that address sustainable agriculture and natural resource management, and increasing their knowledge about these issues. Promoting involvement and engagement of the horticulture industry in Landcare will also be a key component.

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Desert Channels

On-ground landcare support project (\$360,000, 2003-04)

This project has a strong emphasis on better managing weeds and encouraging greater involvement by volunteers. It will also focus on a range of sustainable grazing issues, such as fencing off riparian areas and better pest management.

Integrated planning and on-ground action for the Desert Channels region (\$330,000, 2004-05)

The project will primarily support landholders in landcare on-ground activities and stimulate community engagement. It will use small amounts of the funding for advertising, promotion, assessment, monitoring and evaluation, and to support planning and skills development.

Protecting Our Future sustainable production, integrated planning and on-ground works (\$400,000, 2005-06; \$300,000, 2006-07)

This project aims to encourage the use of land management practices that enhance sustainable production and increase their use on properties across the Desert Channels Region.

Desert Channels Queensland National Landcare drought round (\$300,000, 2007-08)

This project will address the impact the past seven years of drought has had on natural resource management (NRM) in the region. Land and water themed projects will progress two major targets identified by the community in the Desert Channels Queensland 'Protecting our Assets' NRM plan.

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Fitzroy Basin

Supporting community adoption of sustainable resource management in the Fitzroy Region (\$298,955, 2003-04)

The project will support communities in the Fitzroy region to adopt sustainable farming and resource management practices through a range of activities, including trials, educational campaigns and skills development. This will help implement the targets identified in the Central Queensland Strategy for Sustainability 2.

Injune District Landcare activities (\$5,610, 2004-05)

This project will support six issues of Upper Dawson community NRM newsletters, and support other learning opportunities addressing priority NRM issues including pasture, vegetation, pest and weed management.

Promoting NRM in the Dawson Catchment (\$3,676, 2004-05)

The project will focus on sharing NRM information between the landcare community, land managers, government and industry in the Dawson Catchment's three sub-catchments. They will share information exchange through a Landcare diary newsletter published three times a year and by accessing land managers through the monthly updated [Dawson Catchment Information Network](#).

Water quality - Community ownership (\$33,485, 2004-05)

The Taroom Shire Landcare Group will undertake community-based water quality monitoring, support the development and application of water quality modelling, and distribute information on improved management practices throughout the Upper Dawson River Catchment.

Current technologies for urban and rural land management action (\$9,450, 2004-05)

The project will enhance the skills of landholders and the community to use environmentally friendly land management, and water monitoring and water management practices through learning opportunities and training. It will also encourage improved communication between the region's Landcare networks.

Increasing the use of sustainable farm forestry practices in the upper Fitzroy Basin in Central Queensland (\$90,787, 2004-05)

The project will provide resources to landholders by several means, including field days, workshops and property visits for individuals and small groups to build their capacity to incorporate farm forestry as a complementary production system.

Working Together to create profitable grazing businesses by improving ecological health, to control grazing pressure through riparian and land type management (\$125,000, 2004-05)

This project will support the implementation of a continuous improvement system approach for land management involving multiple enterprise participation on a catchment basis. Six landholder families from two separate Landcare groups will work together to implement best practice land management to achieve improved economic and environmental outcomes. Contact: Kay Morris, Morinish Landcare Group, 07 4934 5115

Softwood Scrub Regeneration Project (\$15,300, 2004-05)

This project will support softwood scrub regeneration on land owned by Anglo Coal in the Callide Valley, whilst learning more about the re-establishment of softwood scrub by broadscale direct seeding. It will also support the non-profit supply of local trees to other Landcare and Community Groups within the Fitzroy Basin.

CI-Net — Piloting the use of a telemetry network from sustainable production in the Comet Catchment (\$135,000, 2005-06; \$25,000, 2006-07; \$25,000, 2007-08)

This project involves landholders in the Comet Catchment establishing a telemetry network to benchmark, monitor and improve their production and natural resource management practices.

Re-invigorating the Central Queensland (CQ) Landcare Network (\$114,500, 2005-06; \$117,500; \$120,000, 2007-08)

This project aims to encourage greater networking and interaction among the various landcare groups across the Fitzroy Basin. The idea is to share ideas, skills and knowledge.

Improving spray management through the piloting of the grains BMP (\$150,000, 2007-08)

This project will improve spray management within dryland farming systems by helping landholders with the grains best management practices (BMP) process. This project will trial the first module (spray management) of the grains BMP and link it to the Fitzroy Basin Association's catchment targets and incentive scheme. The process will involve guiding groups of farmers through a self-assessment tool to assess landholders' current spray management, and action planning to identify ways to improve spray management practices. The action plan will help landholders to access appropriate training, consultants and incentives to improve on-farm spray management practices.

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Mackay Whitsundays

Sustainable landscapes program in the Pioneer Catchment (\$104,275, 2004-05)

This project will target the highest priority sustainable practices in both agricultural production and natural environment systems in the Pioneer Catchment. Cane farming, grazing native vegetation management and weeds will be particular areas targeted.

Sustainable Landscapes Program in the Sarina Catchment (\$104,275, 2004-05)

This project will target the highest priority sustainable practices in agricultural production and natural environment systems in the Sarina Catchment. It will particularly target cane farming, grazing native vegetation management and weeds.

Sustainable landscapes program in the Whitsunday Catchment (\$121,451, 2004-05)

The project will target the highest priority sustainable practices in agricultural production and natural environment systems in the Whitsunday Catchment. It will particularly target cane farming, grazing native vegetation management and weeds.

Increasing the use of sustainable farm forestry practices in the Mackay Whitsunday region (\$83,700, 2004-05)

The project will promote farm forestry as a complementary production system delivering triple bottom line benefits from investment in farm forestry.

The Sustainable Landscape Program NLP 2005-2006 (\$300,000, 2003-04; \$300,000, 2005-06; \$300,000, 2006-07; \$300,000, 2007-08)

This project aims to accelerate the use of sustainable management practices throughout the Mackay Whitsunday region, and will focus on sugarcane growing, grazing, native vegetation, fish habitats and stormwater management. The aim is to deliver lasting change — within the area and also in downstream ecosystems.

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Northern Gulf

Management incentives for farming, grazing and freshwater fisheries in the Northern Gulf (\$160,500, 2003-04)

This project involves providing grants to local graziers, farmers and fishers to help them implement more sustainable management practices. The grant scheme will be linked to local farm and fishery management plans.

Wetland management model combining production and conservation outcomes - Mutton Hole Wetlands (\$51,000, 2003-04)

This project involves using the Mutton Hole Wetlands as a case study on how a large grazing enterprise can manage wetlands for conservation and production values.

Images of the Northern Gulf - providing satellite imagery for land managers (\$204,000, 2004-05)

The project will enable land managers to use property-scale satellite imagery to implement sustainable grazing management practices. Access to satellite imagery will allow them to accurately plan developments to ensure sustainable management of pastures and soils.

Management Incentives for grazing enterprises in the Northern Gulf (\$165,000, 2004-05)

The project will help land managers protect high-priority land types at risk of uncontrolled grazing. Funding will be linked to property management plans to ensure it assists in implementing identified long-term targets.

Management incentives to improve land condition on highly productive grazing lands within the Northern Gulf (\$171,000, 2005-06; \$180,000, 2007-08)

This project involves providing incentives to improve the condition of highly productive pastoral lands by better managing grazing pressure. The aim is to boost the productivity and sustainability of the north Queensland cattle industry and, in the process, help to strengthen local communities.

Farm planning and implementation of sustainable production practice (\$175,000, 2005-06)

This project aims to help farming bodies develop, or further integrate, sustainable resource planning and best practice management on intensive farm lands in the headwaters of the Mitchell River. The project will also provide individual farms with incentives to implement management practices that reduce sediment and nutrient loads to local streams and rivers.

Sustainable farming in the Mareeba-Dimbulah water supply area (\$190,000, 2007-08)

In partnership with Far North Qld NRM Ltd, this project will help farmers in the Mareeba-Dimbulah water supply area take up improved land and water management practices to improve their sustainability and profitability. The project will also assist to achieve the objectives and management action targets outlined in the Northern Gulf NRM regional plan and the Mitchell River Watershed Management Plan.

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Queensland Murray-Darling

Strategic management of parthenium weed and weed seed spread in the Border Rivers and Maranoa Catchments (\$185,500, 2005-06; \$195,000, 2006-07)

This project aims to reduce the spread of parthenium — a Weed of National Significance — in the Murray-Darling Basin. It will capitalise on the success of existing prevention and control strategies, and also put in place management strategies and codes of practice that will continue to reduce the spread of this noxious weed.

Demonstration of a sustainable production incentives process for NRM planning groups (\$230,000, 2005-06)

Working with several sub-catchment planning groups, this project aims to demonstrate how the targeting of key issues can encourage greater use of sustainable farming and grazing practices.

Monitoring for good on farm practice (\$82,000, 2005-06; \$75,000, 2006-07)

This project aims to boost monitoring at the property and sub-catchment level, something that is lacking in current regional, NRM planning processes.

Sustainability of agriculture on indigenous managed lands near St George and Dirranbandi through targeted on-ground works (\$54,000, 2005-06; \$54,000, 2006-07)

This project will see Indigenous communities involved in agricultural activities in the St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Mitchell and Surat districts identify the main issues affecting land, water, vegetation and biodiversity quality. The solutions with the greatest benefits — to the environment and farming — will be implemented.

Property management innovation through adoption of advanced grazing concepts (\$200,000, 2005-06; \$257,000, 2006-07; \$257,000, 2007-08)

This project involves landcare members undertaking management training and on-ground works to find new ways of operating their grazing enterprises within a 'total landscape' focus. The subsequent changes in attitude and management practices will be evaluated to assess the worth of such training programs to NRM at the sub-catchment scale.

Implementing sustainable land management and production systems in the Talwood sub-catchment (\$235,212, 2007-08)

Landholders in the Talwood area of south-west Queensland have undertaken coordinated planning to address the priority issues of soil erosion, maintenance of ground cover and soil structural decline. This project aims to implement on-ground works and management practices to address these issues. The implementation of these works will result in landholders taking a landscape approach to management, with an aim to achieving a landscape scale outcome.

Improvement of soil health and productivity in the Nindigully area through the implementation of improved land management works (\$176,000, 2007-08)

The area surrounding the Nindigully mixed farming region has a high potential for dryland salinity if poorly managed. To prevent surface expressions of dryland salinity, the sub-catchment group is taking preventative measures to restrict impacts. This project will assist the group's landholders to adopt recommended best practices for individual properties based on a coordinated sub-catchment scale natural resource management plan.

Detailed soil reference sites for improved land management (\$129,625, 2007-08)

This project aims to establish a network of soil reference sites that characterise representative landscapes and management systems in the Maranoa Balonne and Border Rivers catchments. These sites will enhance our understanding of landscape processes and form part of a regional network for monitoring landscape salinity and land condition. They will provide a sound basis for meeting targets requiring baseline condition assessments. In addition to the surveying and collation of biophysical data, the project will deliver extension activities. The expected incorporation of collated data with landholder knowledge will provide objective evidence to landholders of how management practices are affecting salinity processes and land condition impacts.

Implementing sustainable land management and production systems in the Yalebone Creek Catchment (\$236,195, 2007-08)

This project will implement on-ground works and management practice change across 17 properties in the Yalebone sub-catchment. These works will address landscape production and sustainability issues identified through a recently completed landholder engagement process, and will be complemented by significant investment from the landholders.

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South East Queensland (SEQ)

Regional Land Plus Program (\$259,000, 2003-04; \$151,000, 2005-06; \$150,500, 2006-07)

This project will support landholders, and landcare and industry groups to put in place comprehensive land planning measures that will help boost farm profitability and environmental assets, and reduce the off-farm impacts on the environment. LandPlus is a property planning tool that improves natural resource management. It includes maps and highlights the importance of long-term sustainable production.

Sustainable dairy farms land management in NRM SEQ region on dairy farms through Dairying Better 'N Better for Tomorrow (\$235,483, 2004-05)

One of Dairy Australia's regional delivery agents, the Subtropical Dairy Program Ltd, will coordinate the project, which will implement a process to help groups of dairy farmers increase profitability, competitiveness and sustainability through taking up improved on-farm NRM practices. The project will focus on aquatic ecosystems and surface water, water-use efficiency, soil, nutrient, pest, chemical and waste management, and terrestrial biodiversity.

Regional farm forestry extension program (\$92,500, 2004-05; \$132,400, 2005-06; \$132,400, 2006-07)

The project will identify the needs and build the capacity of landholders to achieve successful, productive and sustainable outcomes through farm forestry in the SEQ Region. It will improve the general understanding and integration of farm forestry as a sustainable productive alternative in tackling environmental issues in primary industries.

Best management practices across primary industries (\$75,000, 2004-05; \$82,500, 2005-06; \$82,500, 2006-07)

The project will extend the Farmer Advocacy process used to engage, support and encourage the 2003 Sub-Tropical Dairying Better 'n Better project, in the Kerry Valley of the Albert River Catchment, to beef producers in other sub-catchments of south east Queensland's Logan and Albert Rivers.

Implementation of catchment plans in SEQ key regional landscape areas (\$100,000, 2004-05; \$100,000, 2005-06; \$100,000, 2005-06; \$100,000, 2006-07)

The project will support activities identified in existing catchment and rehabilitation plans that align with the priorities identified in the draft integrated NRM Plan for South East Queensland. Activities will include awareness raising, facilitation, motivation and support, and on-ground works.

Best Management practices for sustainable agricultural production in the beef industry (\$82,500, 2005-06)

The project involves extending the farmer advocacy process used in the 2003 Sub-Tropical Dairying Better 'n Better project in the Kerry Valley of the Albert River Catchment to beef producers in other sub-catchments of the Logan and Albert Rivers. The Meat & Livestock Australia-developed Grazing Land Management (GLM) program will be employed in the Beaudesert region to serve as a pilot for south east Queensland.

Regional Farm Forestry Extension Program (\$132,400, 2005-06; \$132,400, 2006-07)

Capitalising on and extending the skill and knowledge that already exists in small pockets of SE Queensland for broader application, this project will identify the needs and build the capacity of landholders to achieve successful, productive and sustainable outcomes through Farm Forestry.

Implementing best practice through FarmFLOW approach in peri-urban farming systems (\$135,000, 2007-08)

A priority catchment delivering significant diffuse pollution will be targeted for implementation of the FarmFLOW approach. Through Landcare and industry groups, producers will be provided with property management planning to implement best practice, together with water quality monitoring and property management planning. This project will translate principles of sustainability into production practices that make economic sense, whilst achieving public benefit.

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South-east Queensland Western Catchments

Implementation of prioritised regional land resources action packages within the SEQ western catchments (\$300,000, 2003-04)

This project involves funding a regionally based grant scheme, as well as educational programs, to encourage the use of better practice to combat weeds and soil erosion.

Phase 2 of implementation of prioritised regional land resources action packages within the SEQ western catchments (\$400,000, 2003-04; \$80,000, 2004-05; \$359,500, 2005-06; \$267,500, 2006-07)

The project will implement weed management, coordinate an approach to property management planning and associated on-ground works, deliver best practice management for NRM to the regional dairy industry, determine the extent of salinity in the mid-Brisbane sub-catchment and determine appropriate best practice to improve saline soils.

Implementing best management practices identified through integrated property management planning (\$100,000, 2005-06; \$120,000, 2006-07; \$120,000, 2007-08)

This project involves implementing priority, on-ground actions under the 'Healthy Land — Our Future', the regional plan for the western catchments of SEQ.

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Southern Gulf

Improved pasture management capacity through subdivisional fencing (\$122,994, 2003-04)

Stock numbers on Riversleigh Station have contributed to erosion and pasture degradation along the Gregory and O'Shannassy Rivers, and their environs. The project involves subdividing a large paddock and demonstrating sustainable grazing practices that provide production and conservation benefits. In the future, the plan is to completely fence off the on-farm river systems.

Browsing of camels and goats to control the growth of woody weeds after mechanical clearing (\$14,012, 2003-04)

A mechanical clearing program of woody weeds in the region has met with only limited success due to seeds regenerating after the wet season rains. This project will test the viability of running camels and goats, together with more traditional livestock, to suppress regrowth after the weeds have been mechanically cleared.

Fairlight Creek Landcare: Control of weeds through use of mechanical slasher (\$5,160, 2003-04)

This project involves the Fairlight Creek Landcare Group demonstrating to local property owners a better way it has developed to manage major weeds, particularly rubber vine. The process involves using a mechanical slasher before applying herbicide directly to the severed weed stumps.

Southern Gulf catchments devolved grants for national landcare program (\$215,000, 2003-04)

This project aims to arrest the decline in the quality and area of productive land and habitat across the southern catchments of the Gulf Plains and north west Mitchell Grass bioregions in the Gulf of Carpentaria - with a specific focus on the Leichhardt River corridor. The project will place special emphasis on improving the capacity of land managers and landcare groups to achieve more sustainable land use.

Strategic management of rubber vine along the southern coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria (\$89,600, 2004-05)

This project aims to manage infestations of rubber vine within the 100 kilometre-wide buffer zone east of the Northern Territory border. It will also involve education and awareness-raising for local Indigenous communities and landholders in the identification and best practice management of rubber vine.

Regeneration and revegetation of the Leichhardt River (\$55,974, 2004-05)

The project aims to reduce livestock dependence on riparian areas of the Leichhardt River for grazing and water supplies, and improve grazing management. It will fence off paddock river frontage, subdivide larger paddocks with river frontage and establish watering points away from the river.

Protection of the Gregory River Riparian Zone and enhancement of pasture productivity on Riversleigh Station (\$80,594, 2004-05)

The project aims to complete riparian fencing of, and install off-stream watering points along, a major portion of the Gregory River and manage it appropriately. The project will enhance the capacity of the local Indigenous community to manage their property and improve pasture and biodiversity resource conditions.

Protect the fragile watercourses and valley country in the Fairlight Creek watershed through fencing and de-stocking (\$140,250, 2004-05)

The project will de-stock fragile watercourses and the valley country on four properties along the Fairlight Creek through fencing and establishing off-stream watering points.

Prosperity through partnerships – riparian zone protection through sustainable grazing practices (\$150,000, 2005-06)

The project will continue the extensive and highly successful riparian protection and management works being undertaken in Southern Gulf Catchments (SGC). It will ensure that large, important and integrated (as far as is practicable) tracts of the Flinders, Gregory, Leichhardt and Cloncurry rivers and their major tributaries are managed sustainably. The project will also help to develop partnerships between groups of properties to share knowledge and experiences.

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South West

On-ground works to establish strategic grazing practices in the Mulga Lands, south west Queensland (\$355,000, 2004-05)

The project aims to increase adoption of sustainable management strategies for grazing industries in the south west. It will build on the PLANSCAPES program and the Grazing Land Management initiative, while providing incentives for effective planning using safe carrying capacities. Land managers with property plans configuring land use to land capability will be eligible to access funds to establish property infrastructure for improved management.

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Torres Strait

Supporting the re-establishment of native vegetation on the following Torres Strait Islands – Darnley, Murray and Yorke Islands (\$118,000, 2004-05; \$28,500, 2006-07; \$122,000, 2007-08)

This project involves preventing hillside erosion and sediment disturbing important fishing areas surrounding Darnley, Murray and Yorke Islands. It will also establish a native seedling nursery and manage lantana (a Weed of National Significance). And it will train local community members in natural resource management, and help the Islands' councils improve their planning processes

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Wet tropics

Minimising the diffuse sources of pollution exported to the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon (\$360,000, 2003-04)

This project seeks to minimise the amount of agricultural pollutants entering the Great Barrier Reef Catchment via the Wet Tropics river systems, by focusing on the actions that would deliver the best results in the shortest timeframe.

Integration of pest management between local government and NRM regional plan (\$86,450, 2004-05; \$95,000, 2005-06; \$95,000, 2006-07)

The project will help the partner councils and associated stakeholders implement some high priority elements of the Regional Pest Management Plan, which will ultimately prevent pests establishing and spreading pests within the wet tropics bio-region.

Agricultural best management practices in sugar cane lands (\$105,260, 2004-05; \$59,300, 2005-06)

The project will demonstrate five farm management practices the sugar industry and research organisations widely recognise as high priorities for best practice sustainable sugar cane production in the wet tropics, but which have low rates of adoption.

Soil-specific nutrient management guidelines for canegrowers in the Johnstone River Basin (\$12,150, 2004-05; \$26,050, 2005-06; \$23,900, 2006-07)

The project aims to improve the sustainability of cane farming by maintaining the soil resource base and improving the quality of water leaving farm land by providing a more rational basis for fertiliser application. It will produce a soil-specific guidelines booklet for Johnstone cane farmers and demonstrate the new guidelines to the farming community at a series of on-farm sites.

Scheduling tool for nitrogen and correct irrigation practices in the Tablelands dairy industry (\$34,840, 2004-05; \$25,733, 2005-06; \$25,733, 2006-07)

The project will improve the water quality of runoff, nitrogen-use and water use efficiencies, and sustainable agriculture. To achieve this, it will demonstrate three techniques for scheduling nitrogen fertiliser and irrigation water at the farm scale to dairy farmers on the Atherton Tablelands at three commercial farms, using irrigated ryegrass pastures.

Fostering agricultural best practice for sustainability, efficiency among far north Queensland primary industries (\$28,800, 2004-05; \$37,200, 2005-06)

The project aims to improve effective access to relevant information by the agricultural industry in Far North Queensland. It will improve the Network for Sustainable and Diversified Agriculture database, address water conservation and quality trials, and establish a user-friendly website.

Continue Minimising the Diffuse Sources of Pollution exported to the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) Lagoon (Incentive Scheme) (\$100,000, 2004-05)

This project will support, through a coordinated extension campaign and an incentives scheme, landholder adoption of land management practices that minimise diffuse agricultural pollutants entering the GBR catchment via the Wet Tropics river systems.

Increasing the adoption of sustainable production practices in the Wet Tropics region (\$235,000, 2005-06; \$235,000, 2006-07; \$235,000, 2007-08)

This project involves industry and local landcare groups identifying their main land management issues. It also involves supporting local landholders to adopt practices that reduce sediment and nutrient loads to the catchment's streams and rivers. A coordinated extension program would be set up to demonstrate the practices.

Develop BMP manuals for potato, maize and peanut industries (\$26,900, 2007-08)

The Far North Queensland natural resource management regional plan identified that best management practice manuals need to be developed for the maize, potato and peanut industries. This issue was also identified in the Barron Catchment Management Strategy. There is currently no peak body for these industries which can develop the manual, so Barron Catchment Care will fill this role.

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