

Revegetation

Assistance is available to landholders to re-establish riparian vegetation along waterways. As vegetation along waterways performs a very important role, its regrowth is to be encouraged and supplemented as deemed appropriate.

In discussion with the landowner at a site meeting, a CMA River Health Officer will consider the vegetation mix that was present before the fire and evaluate the capacity for vegetation to regenerate naturally. It may even be recommended that the site is re-assessed in several months time.

Post fire revegetation works should not be rushed into, as many native plant species are able to regenerate after fire.

Where it is decided that natural regeneration will not occur or will be limited, supplement planting or site revegetation works will be funded.

Landowners may purchase and plant indigenous seedlings (species selection and quantity advised by CMA River Health Officer) and the Goulburn Broken CMA will reimburse cost of \$3.50/unit. Or in the instance of large sites (>1000 seedlings), the CMA can coordinate the revegetation works on your behalf with contractor planting.



Ripping and strip spraying prior to planting.



Revegetation site after two years.

In addition to the regeneration of native plant species, weeds will re-emerge. With your assistance, the Goulburn Broken CMA will be working to control these weeds along waterways to combat reinfestation.

If you have concerns with weed re-emergence along a waterway, please notify the Goulburn Broken CMA.

Grant delivery process

1. Initial visit to your property to discuss grant options for riparian protection & enhancement works.
2. Goulburn Broken CMA River Health Staff will then provide advice on property planning with regard to waterway management and the level of funding support available for the various work components applicable to site.
3. A Riparian Management Agreement will be provided detailing the proposed project works as discussed at the site meeting and in accordance with Goulburn Broken CMA Guidelines.
4. The landholder and the Goulburn Broken CMA River Health Officer then coordinate works as detailed and scheduled in the Riparian Management Agreement.
5. Grant subsidy reimbursement for any project components to be delivered by the landholder as per Agreement, will be processed for payment following inspection of completed works.



Post fire natural regeneration.

For further information

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Fencing

Fire Recovery funding is being utilised to offer two options for higher subsidy support;

Option 1: \$8/m subsidy for a standard fence and \$6/m subsidy for an electric fence.

Option 2: Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GB CMA) to supply materials equivalent to a standard fence and coordinate fence construction. Costs for variations may need to be negotiated, such as landholder supplies hardwood/concrete posts.

Is your proposed fencing eligible to be funded through a Waterway Grant?

Fencing must be of a high standard, stock proof and permanent in nature (equivalent to boundary fences).

To assist the ecologically important riparian land along waterways recover from the impacts of fire, the Goulburn Broken CMA is offering the above options for funding support to erect fencing at a minimum average distance of 20 metres. Measurement is taken from the top of bank with flexibility for realistic and reasonable variation.

Where Crown Water Frontage (CWF) is present, fencing will ideally be placed either on freehold/CWF boundary or encompass a greater area for protection than the CWF reserve (i.e. areas of CWF may be outside protective fencing for practicalities of placement, however areas of freehold may be incorporated as off set).

To be eligible for assistance, Crown Water Frontages must be licensed to the adjoining landholder. CMA staff can assist with licensing arrangements, made with DSE Crown Land Management. This can include conversion of an agricultural license to a riparian management licence, to reflect the changed land use and void fees charged for the Crown land protected.

Standard boundary fence criteria:

- Strainer Assemblies are to be of concrete, treated pine, steel or hardwood.
- Regular In-line posts to be made of concrete, treated pine or hardwood with steel pickets &/or droppers spaced at three to five metres between.
- Wire to be made up of at least six plain wires or an equivalent pre-fabricated product eg. ringlock or hinge joint.

Barbed wire is not recommended, as it can kill or injure native wildlife such as gliding possums and birds.

Electric boundary fence criteria:

- Strainer assemblies that are made of concrete, treated pine or hardwood are approved. Steel posts to be no more than seven metre spacings.
- Wire is to be at least four wires, with two live and two earth.

Alternative fence types are subject to prior approval.

An inspection of the works is required prior to reimbursement of the grant by a CMA River Health Officer.

Subject to approval, progress payments may be made for the completion of staged works where stock have been totally excluded from sections of the waterway at a time.



Pine post strainers with four wires, two being electric



Pine post in-lines and strainer assemblies with hinge joint

Alternative Watering

Off-stream water points

Landowners are eligible for subsidies of up to 75% of the total material cost of establishing alternate water points. This does not include labour, pumps or power supply.

Reticulated system eligible components are tank, troughs, pipe, fittings and trenching.

Dam construction eligible component is machine operation cost.

Only the paddocks adjoining the waterway are eligible for subsidy.

The Goulburn Broken CMA provides funding for the provision of

alternative water supply only where:

- the stream has been a permanent source of water for stock and the waterway fencing has excluded stock in the adjoining paddock from access to water (provided there is no other existing water source)
- erection of the waterway fence has split a paddock into two, forming a paddock without a water source.

Quotations must be sought by the landowner and assessed by the CMA River Health Officer prior to commencement of works. The Officer will review the quote to determine if associated costs are reflective of water requirement needs based on a five day supply of water to stock.

Landowners are able to install a more secure supply of water, however the subsidy offered will not be 75% of quoted cost but 75% of cost calculated for five day supply.

Maximum subsidy per dam is \$3,000, while reticulated systems are capped at \$5,000 for up to 1km of stream bank protected and pro rata per km thereafter.



These rectangular shaped troughs allow two paddocks to be serviced by one trough.



Goulburn Murray Water and/or Shire approval may be required for dam construction. It is the landholders responsibility to ensure as applicable, that permits are obtained for subsidised dams.



Some innovative measures can be taken to prevent cattle damaging troughs or climbing in.