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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

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To: Minister (For Decision)

GRANT APPROVAL FOR THE COMMUNITIES COMBATING PESTS AND WEED IMPACTS DURING DROUGHT PROGRAM - BIOSECURITY MANAGEMENT OF PESTS AND WEEDS

Timing: 1 April 2019, to facilitate your office's request to announce grant recipients as soon as possible.

**Recommendations:**

1. That you **note** that your mandatory grant approval obligations are explained at **Attachment A**.  
 Noted /  Please Discuss


2. That you **approve**, subject to the passing of Appropriation Bills 3 and 4, the proposed expenditure of \$15 million (GST not applicable) for the grant proposals listed at **Attachment B** in accordance with section 32B of the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997* and Item 310 of Part 4 in Schedule 1AB to the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997* and, in giving that approval, meet the requirements of section 71 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act). The terms of the grant and the basis for approval are included in the attachment.  
 Approved /  Not Approved


3. That you **note** that agreements will not be executed until the passage of Appropriation Bills 3 and 4.  
 Noted /  Please Discuss

3. That you **sign** the attached letter at **Attachment D** advising the Minister for Finance that you have approved grants in your electorate.  
 Signed /  Not Signed

4. That you **sign** the attached letters at **Attachment F** notifying successful applicants.  
 Signed /  Not Signed

4. That you **agree** to departmental officials arranging and managing grant agreements for approved grant proposals.  
 Agreed /  Not Agreed

Minister: 

Date: 

Comments:

Date Received:

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### Key Points:

The **Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program – Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds** is a \$15 million program in 2018–19 which provides grants of up to \$1 million for wild dog exclusion fencing and/or other pest and weed management activities to eligible councils in drought-affected, primarily agriculture-reliant Local Government Areas (LGAs). The Grant Opportunity Guidelines for the program are at **Attachment C**.

Following the close of applications on 15 February 2019, the Community Grants Hub (CGH) in the Department of Social Services, undertook a pre-assessment of applications, ensuring those that met the requirements progressed to assessment, followed by an assessment of applications.

Following the assessment of eligible applications, the CGH provided a list of applicants to the Selection Advisory Panel (SAP), ranked in order of the assessment.

The SAP convened on 25 March 2019 to assess and made recommendations on the eligible applications provided in the grant round. The panel comprised two members with relevant expertise from the department and one member from an external organisation with relevant expertise.

Following assessment by the SAP, a spreadsheet of those applicants recommended to have grants approved by you is at **Attachment B**. A spreadsheet of those applicants not recommended to be approved by you is at **Attachment E**. Your mandatory grant approval obligations are explained at **Attachment A**.

While \$7 million was originally made available for wild dog exclusion fencing in Queensland and \$3 million made available for wild dog exclusion fencing and pest and weed management activities in New South Wales, due to comparatively lower quality applications in these states, and comparatively stronger applications in South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia, the panel recommended some reallocation of funding at the margins, consistent with the table below. No applications were received from the Northern Territory.

State	Funding allocation (\$ GST not applicable)		Panel's recommended allocations following assessment of applications	
Queensland	\$7 million	\$2 million	\$6,734,260	\$2 million
	Wild dog exclusion fencing	Pest and weed management activities	Wild dog exclusion fencing	Pest and weed management activities
New South Wales	\$ 3 million		\$2,790,692.57	
South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Northern Territory	\$1.5 million		\$1,913,065.70	
Western Australia	\$1.5 million		\$1,561,981.73	
Total	\$15 million		\$15 million	

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The Grants Policy Section has been consulted on the requirements of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines. The Management Accounting Team has been consulted on the financial implications of this funding and approves the approach.

#### Legal advice / Legislative impacts:

Section 71 of the PGPA Act provides that you must not approve a proposed expenditure of relevant money unless you are satisfied, after making reasonable inquiries that the expenditure would be a proper use of relevant money.

The legislative authority for the proposed grant is provided by section 32B of the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997* and Item 310 of part 4 Schedule 1AB to the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997*. Noting that the purpose of the grant is directed at managing pest animals and weeds that eat or outcompete plants or animals, based on AGS advice, the constitutional risk of this proposal is high.

The information set out in this brief is subject to legal professional privilege. Due to the sensitivity of matters contained in this brief, we recommend that the contents not be disclosed in whole or in part.

#### Financial impacts:

This program is a 2018-19 MYEFO measure and the cash appropriation is still subject to the passing of Appropriation Bills 3 and 4. The timing of this is not yet known.

#### Farmer/Stakeholder Implications:

Your approval is expected to result in positive benefits for the stakeholders within those LGAs, with enhanced pest and weed management in the area, as well as the potential use of local resources and local employment opportunities. Stakeholders that were not eligible to apply may be critical about the program and successful applicants.

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#### ATTACHMENTS

- A: Mandatory grants approval and reporting obligations
- B: Grants proposals recommended for funding
- C: Grant opportunity guidelines
- D: Draft letter to the Hon. Mathias Cormann MP, Minister for Finance.
- E: Grant proposals not recommended for funding
- F: Draft letters to successful applicants

## ATTACHMENT B

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## GRANT TERMS AND BASIS

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Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program - Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds	Winton Shire Council	Establish a landscape-scale approach for wild dog control by installing exclusion fencing to limit the impact of wild dogs on agricultural production, all landholders to increase stocking density and agricultural output. This activity will also stimulate local employment and training opportunities for job seekers within the Winton Shire community. The undertaking of this activity will allow the Winton Council to develop enduring capability, skills and long term planning processes that will assist with effective management of invasive animals beyond the life of the project.	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Winton, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	Barcaldine Regional Council	Barcaldine Regional Council, in conjunction with the Remote Area Planning & Development Board(RAPAD), is coordinating a group project for the continuation of the regional exclusion fencing, part of which already exists within our Council area. This exclusion fencing project will connect with other exclusion fencing groups within our Council boundaries to contribute to the creation a regional pest free (wild dog) exclusion zone.	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Barcaldine, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	Murweh Shire Council	The project sets out to address issues around constraints to regional growth, employment and the detrimental impact of feral pest activity on Regional Domestic Product Our project aims to: - 1. Establish and install 150km of wild dog fencing, strategically placed to lever off existing infrastructure. 2. Provide local employment opportunities 3. Reduce impact of feral pest activity on regional productivity and growth 4. Provide economic stimulus to local trades and contractors.	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Murweh, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.

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	Southern Downs Regional Council	<p>This project will provide funding to landholders in the Southern Downs to erect exclusion fencing for wild dogs.</p> <p>The Southern Downs Region is a traditional stronghold of the sheep and wool industry, however in the past five years flock numbers have reduced by two-thirds due to the impact of wild dogs. This reduction of flock numbers has occurred despite landholders' collaborative approaches to managing wild dogs, based on best practice coordinated approaches.</p> <p>The reduction in sheep numbers has a significant impact on the region economically and has contributed to a downturn in employment and industry.</p> <p>Exclusion fencing is a tool that has been proven to limit the impact of wild dogs on the sheep and wool industry and will give landholders in the Southern Downs Region an opportunity to increase their flock numbers and long-term sustainability, in turn stimulating employment and industry. The project will be delivered strategically to ensure best value for money outcomes.</p>	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Southern Downs, QLD	<p>The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard.</li> <li>- The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> <li>- The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> </ul>
	Longreach Regional Council	<p>The Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme Stage 2 will consist of a number of landholders participating in exclusion fencing who may not have previously erected exclusion fencing, fence an individual property or form a cluster with a neighbour/s to facilitate better wild dog control. This project will fund 320 km approx. of wild dog exclusion fencing protecting 100,000ha of productive grazing land from wild dog predation in the Longreach Regional Council area.</p>	\$ 880,000.00	\$ 880,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Longreach, QLD	<p>The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard.</li> <li>- The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> <li>- The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> <li>- This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed</li> <li>- The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> </ul>
	Barcoo Shire Council	<p>The project will provide an opportunity to landholders in mitigating threats posed by wild dogs to their livestock production by constructing wild dog exclusion fences. Total cost of constructing the wild dog exclusion fences will be subsidised, encouraging greater landholder participation. Implementation of the project will promote landscape benefits to the local community as whole. The project will provide opportunity to increase landholder capacity by limiting negative impacts caused by wild dogs on grazing enterprises. Barcoo Shire Council will provide a governance role for the length of the project with landholders wholly responsible for the construction of the exclusion fences. The project outcomes will provide an opportunity for landholders to exercise greater control over their enterprises from pest impacts. Other benefits of the wild dog exclusion fencing for the community include injection of funds to the local region, business expansion, local infrastructure and employment</p>	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Barcoo, QLD	<p>The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> </ul>

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	Goondiwindi Regional Council	This project will construct 62.5 kilometres of wild dog exclusion fencing to strengthen and further form a continuous barrier of fences from Weengallon in the West to Gore in the East. The construction of these exclusion fences and the continued producer collaboration and coordination of control programs across the region will improve the outcomes of the existing control programs. It will provide producers with the capacity to eradicate wild dogs and achieve long-term outcomes for agriculture. When completed, the continuous barrier of fences will be a combination of: funded cluster fences; individual private fences; the Council's wild dog check fence; and the Moreton Rabbit Board's fence. All off these fences will link together to reduce the influx of wild dogs into our Council area. Moreover, by linking cluster fences, this project will prevent the movement of wild dogs within the Council area.	\$ 454,260.00	\$ 454,260.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Goondiwindi, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Balonne Shire Council	The Balonne Shire Council (BSC) in conjunction with rural landholders aims to construct approximately 170 kilometres of Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing (WDEF) over a 1 year period protecting approximately 300,000 ha of grazing land which is best suited to small stock (e.g. sheep and goats) from wild dog predation. This project will have a total cost of \$1,600,000.00 million which will have both direct and indirect input into the local economy of the Balonne Shire. The end result of this project will see a revival of the sheep and wool industry as well as expansion into similar activities (i.e. goat production) in South West Queensland, strengthening and diversifying the economic sector of our region.	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Balonne, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed

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	Quilpie Shire Council	This projects consists of the construction of exclusion fencing to the required standard across multiple properties. The grant will fund approximately 44% of the total project cost based on providing \$3500 per kilometre in funding and the average cost of exclusion fencing being \$8000 per kilometre. The property owners will contribute the balance with some of it being in-kind labour.	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Quilpie, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.
	Western Downs Regional Council	This project identifies that self-motivated and coordinated groups of landholders and managers, supported by Council, NRM groups and Industry is the fundamental way forward in achieving outcomes in Pest Management, especially in times of drought. Through targeted pest management regions, this project will deliver coordinated and strategic on-ground, impact-based pest programs across the Western Downs. Aligning directly with local government Biosecurity Plan, Regional NRM plans and participating stakeholder priorities, coordinated on-ground programs to be delivered are as follows: • Parthenium eradication-- to include coordinated chemical application and mapping • Giant Rat's Tail eradication-- to include coordinated chemical application and mapping • Wild Dog and Feral Pig Program -- to include trapping, baiting and coordinated aerial shooting. The focus is on engaging the whole community to enable the utilisation of effective tools and knowledge for improved on-ground control.	\$ 159,800.00	\$ 159,800.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Western Downs, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	Longreach Regional Council	The Leander Coral Cactus Containment Project will isolate the core infestation of coral cactus (Cylindropuntia fulgida var. mamillata) from the main vectors, marsupials, pest animals and domestic stock, from the spread of this very invasive weed on major tributaries to the Thomson River therefore Lake Eyre basin.	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Longreach, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.

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	Maranoa Regional Council	The project aims to undertake extensive control of core infestations of priority weed pests, such as <i>Harrisia Cactus</i> and <i>Mother of Millions</i> . The project will also aim to treat known outbreaks of <i>Rivernia Pear</i> and <i>Opuntia Sulphurea</i> , as well as some initial control activities against <i>Blue Agave</i> throughout the region. The project is seeking funds for the engagement of 2 personnel, chemical and plant hire to undertake an intensive control program, to prevent the spread of these weeds onto nearby agricultural land. These succulent plants are at an advantage during drought conditions, as they are able to conserve moisture to survive, and in some cases thrive, when grasses and pasture plants are struggling. This gives these weeds an unfair advantage, and can lead to a rapid expansion in both the area and density of infestation. The project aims to attack these succulent weeds to reduce the seed bank to help reduce their impact and spread.	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Maranoa, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard.</li> <li>- The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> <li>- The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> <li>- This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed</li> <li>- The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> </ul>
	Paroo Shire Council	Through this project, the Paroo Shire aims to employ three Wild Dog Officers / Trappers and two trainees to undertake a coordinated eradication program between June 2019 and June 2020. Targeted trapping activities will complement the regular baiting programs that are delivered across the region in May and November each year. Three experienced trappers will be engaged for 30 days following each baiting campaign in order to target wild dog hotspots and known corridors. Trappers will work closely with local trainees to impart knowledge and skills. Purchase of a shipping container freezer, drying racks and scales to prepare the 1080 baits and ensure compliance with changing Government requirements for baiting will improve the delivery of the baiting programs. All activity will be recorded. The data collected will inform the mapping of the region and enable ongoing trapping and baiting activities to become increasingly strategic, efficient and effective.	\$ 196,500.00	\$ 196,500.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Paroo, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard.</li> <li>- The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> <li>- The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> <li>- This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed</li> <li>- The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> </ul>



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	Winton Shire Council	Establish a landscape-scale approach in the control of pest and weed management, in the application of wild dog baiting (aerial and land based) and the application of herbicides on known weed species (Prickly Acacia, Coral Cactus, Belly Ache Bush & Nagura Burr). This will assisted in improved pasture and agricultural production, allowing landholders to increase stocking density and agricultural output. This activity will also stimulate local employment and training opportunities for job seekers within the Winton Shire community. The undertaking of this activity will allow the Winton Council to develop enduring capability, skills and long term planning processes that will assist with the effective management of invasive weed and animals species beyond the life of the project.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Winton, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	Barcoo Shire Council	The project will target the control and eradication of Weeds of National Significance- Parkinsonia and Prickly Acacia within the Barcoo Shire. This will be achieved through control spraying and use of Graslan pellets. A targeted control approach upstream will reduce the amount of seedbank deposits distributed downstream providing supplementary benefits to neighbouring shires including Quilpie and Bulloo. This project will promote financial benefits to landholders and will stimulate economic activity within the region. The Parkinsonia component will focus on eradicating existing plants and minimising seedbank deposits in the Thomson and Barcoo river systems. A control zone will be established along the river systems and will encompass all potential flood-out country within the shire. The Prickly Acacia component will build upon prior projects to eradicate the weed from the shire. This will occur through herbicide application and ongoing landholder monitoring.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Barcoo, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.

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	Diamantina Shire Council	Our project is to spray the noxious weed called Mimosa Pigra which has become a problem in the shire after the floods that we experienced between 2009 and 2012. This is the only major noxious weed within the shire boundaries which has taken hold in areas where water is located and is causing damage to water course streams and creeks. We do have some weeds that grow in very minimal portions and this program will rid us of these pests. The spraying program will be across the whole of the shire with the majority of the work being completed along our roads where the weed grows in table drains, water courses and flood ways. We have attached our work plan with the application. Our shire is the second largest in the state covering 95,000 sq klms and we have 1600 klms of roads and highways and the weed plays havoc with road infrastructure so it is imperative that Council, because of its very limited revenue base, needs to seek funds to implement this weed spraying program.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Diamantina, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	Balonne Shire Council	Balonne Shire Council presently is increasing awareness with landholders, Biosecurity Queensland and Southern Queensland NRM agencies of certain specific weed infestations that are aggressive and are a financial burden on landholders and affect our agricultural industries along Moonie and Maranoa waterways within our Shire Boundaries. Aggressive pest weeds and cacti are becoming invasive along these major waterways and riparian areas affect the operations of our primary producers (both grazing and cropping) and compete with the native fauna within our ecosystems, which are both of major concern. These waterways during floods carry pest weeds and their seeds long distances and can cause unwanted infestations of invasive weeds.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Balonne, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Boulia Shire Council	This application is for stage two of a strategic ongoing plan to attack woody weeds in riparian areas in the Georgina catchment in the Boulia Shire. In 2008 the Boulia Shire in conjunction with Desert Channels Queensland embarked on a joint collaborative project with the landholders of Boulia Shire to strategically manage and control pest weeds. The project was a step in the right direction in that the landholders, the shire and Desert Channels all worked together to make an impact on the steady creep of pest woody weeds. The Channel Country Weeds Project is the second stage of what could be the most strategic and effective weed control project within the region. Located in the headwaters of the far eastern branch of the Georgina River the project, building on the previous stage 1 project, will see further reduction in the numbers of woody weeds in this area.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Boulia, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Central Highlands Regional Council	Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) will make every effort to minimise the spread of the Mother of Millions pest plant throughout the area in accordance with CHRC Biosecurity plan 2017-2020. In addition to these efforts any funding received will be considered for dispersal throughout the CHRC area to local landholders who make an application for assistance from CHRC dependent on the severity of spread of pest plants and the risk associated with that spread.	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 67,500.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Central Highlands, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.

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	Charters Towers Regional Council	To improve pasture and sustainability of nominated reserves under Council control by engaging contractors to undertake extensive invasive plant control upon profitable lands currently under pressure. Thus improving the carrying capacity and profitability of land users within the droughted area in addition to providing a weed free area for transport or holding of stock unable to be otherwise supported and prevent further weed seed spread.	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Charters Towers, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Quilpie Shire Council	Quilpie Shire is 67,482 square kilometres in area and is surrounded by Barcoo and Blackall Shires to the North, Murweh and Paroo Shires to the east and Bulloo Shire to the south. The Quilpie Shire is proud of its diverse natural resources including a wide range of native plant and animal species. The protection of biodiversity is paramount and this project will assist in reducing the threats that introduced pests place on the environment. This funding will be utilised to treat a core infestation of Mesquite located on the northern part of the shire and scattered infestations of Mesquite and Coral Cactus that are located on adjoining properties. By controlling these weeds, it will assist in preventing the seed entering creeks and waterways which in turn will protect properties and neighbouring shires down the Bulloo River.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Quilpie, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Gladstone Regional Council	Council will commence at the top of the Boyne River and Baffle Creek catchments and along waterways. Council will employ two weed control labourers to treat all Giant Rats Tail Grass (GRT) that is identified on all land within the catchment areas. Landholders will be notified and given the opportunity to participate should they wish to opt in. Before treatment commences, the current extent of the weed will be mapped and those owners who have GRT under control and would prefer grass seed for assistance may choose this option instead. Council will return at the end of the program to map the extent of the weed again in order to measure and identify the success of the project.	\$ 366,200.00	\$ 433,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Gladstone, QLD	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - The applicant has indicated they could proceed with the project if offered less funding. - Funds had almost been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications, this application received partial funding.

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	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	The project will collaboratively develop and implement a local weed management plan for the Braidwood beef bowl targeting the impacts of Serrated tussock on drought-affected priority agricultural land. A dedicated Project Officer will coordinate workshops to develop the local plan, supported by weed mapping obtained during recent property inspections by Council officers. Priority properties within the broader landscape context will be targeted for assistance in the development of property weed management plans, supported by current high resolution aerial photography from Council's award-winning survey drone program and the well-regarded South East Local Land Services template for integrated weed management plans. Weed control support services will then be strategically offered to initiate the property plans to meet the local and property plan objectives.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Queanbeyan-Palerang, NSW	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	Narrabri Shire Council	Undertake biosecurity control measures by instilling measures to prevent the infestation of biosecurity matter into the Namoi River System • Stimulate local economy through use of local contractors and suppliers. • Minimise the impact of pest animals on local agricultural areas through a coordinated and broadscale strategic approach to pest animal control. The results will see a reduction in competition for fodder and the impact of pest animals on grazing stock, in turn leading to an increase in stocking rates. • Work closely with National Parks and Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) a non for profit organisation who are introducing endangered species into the neighbouring National Park. It is essential that we work together across tenures in combating the feral animal and weed problem in the project area. Lack of funding to control feral animals and weeds will mean numbers will increase affecting AWC goals and objectives of restoring locally extinct mammals.	\$ 127,680.57	\$ 127,680.57	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Narrabri, NSW	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.

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	Tenterfield Shire Council	<p>This application has been submitted to assist Local Landholders in the Deepwater and Bolivia districts to control Serrated Tussock during drought and for the control of Blackberries on the road verges within the Tenterfield district.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to prevent the spread of Serrated Tussock from the relatively small pocket of the Shire that is currently established into new clean areas.</p> <p>This will be achieved by assisting those Landholders who are experiencing problems controlling Serrated Tussock because of financial situations and just having the time and labour available to complete the job of controlling Serrated Tussock because of the drought.</p> <p>The control of Blackberries on road verges in the Tenterfield district is part two of the application.</p> <p>Numerous roads within the Tenterfield district have medium to heavy infestations of blackberry bushes along the road verges. Controlling these infestations will stop the spread of Blackberries to adjoining properties.</p>	\$ 776,300.00	\$ 776,300.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Tenterfield, NSW	<p>The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard.</li> <li>- The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> <li>- The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> <li>- This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed</li> <li>- The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> </ul>
	Goulburn Mulwaree Council	<p>Rural roads reserves and livestock venues are significant dispersal pathways for noxious weeds including Serrated Tussock, African Lovegrass and Chilean Needle Grass. The High Risk Pathways – LGA Wide Weeds Poisoning Project will target the above species on the selected roadsides and priority sites across the Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC) Local Government Area (LGA). This means that the Council can deliver a landscape-scale weed management program for the benefit of the entire community, which complements the Council's already implemented routine weed control program. The outcomes which can be delivered by this project are particularly important during drought when noxious weeds can expand their negative footprints across regions. This includes weed infestations spreading from rural road reserves and other livestock venue sites onto prime farm land. In helping to minimise this risk, the project will directly benefit farmers and the wider Goulburn Mulwaree community already adversely impacted by drought.</p>	\$ 411,362.00	\$ 411,362.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Goulburn Mulwaree, NSW	<p>The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard.</li> <li>- The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> <li>- The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> <li>- The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> </ul>

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	The Council of the Municipality of Kiama	<p>Giant Parramatta grass (GPG) poses a major biosecurity threat to the Illawarra Dairy industry. As an emerging weed in the area, it is essential that targeted, coordinated and integrated programs are implemented to deliver the greatest management benefits.</p> <p>Drought conditions in the Kiama, Shellharbour and Wollongong area have seen overgrazing and the subsequent degradation of pastures. This coupled with the importation of (contaminated) fodder has seen an invasion of GPG in previously productive dairy lands.</p> <p>As an invasive grass of poor quality and low palatability this program aims to assist struggling dairy farmers by providing the education and resources to firstly control the weed by strategic application of herbicides and then rehabilitate the landscape through integrated pest management strategies including pasture renovation.</p> <p>As a regional priority weed within the South East Regional Weed Management Plan it is imperative GPG is controlled to prevent further spread and impact.</p>	\$ 49,350.00	\$ 49,350.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Kiama, Shellharbour, Wollongong, NSW (Consortium arrangement)	<p>The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard.</li> <li>- The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> <li>- The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> <li>- This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed</li> <li>- The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.</li> </ul>
	Bourke Shire Council	<p>This project aims to support a group approach to Wild Dog control at a multi-council, multi-group, regional scale. The project supports a range of integrated activities that will both deliver successful wild dog control, but also develop group's resilience, cohesiveness, and capacity to continue to undertake control works into the future.</p>	\$ 926,000.00	\$ 926,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Bourke, Brewarinna, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Wentworth, NSW (Consortium arrangement)	<p>The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community.</li> <li>- The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.</li> </ul>
	Shire of Yalgoo	<p>Its proposed to construct a new 218 kilometre section of the vermin proof fence which will enclose the Murchison Region Vermin Cell. The major portion of the unconstructed section lies within the Shire of Yalgoo</p>	\$ 218,000.00	\$ 594,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Yalgoo, WA	<p>The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The application contains several elements, of which only a few align with the program outcomes and/or eligibility.</li> <li>- The applicant has indicated they could proceed with the project if offered less funding.</li> </ul>

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	Shire of Esperance	This proposal is to extend the State Barrier Fence from its current termination point 25 km east of Ravensthorpe, north to Salmon Gums and ending east of Esperance near Cape Arid National Park in Western Australia. The aim is to protect agricultural enterprises in the shires of Ravensthorpe and Esperance from socio-economic impacts associated with wild dogs limiting livestock enterprises; and damage to crops and pasture from emus and kangaroos. It will involve construction of a 660 km long and 1.35 m high barrier fence largely impermeable to wild dogs, emus and kangaroos. State Government has committed \$6.9 million. Shire of Esperance has committed \$1.5 million (in kind) to supply and construct 12 road stock grids. Shire of Ravensthorpe has committed \$280,000 cash for the 60km of fence in Ravensthorpe Shire. This application is seeking \$1.5 million for fence materials. Purchase of materials was considered best use of grant funds given the short timeframes to expend this grant.	\$ 955,982.73	\$ 1,500,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Ravensthorpe, Esperance WA (Consortium arrangement)	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: -The applicant has indicated they could proceed with the project if offered less funding. - Funds had almost been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications, this application received partial funding. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Shire of Kent	This project proposes to implement three periods of regional fox baiting between ~Jan-2020 to ~Jun-2021 at strategically selected sheep farm properties (and adjacent buffer areas) across a ~11.5 Shire single continuous block in the Great Southern of WA, for the purpose of reducing potential fox predation impacts on the local sheep industry. Local organisations have been designated to each Shire/s to facilitate implementation of fox baiting interventions. This proposal will demonstrate the logistical efficiencies of collaborating a fox baiting program at a regional scale. Funding requested will support: 1 - The selection of strategically located sheep farms (and their buffer areas) within each Shire; 2 - Landholders of selected farms to acquire their 1080 accreditation and 1080 permits. 3 - Contracting of pest control experts, who will provide and distribute 1080 (and other) fox baits for use at the selected sheep farms; and 4 - Collection of results of baiting activities and reporting.	\$ 99,999.00	\$ 99,999.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Lake Grace, Kent, Jerramungup, Plantagenet, Cranbrook, Broomehill-Tambellup, Katanning, Dumbleyung, Woodanilling, Kojonup, Gnowangerup, Wagin WA (Consortium arrangement)	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	Shire of Dalwallinu	The Shire of Dalwallinu is a part of the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association (CWBA), which is a Recognised Biosecurity Group and has a key role in assisting landholders to control declared pests in the four local governments of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori. They coordinate the CWBA LPMT (Dogger) Program and other pest management activities. This involves the training and engagement of contracted Licenced Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) to assist landholders, in the control of declared pests (Wild Dogs, Foxes, Rabbits, Feral Pigs and Emus) by primarily through trapping and baiting. Assisting with the provision of equipment (traps and poisons), training, permits (Restricted Chemical Product Permits) and resources to ensure that both landholders and LPMTs are equipped to undertake effective declared pest control activities.	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 98,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Koorda, Morawa, Perenjori, Dalwallinu (Consortium arrangement)	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: -The application contains several elements, of which only a few align with the program outcomes and/or eligibility. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.

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	Shire of Manjimup	To generate sustainable strategic pest management in the Shire of Manjimup we need to support the community in their activities. Fostering biosecurity initiatives in the community will stimulate much needed land care enterprises, encouraging them to remain viable and grow in our Southern Forests agricultural region. The aim of this project is to build long term collaborative networks in the land care industry, link the community with research and development champions who will deliver on ground pest control, increased community capability and accredited training. Photo trapping and photo monitoring will be increased over this project using more effective cameras. Data collection will also allow us to track the progress made on managing the project pest and weed targets and will be a valuable resource for ongoing management. By implementing National Biosecurity objectives in our Shire our Southern Forests agricultural sector will receive long term economical benefits.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Manjimup, WA	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	East Gippsland Shire Council	This project is a multi partner, tenure blind activity to support drought-stricken East Gippsland farmers construct 75km of wild dog exclusion fencing to empower farmers to regain control, enable change and stimulate local economic activity.	\$ 343,000.00	\$ 343,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	East Gippsland, VIC	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.



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	Benalla Rural City Council	The 'Exclusion fencing to enhance the integrated approach to wild dog control in North East Victoria' project will fund the establishment of approximately four (4) kilometres of electrified wild dog exclusion fencing along the boundaries of farming properties that adjoin public crown land in the south east section of the Benalla municipality. There has been a noticeable increase in the incidence of wild dog attacks on livestock in this area over the past two years. The Benalla Rural City Council will work closely with the Gecko CLaN Landcare Network and the Molyullah – Tatong Tree and Land Protection Group to implement the project in a coordinated manner. The funding will be used for the purchase of the required materials to enable landholders to erect the much needed exclusion fencing and reduce the incidence of livestock losses due to wild dog attacks.	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Benalla, VIC	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	Benalla Rural City Council	The project will fund the treatment of Regionally Prohibited, Regionally Controlled and Restricted Weeds, Woody Weeds and European Rabbits on private properties and roadsides throughout the drought affected Benalla and Moira municipalities. This landscape scale approach aims to prevent and control the spread of invasive noxious plants and destructive animal species across the region to reduce the competition on fodder and native vegetation which is critical during the drought conditions currently being experienced. The councils will work closely with the two respective regional Landcare Networks to achieve this outcome on both private and public land. As neighbouring councils with similar priorities and existing linkages through network groups, this project will achieve administrative and management efficiencies, build on treatment already undertaken and provide a coordinated landscape scale approach to successfully achieve the objectives of the funding program.	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Benalla, Moira VIC (consortium arrangement)	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.

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	Kangaroo Island Council	The project will assist landholders to undertake landscape-scale control of African boxthorn across 5,000 hectares of farming land on the Dudley Peninsula for long-term benefits. The project will employ local contractors who are familiar with the terrain, to ensure thorough treatment of boxthorn in the target area, using a combination of mechanical removal and chemical control. Known boxthorn populations will be re-surveyed and mapped, as control is undertaken. The most appropriate control method for each location will be determined, based on cost, effectiveness and limiting off-target impacts. The project will educate landholders on best practice control methods so that they can undertake follow up control after project completion. Local landholders will be directly engaged through existing arrangements and will provide in-kind support. The project will also be promoted through regional agriculture industry representative body, Agriculture KI, and the local community and social media.	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 55,500.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Kangaroo Island, SA	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	District Council of Karoonda East Murray	A program to manage high priority weeds, rabbit and foxes in the council jurisdictions of Karoonda East Murray, Loxton/Waikerie and Southern Mallee will occur. In collaboration with the Natural Resources SA Murray Darling Basin and Landcare, the District Council of Karoonda East Murray will employ two project officers to assess highest priority farm properties and locations in the region for weed and pest management activities. A pest animal and weed risk identification, assessment and management plan will be developed and implemented. A comprehensive engagement and advertising campaign will occur for the duration of the project to increase participation and capture the landholders who are eligible for the pest and weed management program. The project will be completed in 12 months.	\$ 306,148.00	\$ 306,148.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Karoonda East Murray, Southern Mallee, Loxton Waikerie, SA (consortium arrangement)	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.

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	Glamorgan Spring Bay Council	This collaborative project will be undertaken in 2 local government areas (LGA's) in south eastern Tasmania that are recognised nationally as drought affected (Glamorgan Spring Bay and Tasman LGA's). In both LGA's there are primary producers that are trying to manage serrated tussock ( <i>Nassella trichotoma</i> ) infestations on their farms in drought conditions. This project will provide vital and practical assistance to farmers by undertaking serrated tussock control measures and sowing of pasture to decrease re-growth of serrated tussock. The collaborative approach will allow primary producers in each LGA to share knowledge and experiences at a field day to enable more effective and innovative management of serrated tussock into the future. Various communication avenues will be utilised to communicate the project outcomes to keep stakeholders and the community informed.	\$ 63,836.75	\$ 63,836.75	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Glamorgan, Spring Bay, TAS (consortium arrangement)	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	South Gippsland Shire Council	Council is planning to target RCW's in the Strzelecki's, with the assistance of the South Gippsland Landcare Network and the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources (DEDJTR). We are proposing to: • Appoint a Landcare Weed Facilitator 2 days per/week to target/seek properties to treat RCW's (emphasis on Ragwort and Blackberry) ☐ Time Period = 6mths / Total Cost \$33K inc GST • Landowners would be required to sign a Landcare 3 year land management agreement committing to undertake follow up work for a further 2 years. • Employ spray contractors to undertake the weed control works on selected properties (2 x 2 person spray teams) ☐ \$1500 per/day (2 person team / vehicle / herbicide) ☐ 2 Teams x 4wks @ \$15,000 per/wk = \$60,000 • Total Project Estimate = \$93,000 inc GST This will greatly assist local landholders to keep their properties weed free and prevent the spread of Regionally Controlled Weeds in the Strzelecki Ranges.	\$ 84,545.45	\$ 84,545.45	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	South Gippsland, VIC	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.

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	Coorong District Council	The Coorong District Council through its Natural Resources Management delivery arm the Coorong District Local Action Plan (CDLAP) has the relevant systems and processes in place to effectively work with private landholders to deliver pest plant and animal control activities. The project will target three Weeds of National significance and two pest animal species which are declared under the South Australian Natural Resources Management Act 2004. The project proposes to offer up to 50% of overall pest plant control costs to participating farm businesses, together with subsidised baits for fox and rabbit control, access to an innovative in-paddock weed control device and access to technical advice through coordinated landholder workshops	\$ 243,908.00	\$ 243,908.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	The Coorong, SA	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The project responses to the criteria were of an overall good standard. - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes. - This was a well written application that addresses the management of a priority pest/weed - The applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project.
	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Through a landscape approach the project targets weeds of national significance and declared weeds, both in the pasture zone and in ephemeral watercourses. The project will target established weeds and contribute to the prevention of spread. It combines direct employment outcomes in the control of weeds. It also aims to subsidise and enable independent landholder action through subsidies, education and local support.	\$ 118,940.00	\$ 118,940.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Orroroo/Carrieton, SA	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Mount Barker District Council	The Mount Barker District Council comprises area of 597km <sup>2</sup> and contains substantial biodiversity and has areas located within the "biodiversity hotspot", Mount Lofty Ranges. There are many immediate threats to native vegetation which have been identified in the Mount Barker District Biodiversity Plan, however weeds, in particular declared weeds, environmental weeds and weeds of national significance (WoNS) are arguably presenting the greatest threat. Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) are a high priority in the district as they are plants that high invasive traits and potential to spread causing social, environmental and economic impacts of national concern. The project will include the delivery of a weed management program for a selection of "Weeds of National Significance" in existing bushland and significant roadsides and reserves will be managed by Mount Barker District Council with the inclusion of various stakeholders.	\$ 33,900.00	\$ 33,900.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Mount Barker, SA	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.

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	Wakefield Regional Council	The activity will comprise of four core elements. The first will be the employment of a part time project officer to oversee the work of contractors, set up agreements with local herbicide supply businesses, communicate the program to land owners and through agricultural bureaus and other land management groups, liaise with NRM regarding target locations and provide administration for the project. The second component is a targeted approach to treat pest weeds and pests on public lands such as road reserves, water reserves and other areas under the care, control and management of the two local government entities. This will be undertaken by local contractors. The third component is offer of rebates for the purchase of herbicides and rabbit and fox baits through local herbicide supply businesses for the treatment of identified weeds. The fourth component is a community education program presented to interested land owners and existing groups such as agricultural bureaus.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Wakefield, Light, SA (consortium arrangement)	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The need for the project was well outlined and the applicant has shown they have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Yorke Peninsula Council	A number of Weeds of National Significance, declared plants and Alert List weeds will be targeted in this control program in coastal reserves to reduce seedbank and spread to agricultural properties. These weeds have been identified in the Yorke Natural Resource Management District Weed Action Plan November 2018 A number of coastal reserves in Yorke Peninsula Council area are used for bush camping and other tourism-related recreational pursuits, and landholders and agricultural producers have expressed concern, including through the Natural Yorke Community Action Planning Process and the consultation for the aforementioned Weed Action Plan, that this requires to be addressed specifically.	\$ 31,350.00	\$ 31,350.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Yorke Peninsula, SA	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Barunga West Council	The project will employ a local business (Stone Environmental), who are experienced in weed control and are aware of the priority areas for this project where populations of our target weeds are known to be. This project will focus on species that are listed in the "Yorke NRM District Weed Action Plan 2018" as priorities for Barunga West. At the top of the list will be Calomba Daisy, Silver leaf Nightshade and Buffel Grass, where practical other listed weed species will be tended to if they are seen. The work will be conducted over 4 weeks, with considerations given to optimal control periods for the particular problem weeds we are dealing with. Our aim is to proactively address our known problem areas before they expand and in the process identify and treat any new infestations or new weeds to our area before they become a real issue.	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 31,500.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Barunga West, SA	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
	Colac Otway Shire	Colac Otway Shire Council proposes to run an integrated pest plant and animal control program under the Communities Combating Pests and Weeds During Drought Program that would involve two substantive components: rabbit control, and treatment of a targeted list of pest plants under two categories – weeds providing rabbit harbour and weeds causing significant agricultural impacts across the Colac Otway local government area. Landowners across the local government area with private property within the Farming Zone, Rural Living Zone and Rural Conservation Zone will be invited to participate in the program, which will also be implemented across Council-managed reserves.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Colac-Otway, VIC	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.

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	Rural City of Murray Bridge	Council aims to control as many WoNS as possible in the time frame allocated including the control of rabbits and foxes adjacent to EPBC flora & fauna species are located along our roads network. Small populations of WoNS below will be our priority. Silverleaf Nightshade (Solanum elaeagnifolium), Boneseed (Chrisanthemoides monilifera), Gorse (Ulex europaeus), Blackberry (Rubus fruticosus), Dog Rose (Rosa canina), Aleppo Pine (Pinus halepensis), White weeping brooms (Retama monosperma), African Lovegrass (Eragostris curvula), Rhodes Grass (Chloris gayana) and Buffel Grass (Cenchrus ciliaris) After treatment of the above weeds, contractors will control African boxthorn (Lycium ferocissimum) Four days baiting of rabbits will improve the quality of the landscape for EPBC flora within our road reserves and adjoining properties. One day of fox gassing will enhance the program the local NRM board are committed to and help protect native fauna and livestock.	\$ 35,437.50	\$ 35,437.50	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Murray Bridge, SA	The applicant is preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The public benefit of the project has been demonstrated with the benefits of the project to be shared with the broader community. - The application provides substantial detail on the need for project plus evidence of the importance of the project outcomes.
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 15,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,996,817.27</b>				

<sup>1</sup> **Terms** of the grant approval are the key features that describe the grant proposal to the decision maker

<sup>2</sup> **Basis** means the reason for selecting the grant proposal (i.e. why did we recommend one application over another)

<sup>3</sup> **Approval** is required for the entire **value** of the proposal. GST is not applicable.

## APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

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Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program - Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds	Paroo Shire Council	Paroo Shire Council has developed a scheme to construct wild dog exclusion fencing on rural properties throughout the district, based on the Queensland Treasury Corporation's Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing (WDEF) Information Pack. Wild dog exclusion fences will significantly benefit the local community through the preservation of sheep numbers, which will stimulate local economic growth. The Council will purchase exclusion fencing materials and manage the construction of the infrastructure on rural lands. The Council has identified, through an expression-of-interest process, landholders who are interested and willing to participate in the scheme. This project will enable the Council to provide a subsidy for participant landholders, which will provide a small reduction in the overall cost of the infrastructure. The scheme will assist landholders to invest in fencing infrastructure that will exclude the movement of wild dogs across the Paroo region, which will complement current trapping and baiting programs and deliver effective control.	\$ 800,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Paroo, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly demonstrated their ability to successfully deliver the project.	Yes
	Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Blackall-Tambo region encompasses an area of over 30,000 square kilometres historically associated with the production of sheep and wool. At it's height in the 1940's sheep numbers in Queensland were estimated at over 25 million, by the 1990's drought, failed export markets and the ravages of wild dog had reduced this number to under 3 million. The wool industry is labour intensive and the flow on to towns and local communities was disastrous. Over the past few years the decline has been checked and reversed. The world's preference for natural fibres to replace plastics and synthetics has ensured economic prosperity for growers foreseeably for decades and the advent of exclusion fencing to prevent feral dogs from decimating flocks has lifted production numbers by in many cases 70-80% and higher. Exclusion fencing is seen as the saviour of the wool industry in Queensland and the return of jobs and prosperity in regional towns.	\$ 420,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Blackall-Tambo, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	Yes
	Toowoomba Regional Council	This application seeks to upgrade approximately 40km of the current Rabbit Barrier fence, located to the west of Cecil Plains, to a standard which will also act as a wild dog barrier. The section to be replaced lies along the boundary between the Toowoomba and Western Downs Regional Councils and is managed by the Darling Downs Moreton Rabbit board. The section to be replaced links the eastern and western alignments of the Main Wild Dog Check Fence and is the most degraded section of the Rabbit Barrier Fence. Both fences are maintained solely by Local authorities with no financial assistance from higher levels of government. That section of the main wild dog check fence located to the north of the Rabbit Fence has also become degraded. Upgrading of the Rabbit Fence to a wild dog standard will restore the integrity of the remaining Wild dog check fence, providing protection from both species and reducing the ongoing maintenance burden on the communities serviced by both Councils	\$ 1,000,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Toowoomba, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	Yes

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	Barcaldine Regional Council	This project is for the delivery and implementation of a controlled pest weeds combatting program. Council will see the help of specialized professionals for the coordination and implementation of a controlled treatment/cull of Weeds of National Significance (WONS), being conducted on various properties within our Region.	\$ 100,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Barcaldine, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	Yes
	Flinders Shire Council	Flinders Shire Council launched the Good Neighbour Program (GNP) as a way to minimise the impacts of one neighbour's pest infestations negatively affecting another's. Following on from the success of the GNP the shire has now developed an on property plan designed to incorporate the principals of the GNP and best practice principals developed through the War on Western Weed Project, DAF field Trials and SGNRM and DCQ findings to establish an on property eradication program that is self-paced and adaptable to landholders business plans. The plan has a strong focus on protecting investment to ensure finite resources used are maximised for better environmental and agricultural outcomes.	\$ 1,000,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Flinders, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The application does not represent value for money.	
	Mount Isa City Council	Removal of Noxious Plants from Calton Hill Station, May Downs Station and Council Owned Old Abattoir	\$ 120,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Mount Isa, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes. - The need for the project in the proposed location has not been clearly established.	
	Bulloo Shire Council	The project will build on existing pest management partnerships with landholders to deliver targeted coordinated aerial baiting programs. As the Bulloo Shire covers 73,000 square kilometres, aerial baiting is the only effective way to distribute the baits over such a large area. 2 coordinated baiting programs will be delivered outside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence and 2 will be conducted inside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence. Landholders will provide maps of target areas that require baiting and also provide assistance to prepare and dry meat baits. Quilpie Shire Rural Lands Officer will provide assistance at baiting stations as the distance are too far to be able to travel to another bait station via road. The coordinated program will include the use a mix of fresh and factory baits. This targeted program will support existing on ground baiting programs.	\$ 111,560.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Bulloo, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes. - The need for the project in the proposed location has not been clearly established.	Yes
	Isaac Regional Council	The Isaac Regional Council covers 58,862 square kilometres in Central Queensland, including a mix of coastal and inland environments. Infestations of Giant Rat's Tail grass (GRT) has occurred in eastern areas of the Isaac region, particularly in the Blue Mountain, Nebo, Carmila and St Lawrence areas. From these areas in the east of the Isaac region flow headwaters for the Fitzroy River and coastal streams and major arterial roads and highways, including the National Highway, into Central and Northern Queensland. Herbicide application is part of an effective control strategy but tussock grass specific herbicides are expensive to obtain and so are a prohibitive barrier to control. A herbicide subsidy scheme will reduce the cost of these herbicides allowing greater access to the products.	\$ 25,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Isaac, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes. - The need for the project in the proposed location has not been clearly established.	
	Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Target and destroy declared weeds in the Blackall-Tambo region. The only benefit that comes with prolonged drought is that these pests are easier to identify due to the lack of native vegetation and grasses. Tambo and Blackall are on the Barcoo river catchment and it is important that this environmental area is protected from invasion by noxious weeds so they do not take hold of an area.	\$ 50,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Blackall-Tambo, QLD	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes. - The need for the project in the proposed location has not been clearly established.	Yes



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	Oberon Council	The activity will apply contemporary satellite based remote sensing capabilities to detect each of Blackberry and Serrated Tussock priority weeds in terms of 'higher density' or 'lower density' invading populations across the Oberon , Bathurst Regional, Blayney Shire and Lithgow City Council areas of the NSW Central Tablelands. The satellite imagery will be processed to interpret the spectrometric signatures of each of the target priority weeds and transform the results into a geographic information system (GIS) map visualisation of relative weed density across the District. The resultant GIS map layers will allow Upper Macquarie Consortia to notify landholders more expeditiously and accurately of higher density infestations of target weed species that require treatment via spraying or other means. This will reduce the incidence of these priority weeds and their spread onto adjoining properties. Overall the project will lead to an increase in stocking rates for farm business.	\$ 446,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Oberon, Lithgow, NSW (Consortium arrangement)	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal.	
	Snowy Valleys Council	This project will see the treatment and removal of a large biomass of identified priority weed species as well as environmentally invasive weed species that have become the dominate features in the target area due to recurrent drought cycles. Removal will eliminate significant pest vermin harbour and rehabilitation will have a significantly positive effect on the property as well as the surrounding properties and natural landscape.	\$ 68,200.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Snowy Valleys, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	
	Griffith City Council	The plan consists of three parts. Part one is the mechanical removal of the larger prickly pear and transporting them to a pit to be buried a depth of at least two metres. Part two will be the chemical spraying of the remaining prickly pear and any other weeds of concern, such as boxthorn, sweet briar rose, horehound, palm trees and anything else not native to the area. This is to be done with the utmost caution so it does not affect off-target plants and trees. This work will be done with side-by-side bikes and on foot with backpacks. Part three will involve cleaning up off all the dumped rubbish encountered in the project area and transporting it to landfill.	\$ 60,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Griffith, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	
	Brewarrina Shire Council	We intend to travel the banks and gully systems of the Narran River, using All Terrain Vehicles fitted with spray equipment and other equipment to be used in the poisoning and removal of the Parkinsonia. This activity would be better carried out after rain, but this could limit access to parts of the infestation, so we believe our best chance to access all plants is during this time of drought.	\$ 86,985.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Brewarrina, Walgett , NSW (Consortium arrangement)	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	
	Dubbo Regional Council	This project is an innovative approach by Dubbo Regional Council to work with rural landowners in the Dubbo Regional Local Government Area to identify and manage high-risk weeds such as Parthenium Weed and Tropical Soda Apple that have a crippling effect on livestock feed and feed-out areas. Using drone technology (high resolution drone mounted photography), Council will photograph XX rural properties and provide photographic record to landowners to assist them in their land management strategies. The information will assist Council's Natural Resource Officers to partner with landowners	\$ 89,692.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Western Plains Regional, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	
	Leeton Regional Council	To undertake spraying activities on public lands to suppress and control silver leaf night shade by chemical application	\$ 100,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Leeton, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	

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	New England Tablelands County Council (comprising Armidale Regional Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Shire Council areas)	The projects aims to address a core infestation of Serrated Tussock in the Glen Innes region on Sugarloaf Mountain, Deepwater. The area in question is steed undulating, country where treatment by conventional means is difficult to achieve an effective control program. The project addresses this by the aerial application of a granular selective herbicide specific to Serrated Tussock. The herbicide also has the added benefit of providing a residual to prevent reinfestation for up to three years, allowing the new owner of the property to develop a Serrated Tussock Best Management Plan with New England Weeds Authority and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services. Serrated Tussock has a windborne seed which infests neighbouring land and the project addresses the further spread of Serrated Tussock in the Ten Mile Valley.	\$ 24,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Glen Innes Severn, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	
	Balranald Shire Council	In addition to existing Biosecurity equipment, the following will be required in order to execute an effective monitoring and control program for our rural and remote communities the following will be required: • satellite phone (incl. licencing) • LV tracking system (for safety whilst working remotely) • tandem axle trailer with spray unit and tanks • ruggedized laptop/tablet (including photographic capability) and car mount. Biosecurity software for rapid identification and georeferencing/registration of affected sites.	\$ 76,500.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Balranald, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes. - The overall project budget does not appear to be sufficient to deliver the project.	
	Lachlan Council	An area just west (there are other areas also) of Condobolin along the Lachlan River has an extreme infestation of African Boxthorn. The plan is to provide a start for those affected property owners by clearing a buffer zone from their boundary inward, this will also reduce the spread of seed onto neighbouring properties that are weed-free. We will seek a Biosecurity Undertaking from property owners where any works are conducted to continue a further reduction by a certain percentage every year whilst maintaining any areas where work has already been conducted. These areas are also habitat to feral pigs, kangaroos, deer and foxes. The land in many of these areas is either totally useless for cropping or for stock, or it is very limited for those purposes. A reduction and ongoing control should result in extra cropping, stock and employment, to what extent is impossible to estimate.	\$ 217,800.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Lachlan, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	
	Upper Hunter Shire Council	Professional aerial (helicopter) feral management workers will be contracted for a major eradication project within Upper Hunter Shire. Aerial projects recently carried out within the Murrurundi area (deer control) have had great success at culling numbers, and the opportunity to follow up and target wider areas and diverse pests (pigs, wild dogs) will have a major impact on our drought declared Shire. In particular, this project is an opportunity to strategically target wild dogs who are increasing in numbers and having a negative impact on farmers trying to stock sheep due to the drier conditions. Professional contractors will be utilised for the project. Upper Hunter Shire Council will manage all community consultation and implement appropriate plans.	\$ 176,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Upper Hunter Shire, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	

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	Muswellbrook Shire Council	Green Cestrum is a highly toxic weed, which, if grazed by livestock is likely to cause death. In drought conditions the risk is greater due to lack of green feed. This project is to continue on from previous works in the catchment (on new, previously untreated sites) to reduce Cestrum to a level manageable by the landholders. Contractors will be utilised for initial control works with landholders being supplied with suitable chemical to encourage follow up work. Control of Green Cestrum in this area has the potential to save the local community tens of thousands of dollars in stock losses.	\$ 20,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Muswellbrook, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	
	Shire of Lake Grace	The Shire of Lake Grace is taking action to eradicate Caltrop in all public spaces and recreational areas within the Shire.	\$ 53,274.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Lake Grace, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Shire of West Arthur	The project will gather and interpret behavioural data from radio collaring adult feral pigs.  The data will be used to develop a feral pig management strategy for the Shire of West Arthur and to engage West Arthur farmers to take ownership of feral pig management on their properties. As well as encouraging them to work with their neighbours and landscape connections and with ongoing resources and support from Blackwood Biosecurity Inc. and The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.	\$ 22,200.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	West Arthur, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Shire of Carnarvon	The Shire of Carnarvon will engage the Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association (CRBA) for the project deliveries. The Department of Agriculture and Food WA has previously provided funding to treat Mesquite and Parkinsonia in the Gascoyne and Lyons Rivers in 2013 and on the Gascoyne and Lyons Rivers from 2016 to 2018. This new project from 2019 onwards will focus on untreated areas the Gascoyne river as well as some previously treated areas to reduce re-infestations. Treatment will be carried out by approved contractors with appropriate registration and training in chemical use. Surveys will be conducted by helicopter and in some cases, drones to establish areas for treatment. For treatment of infested areas on pastoral lease. The Carnarvon Growers Association (CGA) is a key stakeholder in the delivery of the project. Together with CGA management of treatment on private freehold land in the Horticultural district will take place.	\$ 269,730.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Carnarvon, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Shire of Mingenew	This project aims to help co-ordinate and educate landholders and government agencies within the Mingenew Shires to undertake effective feral pest management. The project will focus on are rabbits, foxes, wild dogs and feral pigs. These pests cause environmental and agricultural damage. The project will involve: • Workshops to coordinate and educate landholders • Creation of a digital information pack for landholders regarding RCPP permits • Hosting three Licensed Pest Management Technician bait days for pigs, wild dogs and foxes • Source and control release of rabbit viruses • Organisation of the annual fox shoot. • Free leasing of wild dog traps to landholders and trail cameras for pest and illegal hunting control • Visiting problem areas to educate landholders on damage done by pests • Advertisement of the issue via social media	\$ 34,350.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Mingenew, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	

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	Shire of Perenjori	The Shire of Perenjori would hold a shoot once a month over a six month duration, dependent on the movement of the birds throughout the months. Some months there may be the need to conduct more than one shoot, which the Shire would organise and other months there may not be the need to shoot at all. The Shire would be willing to conduct smaller shoots if needed as well.	\$ 20,256.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Perenjori, NSW	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Control extensive infestations of Blackberry (rubus sp) on Bridgetown-Greenbushes shire roadsides and reserves (and on private property immediately adjoining infestations) that have grown extensively in drought conditions. In partnership with Blackwood Biosecurity Inc. we will reduce agricultural, environmental and social impact and to reinforce a renewed public interest in controlling the weed sparked by recent low-dose Metsulphurin and Endorse trials.	\$ 14,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Bridgetown-Greenbushes, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Shire of Ashburton	To mitigate the damage caused by Leucaena in relation to the natural environment, property, social and cultural land uses through mechanical (ring baking/girdling) and chemical controls to achieve the following goals and objectives: 1. Leucaena plants and infestations under a comprehensive yearly control program progressing towards eradication. 2. Core infestations reduced in size. 3. Density of Leucaena in town sites reduced.	\$ 100,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Ashburton, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Shire of Northampton	This project will provide a better understanding in effective feral pig control efforts in the Northampton/Hutt and Chapman Valley/Greenough River areas but can be applied within broadacre farming areas in WA. Landholders in the project area will apply a range of best-practice-management tools and assist in monitoring pig abundance and behaviour within the project area. An extensive trapping camera monitoring network and up to 30 GPS tracking collars at the same time will monitor pig distribution, effectiveness and seasonal variability of the implemented control efforts by farmers and the local biosecurity group (NBG). Landholders, community, LPMTs will enter data in FeralScan for reporting feral pig control, sightings and damage. The results and data collected as part of this project will improve landholder engagement and give the broader farming community confidence in applying a range coordinated control efforts such as coordinated pre-feeding, baiting, trapping and aerial shooting.	\$ 228,699.99	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Chapman Valley, Greater Geraldton, Northampton, Morawa, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Shire of Three Springs	There is an issue with feral animals such as wild pigs and foxes in the north western section of the Three Springs Shire. Working with landholders, it is proposed to hold a baiting program with the use of baits made at a baiting day. The baits will be poison grain (wild pigs) and meat baits for foxes. The baits will be available to the affected landholders free of charge.	\$ 10,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Three Springs, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Shire of Yalgoo	The activity involves the employment over a three year period of an experienced, motivated Licenced Pest Management Technician Contractor to trap and bait wild dogs within the Shire of Yalgoo. The goal of the activity is to significantly reduce the number of wild dog attacks on sheep, goats and cattle thus enabling pastoralists to increase production in a time of drought, when farm incomes are under enormous strain. An increase in on farm production will have a flow on effect to local communities by way of increased employment opportunities and stimulation of the local economy.	\$ 192,850.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Yalgoo, WA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	

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	Latrobe City Council	To be able to provide grants to landowners to contribute towards the costs of controlling weeds, in particular the noxious weeds blackberries, willow, boxthorn, spear thistles, ragwort, and gorse on rural properties. We will be targeting creeks and waterways on private properties. A condition of the grants, which will primarily fund woody and noxious weed control, will be the installation of fending to exclude stock from waterways. Stock in waterways cause physical damage to the bank which can result in bank instability, erosion and water quality issues, and also typically result in an increase of weeds along waterways contributing to the spread of weeds from waterways into rural properties and downstream. By giving farmers financial help to combat weeds and fence stock out of sensitive areas, it will ease the burden of weed control during difficult times and allow the farmers to continue to purchase in feed and water if required, rather than damage sensitive ecosystems.	\$ 70,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Latrobe, VIC	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal.	
	Flinders Ranges Council	The Little Corella (Cacatua sanguinea) is a native parrot that has benefited greatly from changes to the SA landscape brought about by broad scale pastoral practices. It has been present in the Flinders Ranges for over 80 years however in the past two decades has become an overabundant pest. Through this project, Council will employ a full time Project Officer to work closely with the Community, Government Agencies and drought-affected landowners to implement Council's 'Action Strategy for the Little Corella' (copy attached). The Strategy proposes using science based management to significantly reduce the population numbers of this overabundant pest whilst ensuring strict adherence to all animal welfare requirements. The Strategy is consistent with the Council initiated research project undertaken by the Discovery Circle citizen science initiative at the University of South Australia "Little Corellas - Social and Ecological Research for Management in South Australia" (copy attached).	\$ 115,000.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Flinders Ranges, SA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The applicant has not clearly established a pest/weed reduction would result from the proposal. - The applicant has not clearly established how the project aligns with the outcomes.	
	District Council of Peterborough	The Peterborough District Animal Management plan is to assist local farmers cull the ever increasing numbers of pest animals destroying crops, and taking water and feed from sheep. At the moment farmers are losing sheep because of a lack of feed, either from bales of hay or natural grown grasses. If the sheep have lambs they are also losing the lambs as the mothers are unable to supply the goodness necessary to sustain life. Loss of sheep is a loss of income, which means other local businesses are suffering financially due to lack of spend from the farming community.	\$ 58,900.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Peterborough, SA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
	Adelaide Plains Council	In 1993 a report was produced assessing native vegetation within the Council district. This report included a number of general recommendations and site specific projects. This application is to update that report to review the progress of the different recommendations, and re-prioritize the projects to target on-ground works within the region. The council has lost a lot of its remnant roadside vegetation and unfortunately roadsides are a perfect vector in the spread of problematic weeds. By improving roadside vegetation within the district that includes a long term provide projects will provide much needed competition against the spread of weeds within the district. Activities of the grant will include; botanical surveys, roadside vegetation site prioritization, drive by surveys, re-prioritize recommendations, re-instate the roadside marker scheme, create a community plant nursery and targeted weed control in identified areas.	\$ 96,036.00	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Mallala, SA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	

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	Copper Coast Council	We intend to utilise an Integrated Weed Management Plan with both of the declared weeds mentioned. The priority actions for Silverleaf Night shade will be to stop any more spread around the district by destroying odd plants around roadsides and fence lines. Find, map and spot-treat the patches in the lightly infested areas, and apply robust rates of selected Herbicide for the heavily infested areas.	\$ 31,309.77	12 months	12 months after execution of grant agreement	Copper Coast, SA	The applicant is not preferred by the Selection Advisory Panel. The Panel noted that: - The Panel did not consider this application as funds had been exhausted in this state on higher ranked applications.	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 6,308,342.76</b>					

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

## Attachment A

Mandatory grants approval and reporting obligations

1. The PGPA Act and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs) set out mandatory requirements for you and the department for all grant approvals.
2. When you approve a grant, you must:
  - a) comply with the PGPA Act Section 71
  - b) be satisfied, after making reasonable inquiries, that the proposed expenditure would be a proper (efficient, effective, economical and ethical) use of relevant money
  - c) record the terms and basis of the approval in writing. The department has provided suggested terms and basis as part of the recommendation at **Attachment B**.
3. In accordance with the CGRGs, any grant approvals you make will be reported to the Senate before each Senate estimates hearing.
4. The CGRGs require the department to outline the process used to select potential grant recipients.
  - a) The department has used a competitive selection process. The application and selection process (including the selection criteria used) is outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines at **Attachment C**. The recommendations are based on merit ranking against the published grant opportunity guidelines – the merit ranking is also the ranking of value with relevant money.
5. The grants for the applicants listed at **Attachment E** are not recommended for approval. If you approve a grant the department has recommended be rejected, you must record the basis for your approval as a statement of reasons for the decision and report annually to the Minister for Finance. The department will prepare this report for you by 31 March each year.
6. If you approve a grant the department has recommended be rejected, and the decision relates to your own electorate (House of Representative members only), you are required to write to the Finance Minister. The department will prepare this letter for you.
7. The following recommended grants fall within your electorate. Where you (being a House of Representatives member) approve a grant in your own electorate, you are required to write to the Minister for Finance advising of the details unless the grant provides Australia-wide, state-wide or regional benefit. The department has prepared a letter for your signature (**Enclosure D**).
  - Balonne Shire Council (pest and weed management and wild dog exclusion fencing)
  - Barcaldine Regional Council (wild dog exclusion fencing)
  - Barcoo Shire Council (pest and weed management and wild dog exclusion fencing)
  - Diamantina Shire Council (pest and weed management)
  - Goondiwindi Regional Council (wild dog exclusion fencing)
  - Longreach Regional Council (pest and weed management and wild dog exclusion fencing)
  - Maranoa Regional Council (pest and weed management)
  - Murweh Shire Council (wild dog exclusion fencing)
  - Paroo Shire Council (pest and weed management)
  - Quilpie Shire Council (pest and weed management and wild dog exclusion fencing)

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- Southern Downs Regional Council (wild dog exclusion fencing)
  - Western Downs Regional Council (pest and weed management)
  - Winton Shire Council (pest and weed management and wild dog exclusion fencing).
8. The legislative authority for the proposed grants is section 32B of the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997* and Item 310 of part 4 Schedule 1AB to the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997*.
  9. The funding source is administered appropriation.





The Hon. David Littleproud MP

Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources  
Federal Member for Maranoa

Ref: MS19-000372

Senator the Hon. Mathias Cormann  
Minister for Finance  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

29 MAR 2019

Dear Minister 

I am writing to advise you, as required under the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines, of my decision to fund grants in my electorate of Maranoa as part of the **Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program – Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds**.

On 29 March 2019, following a competitive grant process and independent assessment by a panel, I approved a number of grants in my electorate. See Attachment A for details of these grants.

The objectives of the **Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program – Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds** are to assist communities manage the impact of wild dogs, vertebrate pest animals and weeds during drought, as well as contributing to the government's broader biosecurity objectives. Additionally, the program is designed to facilitate local employment, stimulate economic activity and provide a long-term benefit to drought-affected communities where the projects take place.

If you require additional information, please contact [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) Director of the Drought Pests and Weeds Program Design team at the Department of Agriculture on [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

Yours sincerely

DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP

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ATTACHMENT TO LETTER TO  
 MINISTER FOR FINANCE OUTLINING  
 GRANTS APPROVED IN MARANOVA  
 ELECTORATE

Grant Recipient	Project Type	Funding amount (\$) (GST not applicable)
Balonne Shire Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$800,000.00
Balonne Shire Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$200,000.00
Barcaldine Regional Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$400,000.00
Barcoo Shire Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$900,000.00
Barcoo Shire Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$80,000.00
Diamantina Shire Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$150,000.00
Goondiwindi Regional Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$454,260.00
Longreach Regional Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$110,000.00
Longreach Regional Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$880,000.00
Maranoa Regional Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$210,000.00
Murweh Shire Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$600,000.00
Paroo Shire Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$196,500.00
Quilpie Shire Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$100,000.00
Quilpie Shire Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$900,000.00
Southern Downs Regional Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$1,000,000.00
Western Downs Regional Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$159,800.00
Winton Shire Council	Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing	\$800,000.00
Winton Shire Council	Pests and Weed Management	\$200,000.00