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Project Description

This project will “pilot” the packaging of a wide range of products and services available to assist farmers in improving (and proving) their management skills and techniques into a program called “Healthy Farms”. This program will then be used to promote the exceptional safe and sustainable agricultural practices used by the (Mingenew-Irwin Group) MIG members to the wider community.

The tools that will underpin the Healthy Farms program include Environmental Management Systems (EMS), Quality Assurance (QA), Chemcert and Farmsafe. Catchman, a farm mapping program, will be used to assist in monitoring physical progress of farmers involved in the Healthy Farms program.

Initially the program will focus on the MIG membership, because they are a cohesive group of farmers who are advanced in the adoption of EMS. Later in the project's life, it will be piloted in the West Midlands and Yarra Yarra sub-regions in order to assess the uptake of the concept at a broad scale.

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