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Project Description

Salinity is causing damage to infrastructure in many towns in the NACC. Of the 38 towns in the Rural Towns Program, 6 are located in the NACC region. Moora, the town assessed as the highest risk town in NACC according to the State Salinity Investment Framework (SIF), is the major agricultural regional centre between Perth and Geraldton. The SIF has also identified Morawa and Perenjori as being at high risk from salinity.

In addition water restrictions are limiting commercial development, employment opportunities, population growth and community development due to water supply limitations and the high cost of water supplied by the Water Corporation.

This project will show how problem groundwater and surface water may be harnessed and turned into a resource. Delivered over three years and 3 'Priority Towns' (Moora, Perenjori & Morawa), Rural Towns – Liquid Assets (RT-LA), will demonstrate how to control townsite salinity and produce economic returns from water resource development. It will do so as a consortium formed between the Department of Agriculture & Food (DAFWA), NACC and three Shires. DAFWA will also enlist the support of partners: CSIRO, CRC LEME, UWA and the Chemistry Centre.

Delivery Organisation: Department of Agriculture and Food

Total IP2 Funding: \$247,750

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