

Don't Beat Around the Bush

Protecting Threatened Species and Ecological Communities in the Northern Agricultural Region

Project Aim

To protect the habitat of threatened flora and fauna and areas of priority remnant native vegetation in the Northern Agricultural Region. This will contribute to improving the extent, connectivity and condition of habitat that supports threatened species and ecological communities. Subject to the project's site criteria, financial assistance will be provided to land managers to undertake fencing to protect and restore remnant vegetation.

Site Criteria

For the 2015-16 financial year, up to **\$3,500 per km of fencing** is available for the purpose of enclosing areas of remnant vegetation that meet the following site criteria:

- Located within the **Northern Agricultural Region**; and
- **Of at least 10 hectares in size**; and
- **Comprising good quality vegetation***; and
- Containing or providing habitat for
 - Threatened species or ecological communities listed under the ***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation 1999 Act***, or
 - Threatened species or ecological communities listed under the ***Wildlife Conservation Act 1950***; or
 - **Native vegetation remnants considered to be Regional and Local Assets*** (i.e., includes cultural and heritage assets and good quality remnant vegetation that do not contain threatened species).

Financial incentives are not means tested.

* Assessment will be made on a case by case basis by Northern Agricultural Catchments Council staff.

Management Agreement and Site Management Plan

A Management Agreement and Site Management Plan for all funded sites will be developed by a NACC local Natural Resources Management Officer (NRMO). This will set out the financial assistance available, and details of the agreed on-going works. The Site Management Plan will outline the required standards of works (e.g., fencing protocols) and time frames.

When does the land manager get paid?

Once all works have been completed, the site will be inspected by a NACC NRMO to record the completed works. A survey is to be completed by the land manager at the time, and submitted to the NRMO before all works can be officially considered complete by the NRMO and therefore eligible for payment.

What NACC will not fund

Works that will not be funded include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Pest and weed control.
- Enhancement or revegetation.
- Fencing on sites where an incentive has previously been paid within the last 10 years.
- Boundary fencing where a block of native vegetation does not meet the site criteria.

INFORMATION SHEET

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Further Information

If you would like further information about this incentive or NACC's Biodiversity Program please visit our website at www.nacc.com.au or contact your local NACC staff member.

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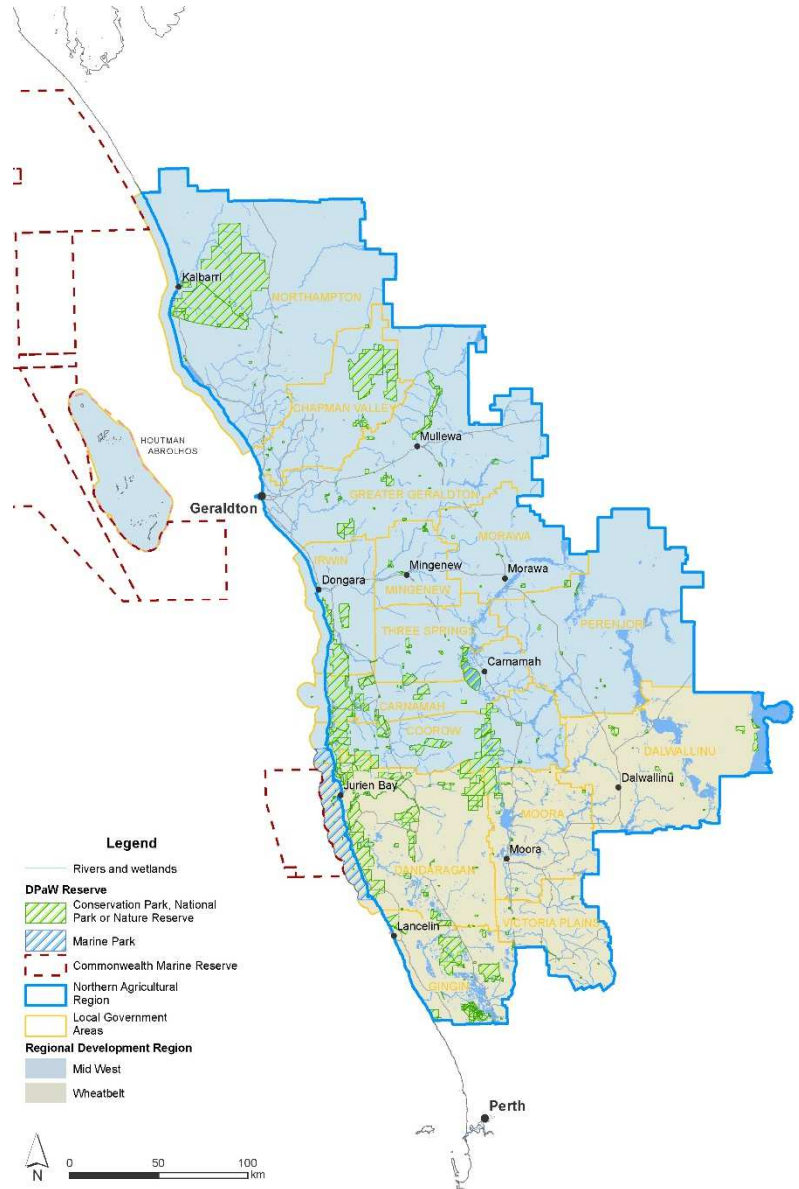
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