

## **Biodiversity Response Planning Program 2020-2021**

### **Cowangie**

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

009-013-FORM

Collectively, the private lands targeted by this project represent parts of agricultural areas of south-eastern Australia, and the least disturbed Mallee ecosystem in Australia.

The largely agricultural landscape supports significant areas of high value remnants, providing ecological linkages to aid species dispersal and support climate change adaptation. These landscapes are therefore vital to the protection of over 200 native species they support (including EPBC and/ or FFG listed Mallee emu-wren, Major Mitchell's cockatoo, Lines Earless Dragon and Pine/ Buloke Woodland communities) and the broader ecosystem services they provide.

Weed, rabbit and fox populations pose large threats to the landscape in the Mallee, impacting on native flora and fauna, therefore it is critical management practice to control these threats. All proposed weed and rabbit areas identified will need to be within remnant vegetation to be eligible to apply.

Environmental weeds such as WONS (Weeds of National Significance) prickly pear, wheel cactus, Hudson pear, African boxthorn and bridal creeper are being targeted. Refer to fox, rabbit and weed target areas (Appendix 1) to be eligible to apply for fox, rabbit and weed control.

The Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA), with support from the Victorian Government, has committed to providing funding over three years (2018-19 to 2020-21) for the Biodiversity Response Planning Program.

The funding will be used to establish agreements between Mallee CMA and private land owners to deliver weed, rabbit and fox control activities in the project target areas shown in Appendix 1.

Activities that will be carried out within the project area are listed below;

### **Rabbit and Fox Control**

Any rabbit and fox control outlined in the application by the landholder will be coordinated and undertaken by a Mallee CMA contractor in agreement with the landholder. All rabbit control will need to be undertaken within the defined project area (Appendix 1) and within remnant vegetation.

### **Weed Control**

Approved private landholders will receive a grant for any weed control work, upfront, and it is the landholder's responsibility to undertake the works. All weed control will need to be undertaken within the defined project area (Appendix 1) and within remnant vegetation. Data will need to be submitted to the Mallee CMA Project Officer after completing the weed control works. Data includes; GPS coordinates of treated weeds, travel logs and identification of treated weed at each GPS location. The landholder will be required to take photos, before the works, during the works and on completion of the works and submit the photos to the Mallee CMA Project Officer.

### **General Information**

On-ground works are to be completed by 30 April 2021.

This form is only an Expression of Interest to identify activities landholders would like to undertake and no works are to be undertaken until activities are approved, a formal contract has been signed by the landholder and Mallee CMA, and cultural heritage approval has been completed by the Mallee CMA.

Final maps will be provided to the landholder by Mallee CMA before commencement of control activities.

## COVID-19

Works must be carried in accordance with government restrictions and guidelines set by the Department of Health and Human Services. Frequently visit the Department of Health and Human Services website; <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>, for up to date information and restrictions. Private landholders awarded grants must contact the Mallee CMA Project Officer 2 weeks before commencing with weed control to discuss any restrictions and hygiene policies to be followed.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- **Due date of lodgement of this form is no later than 30/10/2020. If your completed Expression of Interest Form is not received by this date it may not be considered.**
- Please **discuss the prerequisites, conditions and confirm eligibility** with your Mallee Catchment Management Authority Project Manager (listed below) before filling out this form.
- Complete and lodge a **separate Expression of Interest (EOI) form for each property** requiring an incentive.
- Please **submit this form** with **required attachments** to:

Stephanie Walters Project Officer

Re: Expression of Interest form – Biodiversity Response Planning Program 2020-21

Mallee Catchment Management Authority

### In person

Cnr Eleventh St & Koorlong Ave  
Irymple 3498

OR

### Post

PO Box 5017  
Mildura VIC 3502

OR

### Email

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### **For further information, contact:**

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## CLIENT DETAILS

Full name			
Business Name			
ABN			
Postal address			
Suburb / Town		Postcode	
Phone Number		Fax Number	
Mobile Number		Email Address	
Property Detail	Lot & Plan No.		
	Road Location & Block Number		
	Crown Allotment ID		
	Are you the sole owner of the property?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ( <b>continue to Property size</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> No – <b>select one:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Co-own <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Share <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe):	
	Property Owner Details	Name	
		Address	
		Phone Number	
Property size (Ha)		Area Applicable to Incentive (Ha)	

Note: Please consider your incentive application in the context of the overall plan for your business.

1. To the best of your knowledge, have you, or any previous owners of this property received any government incentive/s for works on this property?

Yes ☐      No ☐

If yes, please specify what incentive(s) and what year this occurred (if known)

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## INCENTIVE DETAILS

2. Please provide detail on the incentive type/s you are applying for.

<b>Incentive Type</b>	<b>Requested Amount (\$)</b> (incl. GST)	<b>In-kind Contribution (\$)</b> (incl GST)	<b>Works Details</b> (e.g. species treated, area treated, control methods, length of fencing)	<b>Delivered by contractor</b> (Yes/No)	<b>Total (\$)</b> (incl. GST)
Rabbit Control (in remnant vegetation, Mallee CMA will engage contractor)					
Fox Control (in remnant vegetation, Mallee CMA will engage contractor)					
Weed Control (in remnant vegetation, Incentive paid to the landholder)					
<b>Total (\$)</b> <b>(GST incl.)</b>					



Please attach a map of your property detailing the site(s) where your intended works will take place. Please make sure this map has roads and landmarks marked so that it is easily recognised.

OR

Please draw a map of your property detailing the site(s) where your intended works will take place in the box below. Please make sure this map has roads and landmarks marked so that it is easily recognised.

3. When will the works approximately start and be completed?

Start Date

Completion Date

## PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Native vegetation written approval.

If the treatment of pest plants and animals is proposed to take place by removing or destroying native vegetation, a written agreement must be provided by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). Please contact Land Planning and Approvals on (03) 5051 4500 to obtain an application form

4. Has written approval for the removal been obtained and attached to this application?

☐ Yes ☐ No – Please provide explanation below ☐ N/A

## EVALUATION

Expressions of Interest are assessed against the following evaluation criteria. (OFFICE USE ONLY)

	Criteria
1	Benefits to nationally significant species and communities
2	Value for money
3	Alignment with eligible activities
4	Ability to meet timeframes

**(OFFICE Copy)  
DECLARATION**

I, ..... have read and understand the prerequisite(s) and condition guidelines that support this form. I declare that the information given in this claim for incentives is correct. I understand that deliberately giving false or misleading information is a serious offence which will automatically lead to the cancellation of any incentive; and, that the Mallee Catchment Management Authority can substantiate the information contained within. Failure to complete this form will render this application ineligible for the described incentives.

I understand personal information is protected under the *Victorian Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*. The purpose of collecting the information on this Expression of Interest form is to process your application for an incentive. The expressions of interest are to be prioritised and therefore **incentives are not guaranteed** until I receive official notification.

If my application is successful, I am unable to transfer this incentive to any other part of my property for any other works other than the incentive I am given, nor can I transfer this incentive to any other property I might own. Please contact your Project Manager if you wish to review this application.

**Incentives are not transferable either to another property or to another incentive type.**

**CHECK LIST**

	<b>Completed ALL questions</b>
	<b>A map of your property detailing the site(s) where your intended works will take place.</b>
	<b>Permission from Property Owner/s obtained</b>

**Signed by the person applying for the incentive:**



..... (Applicant Name - print)

..... (Signature)

Date: ...../...../.....

**Acknowledgement of receipt Grants/Incentives Registration Number:**

Date EOI Received: ...../...../.....

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Evaluated and approved ☐ Yes ☐ No

Manager Signature:

**(YOUR Copy)  
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Date: ...../...../.....

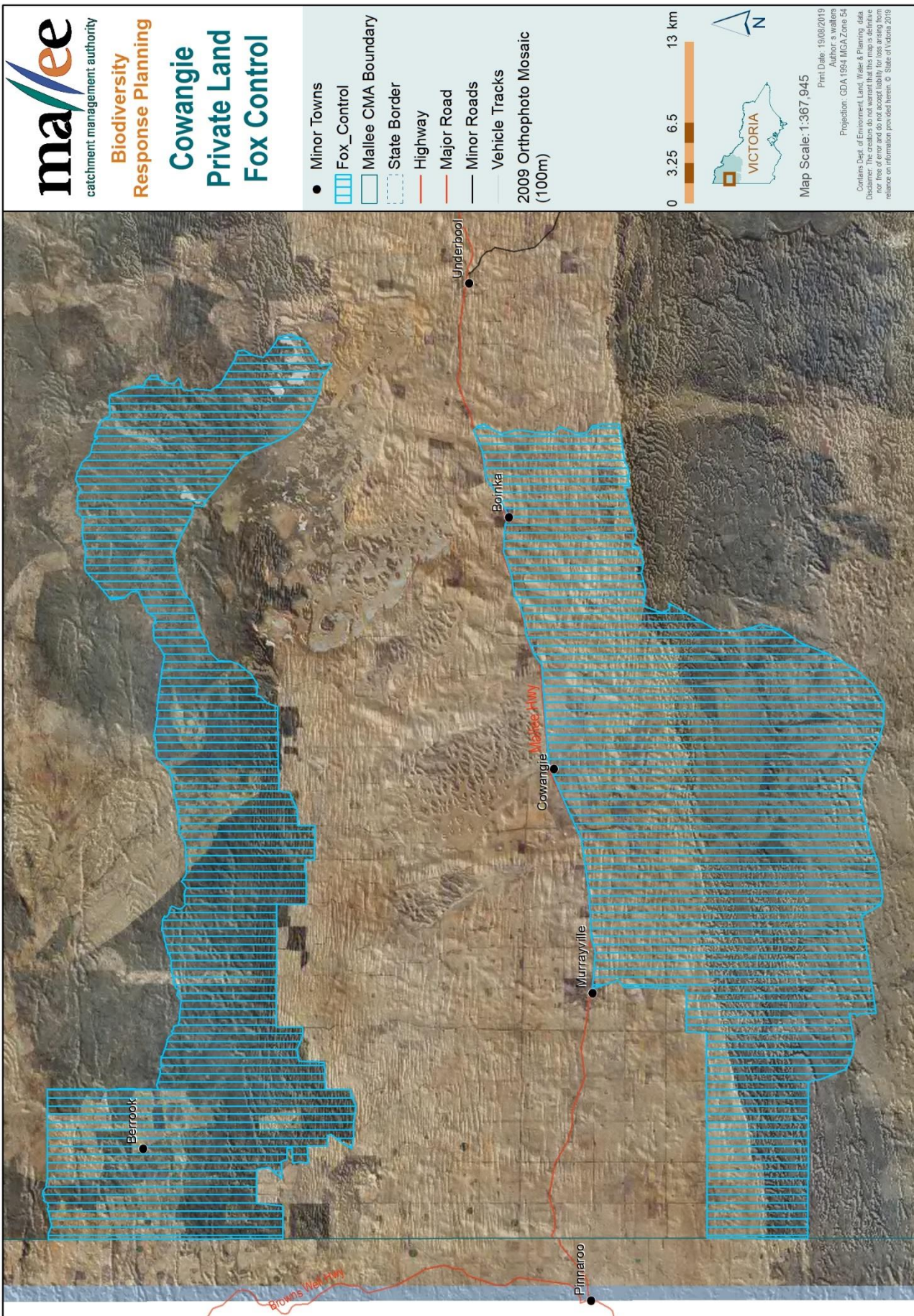


## Appendix 1



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