

Roles and responsibilities of government agencies delivering and supporting cost-share incentives

Government agencies work in partnership to deliver and support the cost-share incentives described in this brochure. Staff share knowledge and information across agencies and work together to achieve the most positive outcome and experience for the landowner.

North Central Catchment Management Authority

The North Central CMA coordinates natural resource planning and management in the North Central Region. It implements the North Central Regional Catchment Strategy - an asset based approach to protecting and enhancing the Region's key natural resource assets - and is responsible for works on waterways, regional drainage and floodplain management.

The North Central CMA coordinates Australian and State Government investment in natural resource management. Investment in the Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region is delivered under the Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region Land and Water Management Plan. The NCCMA's Natural Resources Management Committee provides strong community ownership and input to the Regional Catchment Strategy and its' supporting plans and sub-strategies.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

The Goulburn Broken CMA coordinates natural resource planning and management for the Goulburn Broken catchment. It provides day-to-day land and water management services in the Shepparton Irrigation Region under the Shepparton Irrigation Region Catchment Strategy. It also services landowners in the Rochester/Campaspe area in the North Central CMA region.

Local Government

The Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region includes the municipalities of Gannawarra, Campaspe and Loddon Shires and the Rural City of Swan Hill. Local Government is responsible for land use planning and development approvals and is involved in the approval process for some works undertaken using cost-share incentives.

Department of Primary Industries

The Department of Primary Industries 'North Central Sustainable Irrigated Landscapes Team' provides case management, technical and extension support for implementing the cost-share incentives under the North Central Regional Catchment Strategy and the Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region Land and Water Management Plan.



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Goulburn-Murray Water

Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) manages the supply of water to customers in its irrigation areas. G-MW licenses surface and groundwater extractions and plays a major role in managing irrigation salinity, water quality and regional economic development. G-MW also provides technical support to the delivery of several cost-share incentives including Community Surface Water Management Systems and Whole Farm Plans.

Department of Sustainability and Environment

The Department of Sustainability and Environment sets guidelines for regional planning activities of Catchment Management Authorities and oversees Government investment.

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Landowners in the Shepparton Irrigation Region (SIR)

Refer to the separate "Incentive for Catchment Works in the Shepparton Irrigation Region including the Campaspe Irrigation District" brochure or please contact one of the following DPI offices: Tatura 03 5833 5222, Echuca 03 5482 1922.



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Cost-share incentives

Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region
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Natural resource management in the Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region

In the Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region (LCIR), investment is delivered under the North Central Catchment Management Authority's Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region Land and Water Management Plan. The Plan area includes the towns of Swan Hill, Kerang, Boort, Pyramid Hill, Cohuna, Leitchville, Gunbower, Echuca, Rochester, Koondrook and Lockington.

The Plan is a resource planning and management tool that proposes future directions and options to regional communities for land, water and environmental management. It has a 30-year timeframe to address these issues from a regional perspective.

Key issues included in the Plan are the ongoing problems of salinity, increasing agricultural productivity, protecting the environment and increasing social well-being. The Plan also identifies options to manage changes resulting from rapid water market reform. Cost-share incentives are one of the tools used to achieve its objectives.

- Landholders must contact a DPI Case Manager to receive approval before commencing works.
- Incentives marked # require a Whole Farm Plan for the property to be eligible.
- To be eligible for payment of these cost-share incentives it is essential that landholders follow the relevant guidelines for each scheme.
- Incentives outlined in this brochure are always subject to the availability of funds.
- To obtain further information on each incentive and the level of assistance you can receive, please contact a Department of Primary Industries Case Manager.



Improved land management - soil salinity survey

Incentive available for: Enabling landowners to identify salinity on their properties in order to make informed management decisions.

NOTE: In some designated areas for broadacre properties these surveys are a pre-requisite for completing a Whole Farm Plan. To determine if this is a requirement for your property please contact a Case Manager.

Level of assistance: Department staff will undertake the survey when there is sufficient soil moisture. The landowner does not need to pay for the survey but may need to contribute by supplying steel posts and super bags for a 240 metre x 240 metre grid on the farm and by providing labour to assist with the grid and the soil salinity survey if requested.

Whole farm plans

Incentive available for: Preparing a property plan that ensures any money invested in property development is well spent, and farm works do not interfere with regional drainage, environmental or cultural features, or floodplain water flow.

Broadacre

Areas that require a soil salinity survey; or in modernisation areas

Level of assistance: 85 per cent of the cost. Up to a maximum rate of reimbursement;

- Topographical survey \$39.50 per hectare
- Design \$45.20 per hectare
- Financial Assessment \$935 per property
- Plan Certification \$233.80

Areas that do not require a soil salinity survey; or plans outside the modernisation areas

Level of assistance: 50 per cent of the cost. Up to a maximum rate of reimbursement;

- Topographical survey \$23.20 per hectare
- Design \$26.60 per hectare
- Financial Assessment \$550 per property
- Plan Certification \$137.50

Horticulture

Areas within the Loddon Murray Region

Level of assistance: 75 per cent of the cost. Up to a maximum rate of reimbursement \$155 per hectare.

Areas outside the Loddon Murray Region

Level of assistance: 50 per cent of the cost. Up to a maximum rate of reimbursement \$102 per hectare.

Improved water management

Drainage re-use systems#

Incentive available for: Siting and installation of drainage re-use systems so as to conserve water on-farm by directing irrigation and rainfall run-off to a storage sump where the water can be collected and used for irrigation.

Areas inside the Upper Barr Creek Catchment

Level of Assistance: 85 per cent of the cost.

- Up to a maximum rate of reimbursement \$300/ML of estimated water saved.
- The incentive is capped at \$30,600 per property.

Areas outside the Upper Barr Creek Catchment

Level of assistance: 50 per cent of the cost.

- Up to a maximum rate of reimbursement \$200/ML of estimated water saved. This is based on crop type and average crop run-off factors.

The incentive is capped at \$18,000 per property.

Community surface water management systems

Incentive available for: The survey, design and construction of a catchment scale integrated surface water management system. This will alleviate ponding and groundwater accessions by improving the management of surface water.

Level of assistance: 90 per cent of the cost of survey and design and 50 per cent of the cost of construction.



Improved environmental management

Waterways

The North Central Catchment Management Authority waterways program offers incentives under the North Central Coordinated Incentive Scheme for the protection of waterways. Contact a DPI Case Manager for information on incentive rates and availability.

Rehabilitation of saline soils#

NOTE: If a Whole Farm Plan (WFP) has not been previously undertaken, the landowner must agree to include fenced areas on any future WFP.

Only available in the Loddon Murray Region:

Incentive available for: Fencing off of C & D salinity class land to prevent stock access and to allow rehabilitation of area.

Level of assistance: Up to \$60 per hectare.

- Purchase of salt tolerant pasture seeds to revegetate saline land.
- The amount paid for fencing will depend on the type of fencing and materials used, as outlined below.

		Plain wire	Ring-lock	Hinge-joint
Standard	Steel	\$2.10	\$2.40	\$2.20
	Wood	\$2.45	\$2.70	\$2.60
	Concrete	\$2.95	\$3.25	\$3.05
One post every 7m. 5 plain and 2 barbed or 7 plain wires, or 6-line ring-lock or hinge-joint and 2 wires.				
Suspension	Steel	\$1.85	\$2.15	\$1.95
	Wood	\$1.95	\$2.25	\$2.10
	Concrete	\$2.10	\$2.45	\$2.20
One post every 20m and 3 droppers.				
Electric	Steel	\$1.85		
	Wood	\$1.95		
	Concrete	\$2.10		
One post every 20m and 3 droppers, 3 live wires and 2 earths.				

Other assistance

There are a range of other incentives and general advice available to landowners in the Loddon Campaspe Irrigation Region. For further details please contact the relevant DPI Case Manager.