

2009/10 MURRAY CMA INCENTIVES PROGRAM- INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE MURRAY CMA

- *Do you have high quality remnant bush on your property?*
- *Do you have creeks, bogs or swamps with native wildlife you would like to protect?*
- *Do you want to improve your soil health?*
- *Are there erosion problems you would like to fix?*
- *Are there areas of cultural heritage you would like to protect?*

Register your interest and come on board with the Murray CMA .

REGISTRATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS Ph. (02) 6051 2250

Email: murray@cma.nsw.gov.au

For all other information, call the Murray CMA Offices

Albury	(02) 6051 2200
Tumbarumba	(02) 6948 9124
Berrigan	(03) 5888 5502
Deniliquin	(03) 5880 1400
Barham	(03) 5453 1320

OVER \$2.8 MILLION TO INVEST IN THE MURRAY CATCHMENT

The Murray CMA invites landholders and community groups to apply for funding of natural resource management projects that meet the objectives of the Murray Catchment Action Plan, under its 2009/10 Incentive Program. Grants are available in four major program areas:

- Biodiversity & Aquatic Habitat Conservation
- Eastern Murray Gully Erosion
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
- Soil Health Slopes-to-Plains

Each program has eligibility criteria and priorities for funding which will be used to assess all applications. These are detailed in the attached brochure.

The 2009/10 incentives Program has **\$2.8 million** to invest in the Murray Catchment. This funding is made available through the Australian Government's Caring For Our Country and NSW Catchment Action.

I encourage you to think about a partnership with the Murray CMA.

Register your interest by contacting our dedicated **registration phone line 02 6051 2250, by 25 September 2009**. We look forward to working with you to achieve our aim of a healthy Murray Catchment.



Alex Anthony
Alex Anthony
Chair, Murray CMA

FUNDING FOR FENCING

Due to different terrain across the Catchment, the Murray CMA has 3 maximum fencing rates:

Western Murray: up to \$6,000/km

Eastern Murray: up to \$8,000/km

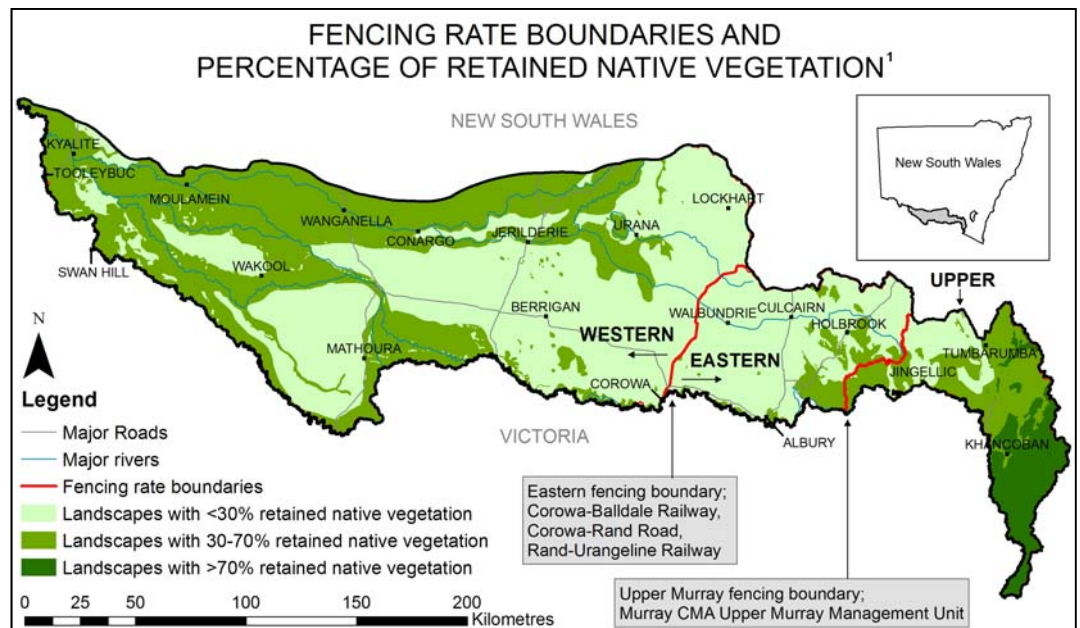
Upper Murray: up to \$10,000/km

The boundaries of each area are shown on the map opposite.

RETAINED NATIVE VEGETATION

The map opposite also shows areas of retained native vegetation across the catchment.

Areas in 30-70% retained vegetation are one of the priorities for the Biodiversity and Aquatic Habitat Program.



¹ Percentage of Retained Vegetation as per Mitchell Landscapes, which is defined as an area of land in NSW that is relatively similar in terms of landform, soils and broad vegetation types.

SEE OVER FOR STANDARD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ALL MURRAY CMA PROJECTS



How do I apply?

Individuals and groups of neighbouring landholders are invited to apply.

Using the Murray CMA 2009/10 Incentive Program brochure, decide which program

1. Most closely aligns with your project.
2. Register your interest by phoning the Murray CMA on our Registration phone no. (02) 6051 2250
3. A CMA Officer will then ring to discuss your proposal.
4. If your project meets the eligibility criteria, an Officer will arrange a site visit, or if a Soil Health Project, we will send you an application.
5. Submit your application using the forms supplied.

Assessment of Projects

- A technical panel will assess all eligible applications against the evaluation criteria for each program and rank them in priority.
- All applicants will be contacted by the CMA to advise if the application has been successful or not.

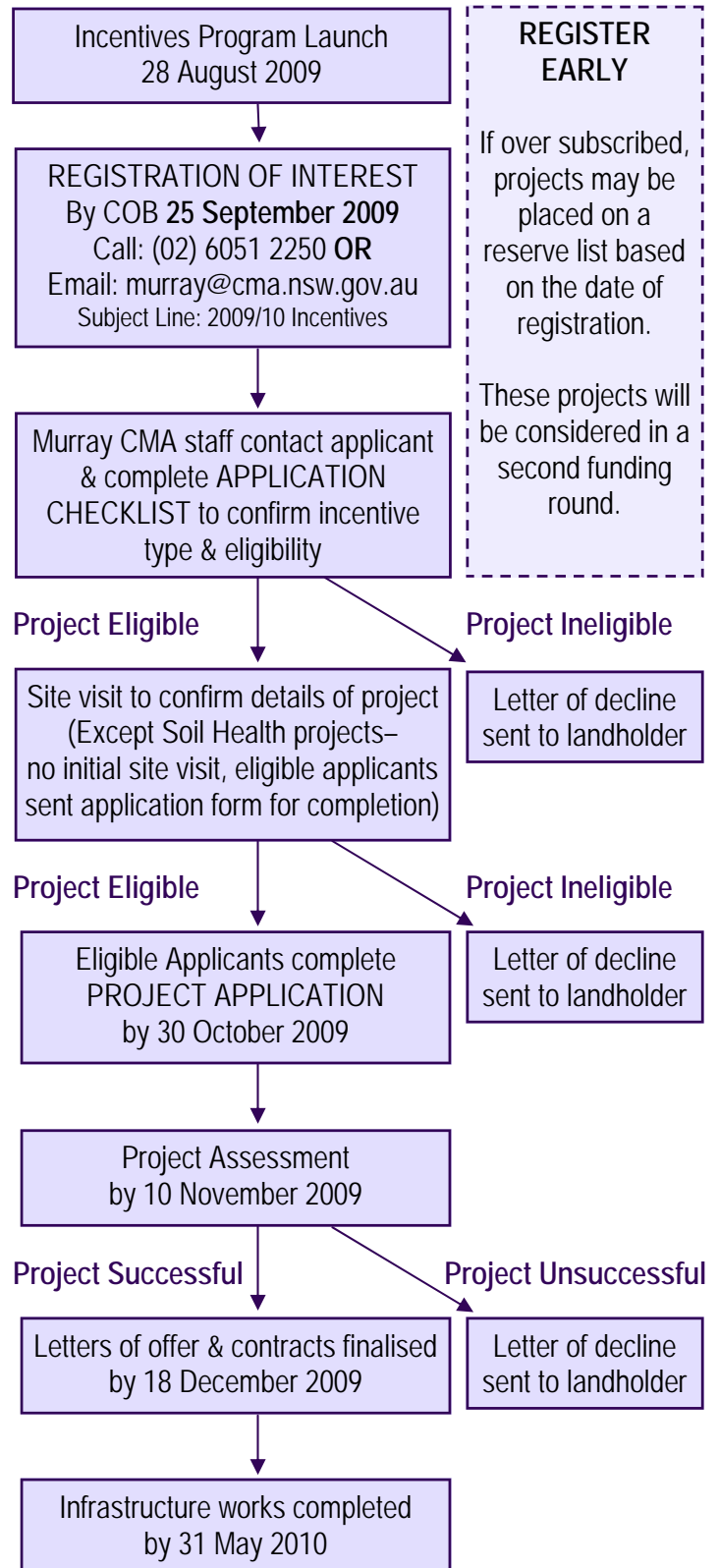
Implementing the Project

Successful applicants will be offered a contract for the agreed project.

Standard Eligibility Criteria

- Funded works must occur in the Murray CMA area of operations
- Activities must not be subject to a current funding agreement.
- All on ground works associated with the proposal must be completed by 31 May 2010, with the revegetation works to be completed by 30 September 2010.
- Projects that attract more than \$60,000 (inc GST) in grant funds will be required to enter into an **Incentive Property Vegetation Plan**, (minimum of 10 years), which runs with the land rather than the landholder.
- Applicants need to have completed any previously funded Murray CMA or Murray Irrigation Limited NRM projects.
- Infrastructure is to meet minimum CMA standards, this includes using 'wildlife friendly' (no barbed wire) fencing.
- Applicants will either provide access for, or participate in activities e.g. Site monitoring, community days and project auditing by both State and Commonwealth Government Agencies.
- Activities must be undertaken within the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia and State of NSW e.g. Native Vegetation Act 2003, Occupational Health & Safety Act 2000, National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

2009/10 Murray CMA Incentives Delivery



REGISTER EARLY

If over subscribed, projects may be placed on a reserve list based on the date of registration.

These projects will be considered in a second funding round.

Call (02) 6051 2250 to register your interest.

For all other information contact your nearest implementation officer or visit our website at:

www.murray.cma.nsw.gov.au

