

Building Pastoral Sustainability

*ENHANCING AND CONSERVING
NATURAL RESOURCES*

Planning On-Property Projects

Round 1 – 2026/2027

Open to pastoral businesses within the SA Arid Lands region.

**Expression of interest to be completed on the Smarty
Grants website before 5pm, 15 May 2026**



Australian Government



Program description

Planning On-Property Projects is a key part of our Building Pastoral Sustainability project.

By Identifying, enhancing and conserving natural resources, planning on-property projects aims to support pastoral businesses to:

- Improve confidence with decision making and preparedness when facing times of climate variability
- Increase capacity to implement grazing management changes
- Identify key areas on the property for future project work
- Improve productivity and management of native pasture systems

This three-year program aims to build on the success of the previously funded Property Management Planning (PMP) program. Planning On-Property Projects is a simplified version of the PMP, with less time commitment required.

It is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.

What is involved?

If successful in your application, you will spend time with a rangelands expert on your property to:

- Assess and map physical assets, infrastructure and natural resources utilising physical maps, digital mapping tools and ground and/or aerial surveying.
- Identify land systems and functions and determine their productive potential and degradation risks.
- Identify production management priorities and potential land management practices to increase productivity, generate economic returns and improve land condition.
- Prioritise management strategies and associated activities into actions.

Access to this program allows access to experts and is a significant investment to your property.

Developing an On-Property Project Plan is recommended to properties wishing to apply for grant funds to specifically address on-ground management outcomes (for example: soil erosion control works, or total grazing pressure control programs.)

Eligibility

Applications are invited from land managers/owners of a pastoral enterprise within the SA Arid Lands region. Applicants must be an operating pastoral business that earns their primary income from sheep or cattle grazing native pastures.

Your EOI will be assessed against the eligibility criteria and the responses you provide. You will be advised if your EOI is successful or not by early June 2026. If your EOI is accepted, you will be asked to submit a commitment statement to formally accept the offer of a place in the program.

What is the process?

A rangelands expert will be engaged to support the planning of on-property projects. This will involve:

1. initial meeting with you to discuss the process
2. desktop analysis of your property (initial mapping and data collection)
3. 2-3 day site visit with you to visit key sites and assess land conditions
4. submission of a draft of the plan for you to review
5. finalising the property map & plan (completed in early 2026)

Key dates for the 2026/2027 intake

- **5pm, 15 May 2026** – Expressions of Interest close
- **Early June** – Selection of participants completed, all applicants notified of outcome of application

How to apply

If you would like to be considered for the program, please complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) on Smarty Grants.

The EOI can be submitted at <https://landscape.smartygrants.com.au/PoPP>

Expressions of Interest will only be considered if they are completed and submitted by the closing date. You will receive an acknowledgement to confirm your EOI has been received.

Contacts for application support

You may seek additional advice or feedback from the Building Pastoral Sustainability Team or your Community Landscapes Officer to submit your application.

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Requirements for successful applicants

Property visit

It is anticipated the site visit component of this project will likely take 2-3 days depending on the size of your property. Participation in this part is mandatory and an important part of the plan development. The content and focus of this plan will be guided by you and the contractor and the site visit will be a great opportunity to exchange ideas, discuss land management opportunities and get the most out of your plan.

Monitoring and evaluation of outcomes

If successful, you will be required to provide feedback on the outcomes of the project. This information will help the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board assess the project's success and improve future programs. Information will be captured in a pre and post program survey.