

# 2022/23 PASTORAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS GUIDELINES & FAQ'S

## Introducing the project

The Building Pastoral Sustainability (BPS) project is designed to build on the capacity and resilience of pastoral businesses in the SA Arid Lands. Throughout the three-year project the pastoral industry is being supported to develop and promote sustainable businesses for a regionally strong and competitive industry.

Included in the BPS project are grants for pastoral businesses to trial management practices and technologies to better adapt to varying climates and markets, and improve the sustainability of businesses.

*The Building Pastoral Sustainability project is delivered by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.*

## Guidelines

Grants for Round 3 of the Pastoral Sustainability Grant program will be available for between \$10,000 and \$30,000 (ex GST) with a total funding pool in Round 3 of up to \$180,000.

### BPS Grant Outcomes

Applications must address at least one of the following outcomes aligned with the Building Pastoral Sustainability project:

- Assist businesses to adapt to significant changes in climate and markets
- Trial sustainable agricultural practices or technologies that may not yet be widely adopted in the SAAL region
- Improve the capacity of pastoral businesses to demonstrate the sustainability of their operations through the traceability of their products
- Improve pastoral industry sustainability, productivity, and profitability
- Increase adoption of sustainable agricultural practices that directly improve natural resources

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a pastoral business that earns their primary income from sheep or cattle grazing native pastures
- Must be located in the SAAL Landscape region
- Must be prepared to showcase the project to the wider community which may include field days, case studies and other promotional events or material
- Only projects that will be completed (including reporting requirements) by 30 May 2023 will be considered
- Must align with at least one of the BPS grant outcomes

### Project Assessment

Applications will be considered favourably where they;

- Have a measurable lasting impact or a level of sustainability
- Demonstrate collaboration between producers
- Demonstrate a level of co-investment - in-kind or financial
- Trial or incorporate technology that isn't yet widely adopted in the SAAL region
- Include supporting documentation such as quotes, maps and letters of support where relevant

### Eligible Project Activities

Eligible project activities will undertake, demonstrate or extend sustainable agriculture practices that are already, or are emerging as best practice for the pastoral industry. This could include (but is not limited to):

- Implementation of practices that have become viable as a result of changing climatic or market conditions
- Trial of sustainable agricultural practices/activities that have been successful in other regions or under different conditions
- Trialing new technologies to inform sustainable agricultural production systems and practices
- Permanent infrastructure that supports the improvement of pastoral business sustainability and land management
- Research, data collection, monitoring, modelling, forecasting, assessments or analysis for access and use by a region or group
- On-ground activity that assists with erosion control or native revegetation management

### Ineligible Projects:

- Training or workshops\*
- Those where funding is already granted for that specific purpose from another source
- Funding for people to travel or participate in training/events
- Projects which propose to use funds to pay the grant recipient's wages
- Purchase of items/expenses that cannot be continually accessed by the business/community/group (phones, stamps, utilities, stationery, salaries)
- Activities (including purchases of equipment, infrastructure or materials) that could reasonably be considered to be part of a land manager's ordinary responsibility
- On-ground pest plant and animal control



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## Landscape Scale Action

The Board welcomes applications from landholders wishing to conduct work on their own properties, however applications demonstrating collaboration between producers are strongly encouraged.

## Conditions of Funding

### Reporting

A mid-term report and a completion report including financial summary relating to your project delivery and outcomes will be required. Photos, testimonials, case studies or sticky-beak days may also be required on completion of the grant project.

*Please note that while SAAL staff are available for advice and a level of support, the responsibility for delivering the project responsibility lies with the applicant and it is the applicant's obligation to meet project completion and reporting deadlines.*

### Project Start Date

Projects can only commence from 1 July 2022. No expenses incurred before this date will be eligible for payment.

### Insurance

The applicant receiving the grant is required to assess and consider the risks and scope of insurance required under this agreement. Necessary insurance arrangements are the responsibility of the applicant.

### Promotions and Branding

The Board reserves the right to promote the work/project through its communications channels including its website, social media, media or publications.

When successful applicants promote the project or its outcomes, at all times the Board and its funding partners are required to be recognised.

### ABN

As an applicant for funding you must have an ABN.

**\* Funding for training and workshops will be available in other parts of the BPS project. Contact a member of the project team, or your Community Landscape Officer if you have an idea for training or workshops**

## Key dates

**Grant Round Opens:** 2 May 2022

**Grant Round Closes:** 4pm, 20 June 2022

**Mid-Term Report:** 28 February 2023

**Project Completion and Final Report:** by 30 May 2023

## How to Apply

The application form is now online and is accessible via the following link:

[https://landscape.smartygrants.com.au/BPS\\_Grants](https://landscape.smartygrants.com.au/BPS_Grants)

or scan the QR Code below



**Applications must be submitted by 4pm on Monday 20 June.**

## For more information

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who can apply for the Pastoral Sustainability Grants?**

*It is open to all pastoral businesses in the SA Arid Lands Region with primary income derived from sheep or cattle grazing native pastures.*

### **Can I apply to install infrastructure that benefits my pastoral business?**

*Yes, as long as it addresses the Pastoral Sustainability Grant outcomes. Activities (including purchase of equipment and infrastructure) that could reasonably be considered to be part of the land manager's ordinary responsibility will not be funded eg boundary fencing.*

### **How do I demonstrate wider community benefit?**

*Wider community benefit can be demonstrated through projects that include partnerships with other land managers in the region. Knowledge sharing is also a great way to demonstrate wider community benefit. Being prepared to share information about the outcomes of the project is important so others can learn through stickybeak days, case studies, articles etc.*

### **Can an extension be granted on the project delivery/reporting timeframes?**

*No. The date for finalising grants is fixed to comply with funding obligations.*

### **My property is freehold land, can I still apply?**

*Yes. As long as your property is in the SA Arid Lands Landscape Region, and you earn at least 50% of your income from sheep or cattle grazing on native pastures, you can apply.*

### **What additional information do I need to provide to support my application?**

*Anything you consider relevant to the project, i.e. quotes, maps, letters of support, plans, licences or approvals etc. These will be considered favourably.*

### **Can I apply for a project that has already started or where I have received funding from another source?**

*No, funding is only available for projects not yet initiated and where no other funding has been received or applied for.*

### **When can I start my project?**

*As soon as you have been notified that you are successful and an agreement has been signed. It is anticipated this would occur by early-July 2022.*

### **Can I submit applications for separate projects from the same pastoral business?**

*Yes, as long as each application is for a different project.*

### **If I have any questions or want to discuss eligibility, who do I contact?**

*Contacts are Building Pastoral Sustainability team members Andrea Tschirner and Matthew Westover. Details are on the previous page.*