



Local Land
Services
Western

Property Planning Program

Expression of Interest Form

Expressions of Interest for individuals, groups and organisations applying to participate in property planning with Ecosystem Management Understanding (EMU™) within the Western region of NSW.

EOIs due Friday 19 May 2017

Hand delivery:

To any Western Local Land Services office

For more information

Email: western.admin@lls.nsw.gov

Freecall: 1300 795 299 or

www.western.lls.nsw.gov.au

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Western Local Land Services

EMU property planning

PO Box 307

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In partnership with



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*Catchment Action
NSW*

www.lls.nsw.gov.au

Ecosystem Management Understanding (EMU)TM – Call for Expression of Interest

Western Local Land Services is funding property planning using the Ecosystem Management Understanding (EMU)TM approach.

The purpose of EMUTM is to introduce pastoralists to the ecological management of landscapes by learning to recognise and read landscape processes, conditions and trends. The EMUTM exercise identifies and analyses the constraints and opportunities that will make a real difference in managing arid lands effectively in an ecologically sustainable manner.

Involvement in the EMUTM process is totally voluntary and all information stays on property. EMU is founded on local pastoralists' knowledge of their land and provides the foundations for all subsequent work. The experts are on tap and this is demonstrated from the start when the "experts" ask the questions and you build a confidential baseline assessment.

We preferably seek pastoralists in a group or neighbours, but this is not necessary. The key requirement is that participants want to download all their local knowledge in a 100% confidential manner and then work through the process, seeing their property as a system.

For more details see the EMU website www.emulandrecovery.org.au.

Outcomes for Participants

Participants in the EMU property planning program will be working towards on-ground solutions to achieving a sustainable pastoral enterprise. The following is an outline of the process each participant will go through:

1. baseline assessment of each property
2. identify and map processes which threaten the health of the landscape of each property
3. identify and map priority projects for each property
4. project proposals developed for each property
5. be involved in a field day discussing outcomes.

Contact your Local Land Services Office:

If you are interested in submitting an Expression of Interest please contact Paul Theakston, Rangeland Rehabilitation Officer or you can contact your Local Land Services officer. Aboriginal land managers can also contact local Aboriginal Communities Officers.

Location	Staff Contact	Phone	Address
Bourke	Kyra Roach	(02) 6870 8626	21 Mitchell Street / PO Box 342 Bourke NSW 2840
	Courtney Ellery	(02) 6870 8635	
	Guy Gibbs (Aboriginal Communities)	(02) 6870 8629	
Brewarrina	Blackie Gordon (Aboriginal Communities)	0428 607 536	24 Bathurst Street / PO Box 3 Brewarrina NSW 2839
Broken Hill	Mitch Plumbe	(08) 8082 5205	32 Sulphide Street / PO Box 692 Broken Hill NSW 2840
Buronga	Kade Small	(03) 5021 9459	32 Enterprise Way / PO Box 363 Buronga NSW 2739
	Kaye Gottschutzke	(03) 5021 9409	
	Ronni O'Donnell (Aboriginal Communities)	(03) 5021 9429	
Cobar	Brian Dohnt	(02) 6836 1575	62 Marshall Street / PO Box 307 Cobar NSW 2835
Hillston	Jasmine Wells	0417 488 496	180 High Street / PO Box 33 Hillston NSW 2675
	Shae Brennan	(02) 6967 1639	
Regional	Paul Theakston Rangeland Rehabilitation	(02) 6836 1575 0428 259 231	62 Marshall Street / PO Box 307 Cobar NSW 2835

Where Funding Comes From:

Western Local Land Services utilises funds from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme as well as Catchment Action NSW which have specific long term targets.

National Landcare Programme

The National Landcare Programme is part of the Australian Government's investment in managing natural resources. This programme is comprised of two streams, one of which delivers funding through regional bodies (e.g. Local Land Services). Regional bodies must demonstrate their ability to deliver against the National Landcare Programme's strategic objectives and targets and funding may only apply to specific activities and areas of the Western Local Land Services.

National Landcare Programme funding has been provided to Western Local Land Services to achieve sustainable agriculture outcomes as well as improving and enhancing native vegetation in the Western region. For more information on the National Landcare Programme visit www.nrm.gov.au.

Catchment Action NSW

Catchment Action NSW funding is primarily targeted at Management Targets identified in the Western Local Land Services Strategic Plan. This is a 10 year plan for improving and managing natural resources in the region. It specifies how Local Land Services will allocate funds approved under the current four year investment strategy and direct future funding in order to manage the region's natural resources.

Eligibility

- If your property falls within the boundary of the Western region, you're eligible to submit an Expression of Interest. See map below outlining the Western region.
- Your project may be used by Local Land Services for demonstration and/or promotional purposes with your consent.
- Expression of Interests are invited from all land managers including individuals, groups, non-government organisations, not-for-profit organisations; Local Government and State Government agencies (*core functions of government agencies will not be funded*).
- Where an applicant is not the owner/lessee of the land, specific permission will be required from the owner/lessee to implement the project. Written permission from the owner/lessee will be required before approval.

Participant's Commitment

Participant's Role

The role of the Participant is to actively engage in the workshops to ensure they develop the knowledge and skills to assess their property according to the EMU™ process. Further expectations of the participant are listed below:

- Attend at least three workshops. Workshops may be held either on the participant's property or properties of other participants.
- Participate in at least one property visit with the EMU™ facilitator and Western Local Land Services staff.
- Participate in a mix of phone and email communication with the EMU™ facilitator and Local Land Services staff.
- Maintain regular liaison with Local Land Services staff in relation to program developments and requirements.
- Complete program evaluation and reporting requirements.
- Be a program ambassador, promoting the program through case-studies, media stories or host a field day if required.
- Participants will be required to sign a *Participants Commitment Statement* agreeing to their role in the program and committing to participation in activities.

Criteria for Participants

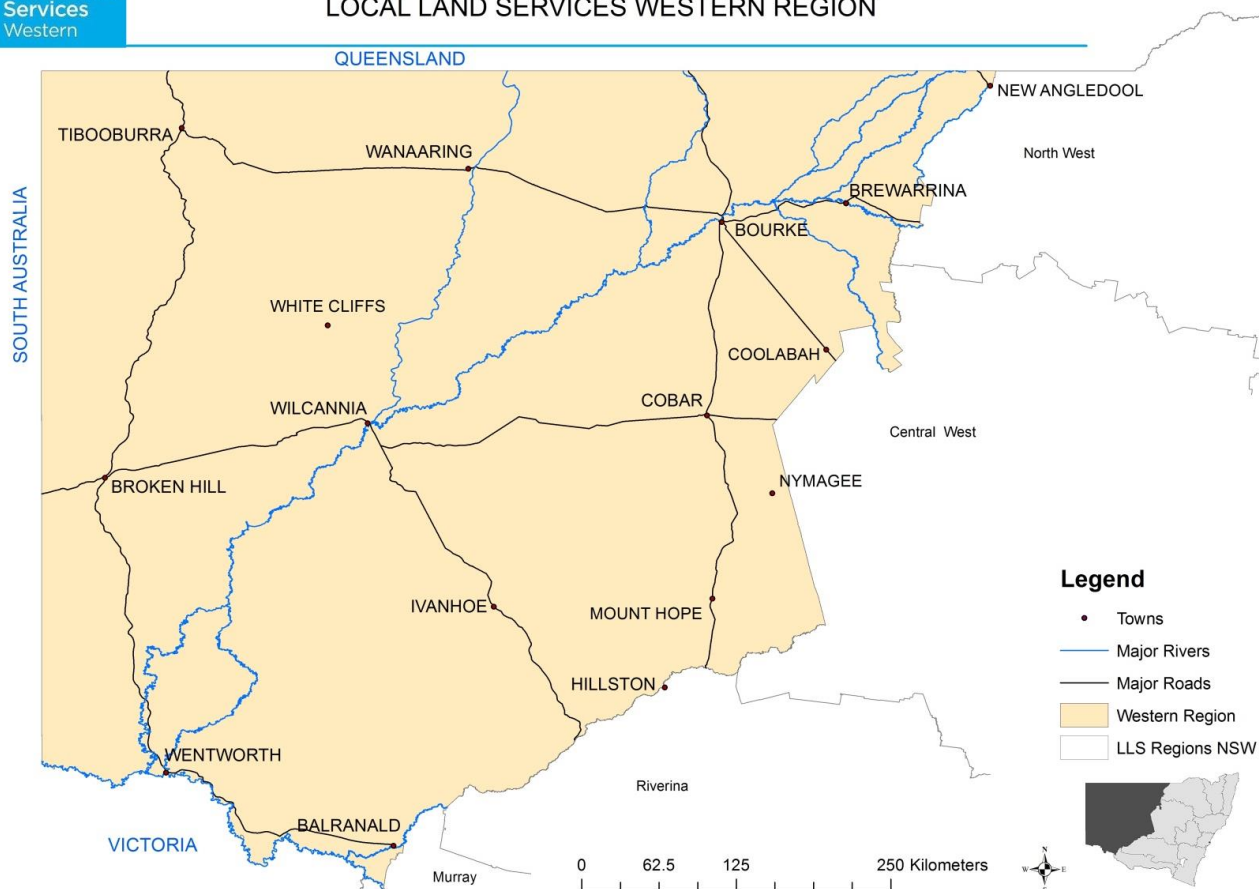
The Participant is expected to possess the following characteristics in addition to the general eligibility criteria:

- Motivation to join the program consistent with program goals and objectives.
- A willingness to participate in workshops and work towards positive natural resource management and business sustainability outcomes.
- A willingness to identify areas of their current operation that can be improved/enhanced by the program.

Map of the Western Region, indicating eligible locations



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Compliance with existing State and Commonwealth Legislation

Local Land Services only provides the funding to run the EMU™ workshops. Any project proposals generated as a result of participant’s involvement with EMU™ does not authorise you to implement the project. You must ensure that your project has all necessary approvals, licenses, permits, consents, etc. and that your project complies with all relevant legislation including, but not restricted to, the following:

Legislation	How is it relevant?	More information
Western Lands Act 1901 (NSW)	Western Lands Lease conditions	www.lpma.nsw.gov.au
National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)	Protection of Cultural Heritage sites	www.environment.nsw.gov.au
Native Vegetation Act 2003 (NSW)	Clearing of native vegetation for fence lines, pipe lines (RAMAs)	www.environment.nsw.gov.au
Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 – NSW	Protection of threatened species and endangered ecological communities when installing infrastructure	www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Legislation	How is it relevant?	More information
Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 – NSW	Impact of project proposal on threatened species and/or ecological communities	www.planning.nsw.gov.au
Local Land Services Act 2013 – NSW	Project proposals must be located within the Local Land Services Western Region	www.lls.nsw.gov.au
Water Management Act 2000 – NSW	Impact of project on streams, flow of water	www.water.nsw.gov.au
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1997	Infrastructure must be compliant with codes	www.dpi.nsw.gov.au
Work Health and Safety Act 2011	Safe work method statements and reporting (see information on Work Health and Safety below)	www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au

Project timeframe

Land managers who are successful in their Expression of Interest will participate in up to three workshops by the 31 December 2017. The exact number of workshops and dates will be negotiated with successful participants.

A field day will also be conducted by 31 May 2018, subject to negotiating with the participants.

Lodging an Expression of Interest

If you believe you fit the eligibility criteria and are interested in participating in the EMUTM approach to property planning, please submit and Expression of Interest form by **Friday 19 May, 2017**.

Expression of Interest forms will be assessed if they are received or post-marked by **Friday 19 May, 2017**. You will receive an acknowledgement to confirm receipt of your application.

Expression of Interest forms can be hand delivered to any Western Local Land Services office or posted to:

Western Local Land Services
 EMU property planning
 PO Box 307
 Cobar NSW 2835

The Expression of Interest form is found below.

Applicant Details

Name Please include first and last name, not initials		Mailing Address	
Property name		Nearest locality	
Email	Do you wish to receive all future correspondence on your EOI by email? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Contact Number			
LLS Holding Number		WLL	DP/Lot Number

1. Are you part of a formal or informal group seeking to do property planning? Yes No

If you are part of a formal or informal group, please list the other members.

2. Have you taken part in property planning workshops and if so, what was your experience (positive or negative)?

3. How have you dealt with natural resource management issues on your property?

4. Why do you want to be involved in the Ecosystem Management Understanding workshops?

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: / /2017