Farm dams are an important farm asset that provides drinking water for livestock or water storage for irrigation. With proper management these dams can lead to increased on-farm productivity and profitability as well as providing improved on-farm biodiversity and ecosystems.

This project will work with farmers to improve the water quality and biodiversity values of farm dams as well as improve grazing management adjacent to the dam.

What assistance is available?
Incentive funding is being offered to farmers to assist with the following activities:

- **Farm dam restoration and improvement** – through fencing and strategic revegetation (see example below)
- **Grazing management incentives**, including the purchase of fencing materials, pumps, tanks and troughs for improved land management on the paddocks immediately adjacent to the eligible farm dam
- The maximum incentive amount per property is capped at $10,000.

How can I get involved?
- **Training is compulsory**. Landholders must attend a Farm Water workshop in September 2019 which will outline how to complete a farm water audit, a basic dam design, calculate a harvestable right and discuss ways to improve water quality and biodiversity values of farm water storages. The importance of water quality on stock health and performance will also be covered
- Following the training, if a landholder wishes to continue with the project a farm dam design must be submitted by 30 September 2019. Funding is limited so landholders are advised to submit by this deadline
- Once the design is approved, a site visit will take place by a Riverina Local Land Services staff member

Compulsory training days: Dates
- **KYEAMBA** - Monday 2 September
- **ILLABO** - Tuesday 3 September
- **PLEASANT HILLS** - Wednesday 4 September
- **NARRANDERA** - Thursday 5 September
- **ARDLETHAN** - Monday 9 September
- **HAY** - Tuesday 10 September

An example of a vegetated and fenced farm dam with a hardened watering point. Source: Enhancing Farm Dams Fact Sheet, Sustainable Farms
Eligibility to apply

- All previous works funded by Riverina Local Land Services or Catchment Management Authority must be completed
- You must be willing to enter into a contractual agreement with Riverina Local Land Services for 10 years
- You must have no outstanding debts to Riverina Local Land Services
- Your property must be greater than 100 ha and be located in the Riverina Local Land Services region (map below)
- Minimum dam size of 4 megalitres (east of the Newell Highway) and 6 megalitres (west of the Newell Highway)
- Grazing must be excluded from all eligible dams and revegetation areas for a minimum of 3 years from when the works are installed to allow biodiversity processes and revegetation to establish
- Grazing management incentives in adjacent paddocks will only be available to landholders willing to permanently exclude stock access to the eligible farm dam
- Landholders implementing grazing management incentives must undertake an approved grazing management course (assistance with these courses may also be available) or have completed a course within the last 3 years
- You must have public liability insurance for a minimum of $10 million to be considered for funding
- Works will need to be completed by the 30th December 2020

Want to know more?

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