

## BMP Accredited Grower Project EOI -Refer to Project ID#: ISA3043 MWWQP Major Grants

The Reef Trust – Great Barrier Reef Foundation Partnership (Partnership) is a \$443.3 million six-year grant between the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, which manages the Reef Trust, and the Foundation.

As part of the Partnership, the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF), in collaboration with a number of partners, is implementing a series of regional programs aimed at improving the quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon from neighbouring catchments.

The Mackay Whitsunday Water Quality Program (MWWQP) is a four-year program (2020-2024) which aims to achieve an enduring reduction in the long-term end-of-catchment pesticide and dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) loads from the priority Plane and Pioneer catchments.

Grants are available to support a grower project proposal to purchase equipment that will provide an enduring end of catchment water quality outcome. Grant recipients will be required to co-contribute at least a 50% cash co-contribution of the total project costs. Major grant applications for this project will be assessed based upon cost effectiveness (grant funding applied for divided by end of catchment load reduction in DIN or pesticides).

Major Grants are available to growers within the Plane and Pioneer Catchments who have a Best Management Practices (BMP) accreditation, and are willing to provide evidence via a certificate. Plane Creek Productivity Services Limited (PCPSL) and Mackay Area Productivity Services (MAPS) have been engaged by Reef Catchments to assist growers to submit an application and savings load reduction information capture and modelling which is a requirement of this program through Paddock to Reef and Decision Support tool. As part of this process the productivity services organization will either review the current N&P Budget or provide assistance to complete the N&P budget (within 12 months of the grant being approved).

This EOI will be reviewed by Reef Catchments for participation eligibility and that the proposal is likely to deliver MWWQP water quality outcomes. Successful EOIs will then be referred to the productivity services organisation (MAPS or PCPSL) in accordance with the grower's location. The productivity service organisation will then provide assistance to complete the full application. Referral to MAPS or PCPSL does not constitute approval of the grant application. Assessment of the grant application will be completed by Reef Catchments. Reef Catchments will advise the grower whether the application has been successful and the eligible amount of grant funding approved based upon cost effectiveness.

***Equipment is not to be purchased or ordered prior to receiving notification of grant approval by Reef Catchments.***

## Eligibility

Applicants applying for funding are required to meet the following criteria:

- The grower project must be within the Plane Creek and Pioneer River Catchments.
- The applicant must be an accredited BMP grower.
- The grower's project must demonstrate a water quality improvement outcome in end of catchment DIN and/or pesticide load, identified through Paddock to Reef benchmarking (DIN), or the program approved Decision Support Tool (Pesticides).
- Grant applications must include  $\geq 50\%$  cash co-contribution.
- Grants will not be available for the same project activities that have already commenced or for equipment that has already been purchased prior to a major grant application being assessed and approved. This includes equipment that has been ordered prior to the major grant application being assessed and approved.
- Grants will not be available for practice changes or equipment previously funded under other water quality programs.
- Grower project activities must be completed within 12 months or the program completion date (whichever is sooner).
- Must be a legal entity with an ABN.
- Successful applicants must enter into a Recipient Grant Agreement with Reef Catchments and accept the conditions of the Recipient Grant Agreement, which will be a legally binding document.
- The benchmarking and monitoring of the practice change due to a major grant for growers will be through the Productivity Service organisation (MAPS or PCPSL).
- Growers must be willing to participate in the social indicator P2R and other surveys to measure the MGP's contribution to water quality improvement under the MWWQP.
- Equipment or technology purchased, (hereafter termed asset) with the aid of MGP funds must remain in use for the duration of the MWWQP in accordance with any conditions notified by Reef Catchments. If at the end of the project the Asset has not been fully depreciated and/or should the asset be sold or gifted before the conclusion of the MWWQP, the recipient is required to pay an amount equal to the proportion of the undepreciated value of the asset that is equivalent to the proportion of the cost of the asset that was funded from the MGP funds. This includes where a property is sold and the asset is included as a chattel.
- Applicants should maintain sufficient and original records that evidence expenditure of the grant funds and the co-contribution and provide such evidence upon request to Reef Catchments and/or GBRF.

Project Participant (Landholder) Details	
Landholder Name:	
Landholder Business Name:	
Land size (HA):	
Catchment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plane Creek</li> <li>● Pioneer River</li> </ul>
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

**Application Type:**  DIN  Pesticide

**BMP Accredited:**  YES  NO

**Current up-to-date N&P Budget that can be provided:**  YES  NO

**Are you currently engaged in any water quality project?**  YES  NO

**If Yes, what project and who was it under?** \_\_\_\_\_

- Bluewater 2 or a Point of difference with Farmacist.
- Nutrient management plans and Agtrix Farming Software Support with MAPS.
- Or LAND (local area Nutrient Datahub) with LiquaForce.

**Who is your productivity service provider?**

MAPS (Mackay Area Productivity Services)  PCPSL (Plane Creek Productivity Services)

**Proposed timeline for commencement and completion:**

Planned Commencement Date \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Please keep in mind if the application is approved it will be a requirement to complete the funded equipment project works within 12 months of signing the contract or end of project **31st of May 2023**.*

**Project Outline:** (Please outline the project you intend on doing for a water quality outcome)

Text here

**Project Budget and Value:**

Description	Total funds requested	Total Cash Co-Contribution (of at least 50%)	Total Value of Project

## CONSENT TO CHECK AGAINST PREVIOUS OR ONGOING WATER QUALITY REEF INVESTMENTS

By working with \_\_\_\_\_ [name of Productivity Service Provider] and Reef Catchments (Mackay Whitsunday Isaac) Ltd on this project, you are receiving support from a project that is funded by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF) to improve water quality for the Reef. The funds are derived from a grant from the Australian Government. As part of its commitment to put public funds to the best use, GBRF needs to understand how this investment complements previous or ongoing projects related to improving water quality. All landholders receiving support under GBRF projects are required to complete the following consent form.

**Please select one of the following (cross out the one that does not apply):**

I declare that:

- a. To the best of my knowledge:
- I have not previously received one-on-one extension support or incentives from any program funded to improve water quality for the Great Barrier Reef (excluding attending group training, shed meetings, demonstrations, or forums), and
  - My farm has not reported management practice changes to the Paddock to Reef Program as a result of working on a project of this nature.
- b. I am receiving or have previously received one-on-one extension support or incentives from a program aimed at improving water quality for the Great Barrier Reef. Please provide further details below of all projects/support. Attach separate documents if necessary.

● Productivity Service Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of targeted practice improvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Area applicable: whole/part of my farm

I consent to MAPS or PCPSL, Reef Catchments and the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) providing GBRF access to any information that has previously been reported for my farm related to voluntary management practice change to the Paddock to Reef Program. This includes access to project spatial boundaries with associated management practice information, the full set of Paddock to Reef Program questionnaire responses and the resulting Nutrient, Soil and Pesticide management scores.

I acknowledge that this information will be used by GBRF, the Productivity service organisation and Reef Catchments to help prioritise activities under the project so that actions can be complementary to past projects and achieve the greatest water quality improvement.

This consent is provided on the condition that the information will be treated by GBRF in accordance with the GBRF Data Collection Statement, and that it will be valid until the end of the Reef Trust Partnership (30 June 2024).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Property description (lot and plan) \_\_\_\_\_

Company (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Position (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Pease email completed EOIs to:**

- [grants@reefcatchments.com](mailto:grants@reefcatchments.com)