



Major Grants Incentives Available For Growers

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Reef Catchments, as the delivery provider of the Major Grants Project, have available Major Grants Incentives that support growers within the Plane and Pioneer catchment to adopt practice change that will benefit both grower farming operations and provide water quality outcomes.

Access to the major grant funds is available for growers engaged with Mackay Whitsunday Water Quality Program (MWWQP) delivery providers, and also those who are not yet engaged in the program but are Best Management Practice (BMP) accredited.

Funded equipment

The following equipment is commonly purchased under water quality grant schemes:

- Sub surface nutrient applicators
- Legume planters
- Equipment for improved placement of grub control
- Variable rate and boom section controllers
- High rise spray rigs

Other types of equipment may still be eligible, and growers are encouraged to contact Reef Catchments to discuss their options.

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 or engaged with a Delivery Provider under the MWWQP project.
- The growers project must demonstrate a water quality improvement outcome at end of catchment in Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (DIN) loads and/or pesticide risk toxicity, calculated by the delivery provider or productivity service provider.
- Grant applications must include a minimum in-kind 50% cash co-contribution.
- Grower project activities must be completed within 12 months or the program completion date (whichever comes first).
- Must be a legal entity with an ABN.

Background

The Mackay Whitsunday Water Quality Program is funded by the partnership between the Australian Government's Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation. With two years remaining on this project, the Program is on track to achieve an enduring reduction in pesticides risk toxicity and DIN loads from the Plane and Pioneer River catchment.



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