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Dairying Better 'n Better for the Reef

in the Wet Tropics

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Interested in on-farm funding assistance to:

- creek crossings
- reuse manure and effluent
- better manage waterways & riparian areas
- reduced tillage practices
- laneways

Reef Rescue Story

The Reef Rescue program was developed by the Reef Alliance, which includes Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation, Terrain NRM Ltd and Burnett Mary Regional Group, to improve the water quality of water flowing into the Great Barrier Reef lagoon by improving land management practices to help reduce nutrient, pesticide and sediment run-off from agricultural land.

The program was designed in response to Government demands and community concerns to improve water quality of the tributaries entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon. In 2007 the Reef Alliance approached both the Federal and State Government to fund the proposed program.

Year 5 (12-13) Water Quality Grants



To be eligible, just
follow the 4 easy steps
listed below:

1. Complete and return the Expression of Interest form attached **by 3rd February 2012**
2. Wait for an advisor to contact you to arrange a visit to your farm
3. Work with advisor to assess your current farm practices (all information kept strictly confidential), which should take about 2 hours
4. Apply for funding* through the Reef Rescue Program (with support available from advisor if needed).

* Funding will be allocated to projects with the highest water quality outcomes. Applications are assessed by an independent assessment panel which is coordinated by Terrain NRM Ltd.

Water Quality Grants

Grants are available to improve management practices, which result in an improvement of the water quality entering tributaries of the Great Barrier Reef.

All water quality grant applications must be submitted through the relevant extension officer.

Applications close 30th March 2012.

Extension Services

Through the Dairying Better 'n Better for the Reef program an extension officer is available to facilitate the completion of the industry's NRM benchmarking tool, **DairySAT**.

Extension officers will also assist the development of an **Action Plan** and **Property Map** for your farm.

Involved farmers are eligible to have a **A1 size farm map** printed.



For more information please contact the Dairy NRM team on 07 3236 2955 or complete the attached EOI form & return to a member of the Dairy NRM team.