



## Upper Barwon Riparian Works Trial

### New Riparian Works Trial

The Upper Barwon Flagship project is a long-term project aiming to improve the health of the Barwon River.

As part of this, the Corangamite CMA has developed a specifically designed works trial to address the unique challenges in this system. The new riparian works trial has been developed from the findings of a Monash University study (2021). This revealed several barriers to participation in the previous CCMA funding model of river restoration works in the upper Barwon River catchment.

A new model is to be trialed with project requirements being different to the past.

This new riparian works trial will run over 2 years and will capture environmental data as well as participant feedback to assess the value of the new program to the Upper Barwon system.

*Contact the Corangamite CMA to discuss how this trial may benefit the river frontage on your property.*



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### What has Changed?

#### Reduced Buffer Widths

Buffer widths have halved from of 20 meters to an average of 10 meters.

#### Increased Fencing Rates

Increased fencing rates from \$7 per meter to \$10 per meter for conventional fences, additional fencing rates for wider buffers and increased flood fencing rate of \$12 for lay down fences and \$13 for sacrificial fencing including one replacement.

#### Controlled Grazing

Controlled grazing will be allowed in the project site once revegetation is established. This will allow grazing to control weeds on site during the drier months.

#### Increased Rates of Weed Control

Weed control will be funded for 5 years in the project site at a rate of \$200 per hectare per year. After 5 years, controlled grazing will be allowed in the site to manage weeds.

#### Revegetation

Trees and shrubs will reflect the natural vegetation of the area. A discussion will be had about species selection based on grazing, weed suppression and benefits to waterway.

#### Willow Control

The CCMA will continue to pay for and organise willow removal when fencing and revegetation are part of the project