BRIDGING THE GAP: RECOGNISING THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Capacity Indicators

Element of	Capacity Indicator	Capacity Indicator Sub-measure
Capacity		
	Opportunities for	public meetings – number
	engagement in	public meetings – access
	NRM	meetings via alternative technologies
		survey mail outs – frequency
		NRM Board presence at community functions/events –
		frequency.
	Accepting	attend public meetings
	opportunities for	participate via alternative technologies
	engagement	attend workshops
		respond to surveys.
Engagement	Quality of	inclusive
	Engagement	high in trust
transparent		• transparent
		• fair
		• flexible.
	Accepting	involve local Indigenous people in NRM decision-making
	Indigenous	involve Indigenous people at the commencement of NRM
	knowledge and	decision-making
	participation	provide resources to ensure effective participation
		have processes in place to protect and enhance Indigenous
		knowledge (e.g., Indigenous protocols document)
		 integrate Indigenous knowledge into NRM planning and
		policy

	Extent of shared	shared vision about the desired resource condition		
Shared	vision	 shared vision about how natural resources should be 		
Values and		managed		
Beliefs		consistency between shared vision and resource condition		
		targets		
	Level of			
		 are willing to be involved in NRM programs and/or projects 		
	commitment to	 work collaboratively on NRM programs and/or projects 		
	NRM	set aside conflicts in the interest of achieving the shared		
		vision		
		integrate local knowledge into NRM planning.		
	Existence of	auditing requirements		
	governance	annual reporting		
Governance	structures for	Board/Group meeting proceedings		
	good business	performance reporting to key stakeholders		
	practice	risk management (e.g. insurance, OHS).		
	Quality of	reciprocity in decision-making		
	networks and	flexibility in decision-making		
	relationships	transparency in decision-making		
		trust in decision-making.		
Networks &	Extent of political	ministers		
Relationships	connections	government agencies		
		private enterprise		
		community organisations		
		land managers		
		local indigenous groups		
		local contractors.		
	People who can	demonstrate an active involvement with communities		
	build networks	 develop rapport between community and the Board 		
	and relationships	 build robust networks with a wide range of groups 		
		 outreach to quiet voices in the community. 		

	Existence of a	develop strategic priorities which are linked to vision and		
	strategic	overarching goals		
Strategic	approach to	translate strategic priorities into achievable actions		
Direction	NRM	continually monitor and question direction and progress		
		remain focused on strategic outcomes.		
	People with	assess pressures, forces and barriers to achieving the		
	skills in strategic	Board's vision and goals		
	thinking	can set strategic priorities		
		critically review direction and progress		
		are outcome focused.		
	People with	prepare job descriptions		
Human	skills in human	understand employment policies		
Resources	resource	undertake performance evaluation and management		
	management	manage conflict resolution processes		
		manage employee training requirements		
	Financial	financial resources to employ and support required people		
	resources to	(e.g., staff and contractors)		
	deliver the NRM	financial resources to run activities		
	program	• financial resources to supply, maintain and replace facilities		
Financial		and equipment.		
resources	People with	prepare financial reports		
	skills in financial	manage budgets		
	management	manage payrolls		
		manage invoicing and payments		
		apply for funding.		
	Facilities to	adequate offices (space, furnishings, ambience)		
	deliver the NRM	appropriately located		
	program	reliable utilities.		

	Equipment to	Access to:		
Physical	deliver the NRM	• telephones		
Resources	program	computers with internet and email		
		• vehicles		
		video conferencing		
		OGW tools – amount		
		OGW tools – quality.		
	People who can	safely use poisons (e.g., herbicides, bait)		
	safely use NRM	• safely use power tools (e.g., chainsaws, brushcutters)		
	equipment	safely use heavy machinery.		
	Quality of	amount of information		
	information	consistency of information		
	about natural	• quality and relevance of information.		
	resources			
	Access to	access to universities and other R&D organisations		
	knowledgeable	access to state and federal agencies		
Knowledge	people and	access to external advisory panels		
Resources	research	access to local, on-ground knowledge		
	organisations	access to local Indigenous knowledge		
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Capacity Statemen TextOrde		Capacity Statement Text:	
10	1	There are organised opportunities for engagement of NRM stakeholders	
20	2	NRM stakeholders accept opportunities for engagement in NRM	
30	3	Engagement of NRM stakeholders has been of high quality	
35	4	NRM stakeholders value Indigenous knowledge and participation in NRM	
40	5	NRM stakeholders have a shared vision for the region which is consistent with the region's NRM plan	-
45	6	The people in this region are committed to sustainable NRM	
50	7	The NRM Board has governance structures and processes to ensure good business practice	
60	8	The NRM Group has governance structures and processes to ensure good business practice	-
80	9	The NRM Board has the networks and relationships to resolve conflicts and strengthen partnerships	
90	10	The NRM Group has the networks and relationships to resolve conflicts and strengthen partnerships	
100	11	The NRM Board has the political connections to deliver its NRM program	
110	12	The NRM Board has people who can build networks and relationships within communities	
120	13	The NRM Group has people who can build networks and relationships within communities	
130	14	The NRM Board has a strategic approach toward its NRM Program	
140	15	The NRM Group has a strategic approach toward its NRM Program	
150	16	The NRM Board has strategic thinkers	
160	17	The NRM Group has strategic thinkers	
190	18	The NRM Board has people with the leadership skills to deliver its NRM program	
200	19	The NRM Group has people with the leadership skills to deliver its NRM program	
220	20	The NRM Board has people with competencies in human resource management	
230	21	The NRM Group has people with competencies in human resource management	
280	22	The NRM Board has the financial resources to deliver NRM programs in accordance with its NRM plan	
290	23	The NRM Group has the financial resources to deliver NRM programs in accordance with its NRM plan	
300	24	The NRM Board has people with competencies in financial management	
310	25		
320		The NRM Group has people with competencies in financial management	
	26	The NRM Board has the facilities it needs to deliver its NRM program.	
330 340	-	The NRM Group has the facilities it needs to deliver its NRM program	
	28	The NRM Board has the equipment it needs to deliver its NRM program	
350	29	The NRM Group has the equipment it needs to deliver its NRM program	
380	30	The NRM Group has people who can safely use works equipment	
390	31	The NRM Board has information about the natural resources in its region to support its NRM program	
400	32	The NRM Group has information about the natural resources in its region to support its NRM program	
410	33	The NRM Board has access to people or organisations that create, enhance and transfer NRM knowledge and information	
420	34	The NRM Group has access to people and organisations that create, enhance and transfer knowledge and information	
430	35	The NRM Board has training programs to implement its NRM program	
440	36	The NRM Group has training programs to implement its NRM program	1
460	37	The organisations in this community have the networks and relationships to resolve conflicts and strengthen partnerships	
470	38	The organisations in this community have people that can build networks with communities	1
480	39	The organisations in this community incorporate and promote existing planning and initiative	I
500	40	The organisations in this community have people with the leadership skills to achieve their NRM objectives	(
510	41	The organisations in this community have people with competencies in human resource management	
540	42	The organisations in this community have the financial resources to achieve their NRM objectives.	
550	43	The organisations in this community have people with competencies in financial management	1
560	44	The organisations in this community have the facilities to achieve their NRM objectives.	1
570	45	The organisations in this community have access to the equipment they need to deliver their NRM program	1
590	46	The organisations in this community have people who can safely use works equipment	
500	47	The organisations in this community have information about the natural resources in their area to support their NRM objectives	1
510	48	The organisations in this community have access to people or organisations that create, enhance and transfer knowledge and information	ī
520	49	The organisations in this community have training programs to achieve their NRM objecitves	1
30	50	NRM education and training programs are tailored to the particular needs of organisations in this community	
50	51	The people in this community have the networks and relationships to resolve conflicts and strengthen partnerships	
60	52	There are NRM networkers in this community	
70	53	The people in this community incorporate and promote existing planning and initiative	
90	54	There are local champions in this community for NRM	
20	55	The people in this community have the financial resources to implement NRM programs in accordance with their NRM objectives	-
30	56	The people in this community know where to access financial resources for NRM	
40	57	The people in this community have access to the equipment they need to achieve their NRM objectives	
60	58	The people in this community can use works equipment	
70	59	The people in this community have information about the natural resources in their area to support their NRM objectives	
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DAIRY INDUSTRY – COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO CHANGE QUESTIONNAIRE

PART A

General Background

Have you always resided in the Lower Murray Swamps?.....

When did you arrive in the Lower Murray Swamps?.....

What did you do for an income prior to arriving in the region?.....

What are your reasons for residing in the region?.....

- Lifestyle reasons
- Investment
- Retirement or semi-retirement
- Employment
- Closer to family members
- Other...please specify.....

Do you think you will remain in the region?.....

If no, what are your plans for the future?

What is the total area of your farm?.....

Did your family own this property before you?

- Yes
- No

Why did you choose to get into the dairy industry?.....

- Family farm intergenerational
- Farm diversification
- Hobby farming
- Investment purposes
- Income
- Other

Do you own the dairy farm

- Yes
- No No

If no, what is your relationship to the landowner?

Lease within a family structure

- Lease from a 3rd party
- Manager
- Other

How would you describe your farming operation?.....

- family dairy
- share dairy
- corporate dairy
- hobby farm

How many hectares are currently used for dairying and

- unimproved pasture
- fodder
- crops
 - scrub/bush etc.....

What is the size of your herd?

- 0-49
- 50 99
- 100 149
- 150 199
- 200 249
- 250 299
- 300 349
- 350 399
- 400 and over

How many cows did you milk yesterday.....

How does this compare to ten years previous (estimate).....

Given today's market would you consider extending your dairy?.....

Have you responded to market pressures by upgrading your dairy?

- Yes
- No No

If yes, what have you done?.....

If no, would you like to elaborate (optional).....

Have you attempted other forms of diversification?.....

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What percentage of your income would you say is derived from :

- dairying
- grains/fodder
- off farm employment
- other
- Total 100%

Do you expect dairying to be a larger percentage of your income in the future?

- Yes
- No

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las your	involvement in dairying presented any problems for you?
•	Yes
•	No
For e	xample
•	Conflict with other forms of production
•	Conflict with leisure and recreation
•	Seasonality of income
•	Labour demands
٠	Conflict with time
•	Environmental management
•	Rehabilitation of swamp land
•	Other
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What governs your decision making about the farm business

- Goals (long / short term)
- lifestyle
- values
- economic
- other

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Do you know other people who have left the dairy industry? If so, did they or their experiences encourage you to remain and or leave the industry?

Family

How many people live in	n your househ	old?		
Living here full time Living away				
If you have school age	children, wher	e do they go to school?		
How far is the school fro	om your family	home?		
How do the children tra-	vel there?			
Where do you and or yo	our family go t	o shop?		
Family – Farm interes	t			
Would you encourage y Yes No 	our children to	o take up farming?		
Did your family influenc	e your decisio	n for taking on dairying?.		
Have your children show	wn any interes	t in farming?		
Are your children involv	ed in any way	with the day to day busir	ness of the farn	ו?
PART B				
Community				
I identify with other men	nbers of the c	ommunity		
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree
Is there a strong sense	of community	in this area?		
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree

I am proud of what this community is doing in relation to the rehabilitation process						
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree		
The community has a cle	ar sense of wh	nat it is trying to achieve i	in the rehabilitation	on process		
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree		
Have you noticed any fur they?	ndamental cha	nges occurring within yo	ur community, ar	id if so what are		
Environment						
When you think about the participate in meaningful			/ou say you have	had a chance to		
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree		
When it comes to the wa been treated with respec		tion process planning ha	s been manageo	l to date, I have		
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree		
Those who have manage dealings with people	ed the rehabilita	ation process in this area	a have aimed to b	be fair in their		
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree		
People in this community rehabilitation planning pro			n they contradict	the way the		
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree		
People in this community rehabilitation process	voice their op	inions about natural reso	ource manageme	nt and the		
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree		
In this community I have	a clear sense	of my role in the rehabilit	ation process			
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree		

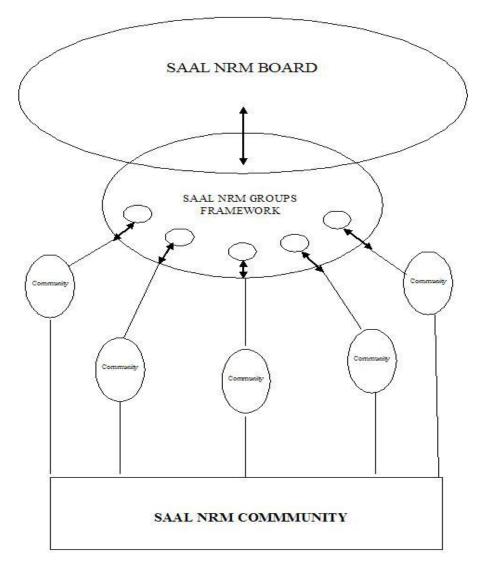
I have engaged in natural resource management on my land in the past							
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree			
I am willing to engage	in natural resou	urce management on my l	and in the fu	ture			
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree			
When it comes to the r	ehabilitation pr	ocess it feels like everyon	e is playing o	on different teams			
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree			
The rehabilitation proc team	ess has brough	at the community together	- every one	is playing on the same			
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree			
When it comes to the r	ehabilitation pr	ocess it feels like every or	ne is out for t	hemselves			
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree			
When it comes to the rehabilitation process it feels as though people have been forced to think and act the same way							
agree completely	agree	do not agree or disagree	disagree	disagree			

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your interest and input in the research process has been both valuable and sincerely appreciated.

NOTE:

Appendices 4 - 7 are included on pages 314 - 317 in the print copy of the thesis held in the University of Adelaide Library.

Purpose Built Community



Source: SAAL Study

CONSENT FORM - QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Sir/Madam

This survey of dairy farmers is part of a research project on the implications of the rehabilitation project on the Lower Murray Reclaimed Irrigation Areas (LMRIA). The research is be carried out by Karen Cosgrove, a doctoral student in the School of Social Sciences, under the supervision of Professor Graeme Hugo and an employee of Primary Industries and Resources, Corporate Strategy and Policy. Feel free to contact Professor Graeme Hugo at the University of Adelaide on 83034455 or Mr Tim Mares (PIRSA), 8226 0222 if you require any further information concerning this research project.

To date, very little local research has been conducted on the implications of the rehabilitation project on the LMRIA community, and we are hoping that, through this survey, we can gather accurate information on the impacts of the rehabilitation project on the community. All questions can be answered with a few words, or circling the appropriate answer, with all

responses being treated as strictly confidential.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Yours sincerely

Karen Cosgrove

INTERVIEW CONSENT FORM

I /we agree to undertake this interview for the purpose of providing Karen Cosgrove with information that will be used for a doctoral thesis and papers as well as for future policy development by Primary Industries and Resources South Australia.

I /we have been advised by Karen Cosgrove that I/we may withdraw from the interview process at any given time.

Name

Date
