

# PROTECTING THE BRIGALOW BELT IN SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND THROUGH LAND MANAGEMENT



## Project Overview

April 2024 - June 2026

This project has involved collaboration to support Southern Queensland farmers boost on farm productivity while also protecting important Brigalow landscapes and the native species that rely on them. By partnering with land managers, local councils, First Nations groups, technical experts and contractors, we have supported practical improvements such as better groundcover management, weed and pest control, smarter stock management, and upgrades to fencing, waters and other key infrastructure. These on farm actions not only lift long term productivity and resilience but also reduce pressures on Brigalow Country and surrounding priority areas. The project is delivered by Southern Queensland Landscapes under an agreement with the Australian Government through the Saving Native Species program.

## Delivery Highlights

Participating landholders may see a range of on-farm benefits from works related to this project:

Pest Control

Weed Control

Fencing

Water Points

Seeding for Improved Pasture

Land Rehydration

Cool Burning

## Project Successes

**20,000 ha of practice change to support improved grazing**

- Installation of internal dividing fences to facilitate rotational grazing
- Watering points to support improved grazing
- Erosion campaigns delivered to improve useability and functionality of grazing land - 'slow the flow' earthworks implemented for even water distribution

**Pests eradicated across 33,500 ha**

- 3 coordinated aerial shoot campaigns involving initial and follow-up properties
- Pests initially eradicated across 33,500ha, with one to two follow-up aerial shoot campaigns taking place on all properties
- Targeted baiting programs delivered in relevant National Parks

**>40,000 ha funded for weed control**

- Landholders have received funding for initial and follow-up weed control, involving chemical and mechanical support:
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- Referrals from neighbouring properties received and supported for greater landscape change

## Monitoring: Quality Assurance

Monitoring has been and will continue to be conducted to ensure there is legitimate improved vegetation condition and associated habitats. This monitoring has involved:

- Vegetation condition assessment - a numerical gauge to monitor for improved vegetation condition
- Land condition assessment - a numerical measure to justify improvement in land condition following erosion 'slow the flow' techniques
- Acoustic recorders – surveying the presence and frequency of key fauna species activity in an area
- Field cameras – indicating presence and abundance of pest animals and native fauna
- eDNA collection – DNA collection from relevant water sources to identify present fauna species
- Photo points – 'before and after' image locations to show vegetation and pasture change from on-ground work interventions

## Future Projects

The Brigalow project and its on-farm support has successfully helped landholders with initiatives that may not have otherwise been possible. There are several alternate projects with similar initiatives where farmers are eligible for on-ground support.

Funding partnerships are available until June 2028 for protecting Coolibah-Black Box and Poplar Box Grassy Woodlands Habitat on your property. Southern Queensland Landscapes will continue partnering with the State and Federal Governments to resource landscape priorities for southern Queensland.

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