

## ***Graziers in Groups - strengthening capacity across the inland Burnett Tender Information Document***

### ***Program Objectives:***

Graziers in Groups - strengthening capacity across the inland Burnett is an initiative of the Burnett Catchment Care Association (BCCA) and is aimed at strengthening capacity across the inland Burnett to address the isolation faced by graziers by connecting graziers with each other where they live, and to strengthen their capacity and capability to implement sound grazing principles when faced with the impacts of climate, natural disasters, and other disruptions. The project will be used to form and facilitate groups across the inland Burnett by utilising an experienced facilitator to encourage collaboration and increase knowledge and skills in grazing land management.

### ***Project Background and Key Deliverables:***

The inland Burnett region has been affected by Heavy Rainfall and Flooding events as well as Bushfires over the last decade. Specifically, more recently, Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth (29 Dec 2021 -10 Jan 2022), South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding (22 Feb - 5 Apr 2022), Southern Queensland Flooding (6 - 20 May 2022), South Queensland East Coast Low (July 2022), Southern Queensland Bushfires (8 Sep - 7 Nov 2023) and Tropical Cyclone Kirrily and Associated Rainfall and Flooding (25 Jan - 26 Feb 2024).

These flooding and bushfire events have significantly impacted our regions graziers through infrastructure damage and loss of production. The frequency of these events highlight the importance of being disaster ready and this project will ensure producers have the skills necessary to be more disaster resilient as well as the peer support required if disaster events occur.

This request for a quote is for the provision of grazing group facilitator the delivery of this project from September 2024 to June 2025.

### ***Delivery Area:***

The Graziers in Groups - strengthening capacity across the inland Burnett is to be implemented throughout the inland Burnett region in Queensland, which includes the North Burnett, South Burnett and the western part of the Gympie Regional Council areas as well as the Cherbourg Shire Council Area.

### ***Project Partners and Management Structure:***

The Graziers in Groups - strengthening capacity across the inland Burnett is an initiative of Burnett Catchment Care Association. The target of the project is to build disaster resilience in graziers in our community.

The successful tenderer grazing group facilitator will be considered project partners of the project and BCCA. The successful tenderer grazing group facilitator will need to acknowledge the funders of the project.

The successful tenderer grazing group facilitator is responsible for reporting delivery outcomes to the BCCA CEO, Katie Muller and the funders. The BCCA works closely with Regional Councils, State Departments, Community Groups, and several other key stakeholders within the Burnett region.

## **Conditions of Tender:**

### **Functional requirements**

- Facilitate the supporting of graziers in the Burnett inland to strengthen their capacity and capability to thrive and evolve in positive ways when faced with the impacts of climate, natural disasters, and other disruptions.
- Establish 10 grazer small groups (5 to 10 graziers within each group) within the inland Burnett.
- Coordinate meetings/capacity building events with these 10 groups three times each over a 10-month period. During these meetings/events the grazer groups will have their capacity and capabilities improved through raising awareness and knowledge of best grazing principles to improve soil health, water infiltration, water holding capacity, pasture growth, carrying capacity.
- The meetings/capacity building events will be:
  - 1st round group meeting Sep/Oct 2024
  - 2nd round group meeting Nov/Dec 2024
  - 3rd round group meeting Apr/May 2025
- These meetings/events will also allow for the benefits of peer-to-peer groups for improved learnings and provide social support. They will also be introducing, encouraging, and supporting self-governance so that the groups are able to self-organise by the end of the project if they desire to continue.
- The successful facilitator needs to be an experienced agricultural and leadership advisor.
- A final field day in June 2025 with all 10 groups conducted at a central location, enabling linkages to be made between the groups to improve overall connectiveness across the inland Burnett.
- The successful facilitator will conduct progress and final reporting.

### **Performance requirements**

- The successful tenderer will be required to submit to BCCA a brief monthly summary of activities conducted.
- A more detailed progress report will be required to be submitted in Dec 2024 and a final report in June 2025.
- BCCA reserves the right to cancel the contract at any time should it be deemed that there has been insufficient progress towards meeting functional requirements of an agreed work plan.

## Evaluation Criteria

1. Proven ability to facilitate and deliver capacity building events to increase community capacity in undertaking and understanding best grazing management practices.
2. Known network of graziers within the inland Burnett and the ability to rapidly form grazer groups within the allocated timeframe.
3. Demonstrate the ability or knowledge of best grazing management practices and their impact on business resilience in the face of natural disasters.
4. Proven ability to effectively communicate via written media to a range of audiences.
5. Value for money.

## Closing Date

Applications are to be lodged by 5pm on Sunday 1 September 2024. Applications lodged after this time will not be accepted. Successful applications will be advised as soon as possible after this.

## Where to lodge tenders

All tender applications should be marked "Tender Submission" and sent to [admin@burnettcatchment.org](mailto:admin@burnettcatchment.org).

## Format to lodge tenders

Applications must address the five evaluation criteria noted above.

## Pricing requirements

Tender budget should be submitted including full break down of costs, including any administration charges, hourly rates, vehicles etc. Individual item costs should be listed **inclusive** of GST.

## Contact details for more information

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## Conditions of Contract

Special conditions relating to the implementation of this work are as follows:

- Communications products created by the contract proponent relating to the contract will not be distributed without prior written permission from Burnett Catchment Care Association.
- The contract proponent will proactively promote the Burnett Catchment Care Association and the relevant funding bodies.