



CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Why NRM

Queensland is a place of extremes, with diverse landscapes and intense, unpredictable weather. Our communities and natural assets are vulnerable to the impacts of these threats.

Our farming communities must meet new standards to access global markets at the same time as contending with increased biosecurity risks. And while we're considered a global biodiversity hotspot, home to over half of Australia's native species, **more than 1000 of these plants and animals are listed as threatened** with numbers growing year on year.

More than 88% of Queensland's land is used for primary production, and this means how we manage agriculture is intertwined with how we manage our environment.

Regional NRM Plans

To meet these challenges, regional NRM organisations have worked with their communities to develop Regional NRM Plans that are reviewed every five years. **These plans identify threats to the environment and economy, as well as actions to improve the condition of our land, water, and biodiversity assets.**

Using a place-based approach, these Regional NRM Plans are developed in partnership with the people who rely on the region's natural assets for their lifestyle and livelihoods. Each plan aligns with policy and legislation at local, state and national levels, and is integrated with land use planning and statutory approvals.

What sets us apart from others

- We are driven by **science and data**
- We have a **track record of delivering billions of government dollars**
- We are regionally based but have **nation-wide coverage**
- We are **experts at community engagement**
- We have **25 years of experience** delivering outcomes on the ground
- We take a **strategic regional approach** to maximise landscape impact
- We are independent, and often **bridge the gap between policy and practice**



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Return on investment

More than \$100 million is currently invested in Queensland's regional NRM sector annually, from all sources. Economic impact research conducted by EY in 2022 indicates a further \$257 million per year is contributed by the sector to the Queensland economy, with an additional \$128 million value-added.

Regional economies

Collectively, Queensland's 11 regional NRM organisations employ over 300 FTEs working out of 27 regional offices, with a further 420 FTEs indirectly employed through projects. Most of these jobs are in rural and remote Queensland, ensuring a close connection with the communities we serve.

In addition, NRM projects contribute significantly to economic activity in the regions, through supply chain and consumption effects, as well as through outsourcing to local businesses, which drives local economies and creates revenue at the regional level.



Co-benefits

Regional NRM projects create significant co-benefits. We strive to increase natural capital at a whole-of-landscape scale, we build cohesive and resilient communities, and we contribute to long-term socio-economic and cultural outcomes. **First Nations people are actively engaged in NRM planning as well as project development and working on Country.**

"Queensland's regional NRM organisations are important stakeholders as we continue to work together to ensure a viable food and fibre production future in Queensland."
– Queensland Farmers' Federation



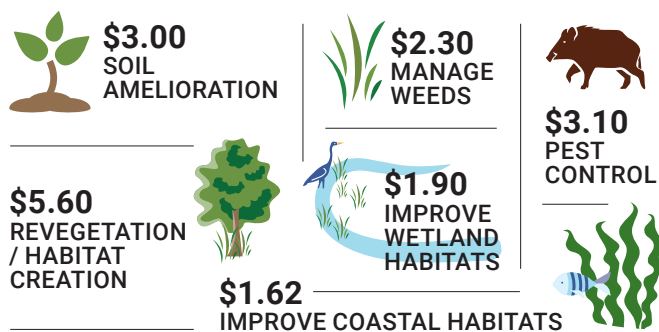
For every dollar invested into regional NRM in Queensland, we generate a further \$4.20 cash and in-kind.

On-ground outcomes

Through one State-funded program alone, Queensland's NRM sector has achieved significant on-ground outcomes. **Land condition has been improved across 314,933ha, along with 158,167ha of improved vegetation condition.** Sediment totalling 36,120t has been prevented from entering the Reef through local waterways and 93,304 trees have been planted.

Bang for buck

Investing in on-ground natural resource management project activities delivers a positive return on investment. For every dollar invested, the following is returned to society:



"We know Queensland's regional NRM organisations have runs on the board working in partnership with regional land managers, on the ground, where it matters most." – AgForce

"Queensland's regional NRM organisations are ideally positioned to significantly enhance our landscapes at scale."
– Queensland Water and Land Carers

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