

## Caring for Catchments Project Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be evaluated according to the types of activities that they will be carrying out and fall into on-ground activities or information-sharing activities. The evaluation criteria the evaluation panel will use the following criteria to assess each project.

**Whilst evaluating and assessing an 'on-ground' project the evaluation panel will consider how well it addresses the following points:**

### **Cost-effectiveness:**

- Does the project get the most out of the available?
- Does it leverage additional resources or funding from other sources?

### **Environmental Best Practices:**

- Does the project follow the best methods for protecting cultural values, planting native vegetation, building fences, providing off-stream watering for livestock, and other riverbank restoration activities?

### **Demonstration Value:**

- Can the project serve as a learning example for others?
- Is the landowner willing to allow some access for field trips and monitoring to showcase the project's success?

### **Project Team Experience:**

- Does the team managing the project have a proven track record of successfully completing similar projects?

### **Strategic Location:**

- Are the project sites located in priority areas within each catchment where restoration efforts will have the most impact?

### **Innovation and Improvement:**

- Does the project demonstrate new or more affordable ways to improve the quality and amount of restoration work done in the target catchments? This could include training new workers, conducting relevant research, incorporating cultural practices, or using innovative techniques.

### **Funding Potential:**

- Does the project explore or promote the use of environmental services markets to expand the scope of restoration efforts?
- Does the project have the potential for the maintenance of funded outcomes beyond the initial funding

### **Alignment with Project Goals:**

- Does the project directly contribute to achieving the overall objectives of the Caring for Catchments project?



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Whilst evaluating and assessing an 'information sharing' project the evaluation panel will consider how well it addresses the following points:

**Cost-effectiveness:**

- Does the project make the most of the available funding?

**Effectiveness:**

- Does the project directly contribute to achieving the Caring for Catchments project goals?

**Information Sharing:**

- Does the project have a plan to effectively share relevant information with everyone involved (project stakeholders) and others outside the project?

**Innovation and Improvement:**

- Does the project demonstrate new or more affordable ways to improve the quality and amount of restoration work done in the target catchments? This could include training new workers, conducting relevant research, incorporating cultural practices, or using innovative techniques.



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