

## **NRM Plan – Frequently asked questions**

### **1. What is this plan?**

This plan is a broad strategy for encouraging management practices that protect important habitats, minimise sediment and nutrient movement from land to waterways and build resilience to changes in climate for the region's natural assets. The plan clearly focuses on **voluntary, non-statutory** activity i.e. activity that is NOT undertaken in response to Australian, Queensland or local government legislative directions, such as activities **required** as conditions of development approval.

### **2. Who prepared the plan, and why?**

The plan was prepared by the Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management using funds provided through the Australian Government's *Clean Energy Futures* program. This plan includes the first comprehensive, region-wide assessment of natural asset vulnerability to the effects of climate change. Panels of scientists and regional experts undertook the assessments using Australia's "state of the art" climate projections.

### **3. Is this the region's first natural resource management plan?**

No. The region's first natural resource management plan was released in 2005 and a revised version was prepared in 2011. The current plan builds on the provisions of its two predecessors – updating the scientific "background" for the region's assets, recommending targets to use when measuring the effectiveness of future actions and suggesting broad activity areas for implementation.

### **4. Who will use the plan?**

The plan is designed to be used by all Burnett Mary region groups and individuals focused on sustainable management of natural resources and protecting the environment. The Burnett Mary Regional Group will use the plan to direct its future activities but the plan is also pertinent for other groups looking to align the delivery of their on-ground actions.

### **5. How will the plan be used?**

The plan identifies targets that the BMRG will use to facilitate and deliver funding programs it administers. BMRG will also use the plan to target available programs. Catchment and "care groups" across the region will be able to use the plan to demonstrate how their activities align with regional priorities, improving their access to available funding and delivery of on-ground works. Project proponents, individuals and groups such as Landcare or Coastcare groups, might use the plan in preparing funding applications, highlighting how their proposed actions align with regional priorities and "fit" available program criteria.

### **6. How can I get involved?**

Perhaps your group undertakes on-ground works delivering on the plan's targets OR you would like to be involved in monitoring of the plan's implementation for one (or more) of the assets? If so, please contact us at [nrmplan@bmrp.org.au](mailto:nrmplan@bmrp.org.au) Volunteers wanting to "get their hands dirty" are always welcome, see <http://www.bmrp.org.au/get-involved/>