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Call for Expressions of Interest –

Provision of River Geomorphology and River Engineering Advice for Delivery of the Tasmanian Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme

NRM North is seeking expressions of interest from service providers to provide technical advice for river geomorphology and river engineering to support the development of projects delivered through the \$2 million Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme (ALRS) for flood affected farmers and communities in 2017 and 2018.

Project Background

Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme

The Tasmanian Government, in partnership with Tasmanian NRM regional bodies, has announced the Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme (ALRS) to support recovery efforts following the June 2016, floods.

The scheme assists flood-affected landowners and communities through funding projects aimed at rehabilitation of land and stream systems damaged as a result of the June 2016, floods. The focus of the program is to restore the capacity of the primary production sector and reduce impacts of future floods on productive land.

The scheme is open to landowners and communities in the twenty local government areas (see Figure 1) affected by the June 2016, flood and include:

- Break O'Day;
- Burnie;
- Central Coast;
- Central Highlands;
- Circular Head;
- Derwent Valley;
- Devonport;
- Dorset;
- George Town;
- Glamorgan-Spring Bay;
- Huon Valley;
- Kentish;
- Latrobe;
- Launceston;
- Meander Valley;
- Northern Midlands;
- Southern Midlands;
- Waratah-Wynyard;
- West Coast; and
- West Tamar.

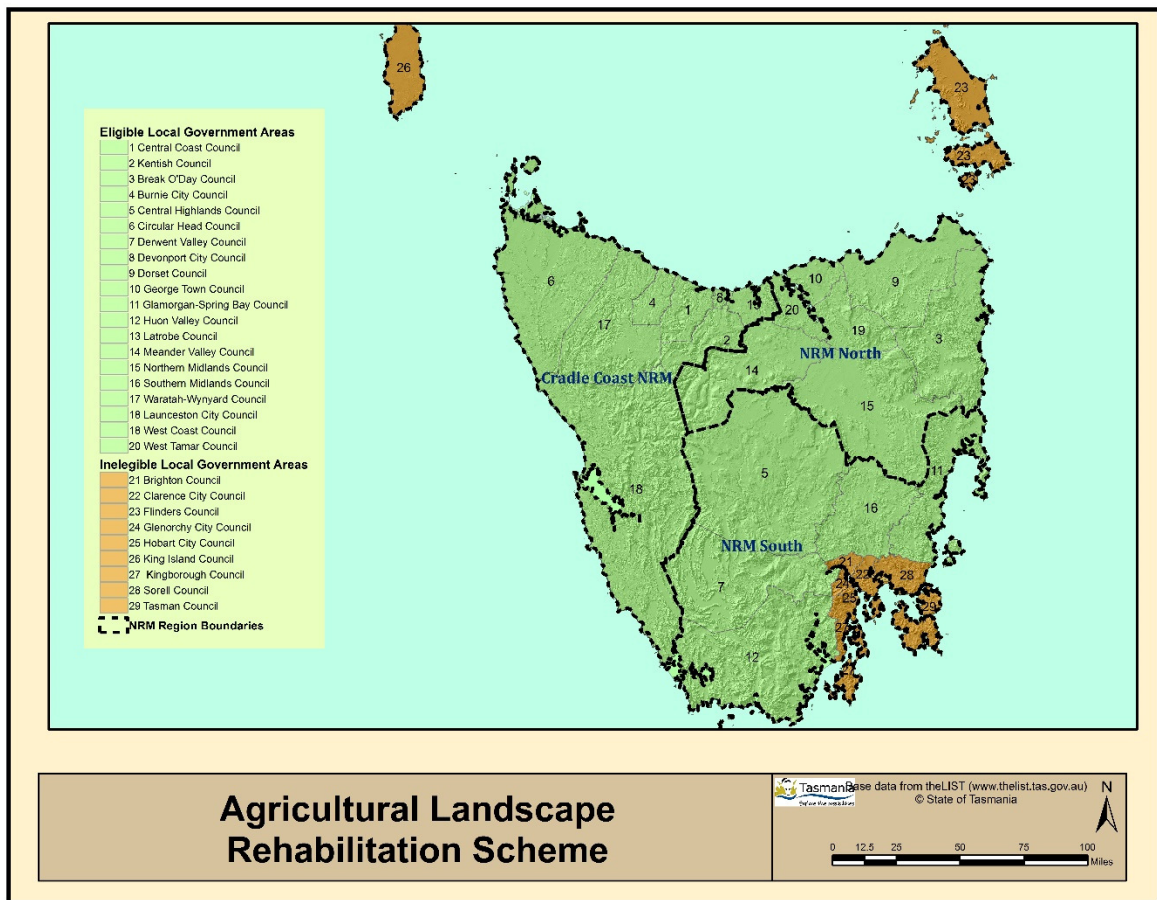


Figure 1. Map of the eligible Local Government Areas

The scheme targets private property and adjacent areas that have suffered physical damage as a result the floods or areas where future flooding may present a risk to primary production. Landowners or community groups may nominate to participate directly in two types of works:

- **River and stream resilience** larger-scale work, such as revegetation, bank protection, stream alignment, and erosion management; and
- **debris clean-up** smaller-scale works for landowners on productive land, such as timber and river cobble removal.

Landowners or community groups will be supported to prepare project nominations by way of access to planning and technical advice to ensure that the outcomes are cost effective and target critical issues in river resilience or recovery.

Planning and technical advice will be offered at the project inception phase, including through preparation of project nominations, where such assistance may help in scoping and prioritising works identified by the participating landowners.

Successful projects will also be offered more detailed project implementation advice/ designs where this will improve the effectiveness of the works.

All landholder nominations for funding under the ALRS must be submitted by March 31, 2017, for comparative and competitive assessment.

Project Details and Requirements:

NRM North is seeking suitably qualified service providers to support the delivery of the Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme (ALRS).

Consultants can apply for provision of river geomorphology advice or river engineering advice separately or under one consultancy EOI.

This call for expressions of interest will identify preferred service providers to work with the ALRS partners (coordinated by NRM North) over 18 months to provide technical advice.

The total value of the consultancy available is approximately \$150,000 (GST exclusive) over 18 months. This value is indicative only, as the total value of the project will vary depending on the nature and complexity of the project nominations developed.

Where identified in *Table 1* below a package of eligible project nominations or request to quote will be provided to the preferred service providers to quote on. **Service providers must provide an acceptable quote within 1 (one) working day of receiving the request.**

TABLE 1: A summary of the ALRS key timeframes requiring technical advice is summarised below (please note this timeframe is indicative and may change at the discretion of NRM North):

Phase:	Details:	Timeframes and dates:
Call for landholder nominations for funding (Technical Advice)	<p>The requests for technical advice through the ALRS will be coordinated by the ALRS Project Officer. Differing levels of advice will be required from service providers including:</p> <p>Technical advice provided by phone or in person to the ALRS Project Officer on an as needs basis (hourly rate applies).</p> <p>Desktop technical assessment of nominations to assist with preparation of nomination forms. Written advice based on desktop assessment may include advice on appropriate engineering and geomorphology solutions or options and indicative budgets.</p> <p>A quote for desktop assessment of projects will be required which will include a price for a package of projects or a capped price per project assessed.</p>	December 19, 2016, to March 31, 2017

	<p>The ALRS Project Officer will provide a package of requests to the service provider to quote on.</p> <p>Service providers will be expected to meet tight deadlines which may include at times turn-around of up to 4-5 project site requests within 2-3 days (or as negotiated with the ALRS officer).</p> <p>Site assessments and written advice and/or engineering designs (if required) for river engineering options including estimated costs for activities to support groups and individuals to develop project nominations.</p> <p>The ALRS Project Officer will provide specific details for the 1:1 advice which may include meeting with groups and individuals in a location within the 20 eligible LGA's, undertaking a site visit and providing written advice and/or engineering designs to support a nomination.</p> <p>A quote for 1:1 advice will be required. Service providers will be expected to meet tight deadlines which will include providing written advice for geomorphology considerations and/or river engineering design specifications within 3 days of a 1:1 visit (or as negotiated with the ALRS officer).</p> <p>Where possible 1:1 advice will be coordinated by the ALRS Project Officer to occur over consecutive days and with consideration to proximity between LGA's to maximise efficiency and resources.</p>	<p>January 16, 2017 to March 31, 2017</p>
<p>Call for landholder nominations for funding (Workshops)</p>	<p>Service providers may be requested to attend 'information workshops' and 'targeted planning workshops' which will be organised by the ALRS project officer.</p> <p>Service providers will be asked for a quote for attendance at requested events.</p>	<p>January 16, 2017, to February 23, 2017</p>

	<p>Service providers will be expected to provide direct advice to landholders and assist in the development of nomination forms and (if required) provide written advice following attendance at events.</p> <p>The following events have been identified (dates and locations are indicative and will be confirmed asap).</p> <p>2-hour Information workshops in four locations: Ouse, Deloraine, Ulverstone, and Burnie.</p> <p>4 hour Targeted planning workshops (Cradle Coast) in six locations: Wynyard, Gunns Plains, Claude Road, Yolla, Kimberly, and Latrobe.</p> <p>4 hour Targeted planning workshops (North) in seven locations: Deloraine, Meander, Mole Creek, Bracknell, Longford, Fingal, and Pyengana</p> <p>4 hour Targeted planning workshops (South) in two locations: Ouse and Huonville.</p>	<p>January 23–25, 2017</p> <p>February 6-10, 2017</p> <p>February 13-16, 2017</p> <p>February 19-23, 2017</p>
Nominations assessed by a selection panel	(no applicant advice anticipated; there may be some questions from the selection panel)	March 31, 2017, to May 31, 2017
Design Reports and contract negotiation	<p>Fluvial geomorphologist/ Engineering advice provided on projects e.g. site inspections, design specs, recommend works, engineering solutions, design reports (as required).</p> <p>A quote for provision of services will be requested.</p> <p>Technical advice provided by phone or via desktop assessment during contract negotiation (as required).</p> <p>River geomorphologists and engineers engaged on an hourly basis.</p>	June 1, 2017, to October 1, 2017
Implementation	<p>Technical advice via phone or site visits and supervision of works (as required).</p> <p>A quote for provision of services will be requested.</p>	October 1, 2017, to June 20, 2018

Notes:

Service providers who can demonstrate the ability to provide both geomorphology and engineering advice will be favourably considered particularly where they can demonstrate that advice for a project will be provided at the same time and result in cost savings and time efficiency in the project nomination phase.

Service providers who can demonstrate a sound local knowledge of Tasmanian River systems and experience in flood recovery and rehabilitation projects will be looked upon favourably.

Service providers who can demonstrate good value for money, such as in-kind contributions towards the projects and competitive rates will be looked upon favourably, particularly for costs savings related to travel and accommodation.

Additional Information:

The following documents are available to service providers to assist with quoting and assessment of services.

- *ALRS Guidelines and Nomination Form* via <http://www.nrmnorth.org.au/agricultural-landscape-rehabilitation-scheme>
- *Tasmanian Government Media Release*, December 19, 2016.
<http://www.premier.tas.gov.au/releases/agricultural-landscape-support-for-flood-affected-landowners>

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(note – Jesse is available from January 16)

EOI Proposal Submission

One (1) emailed copy of the EOI is required by **COB Friday, January 20, 2017**.

The EOI proposal should be submitted to NRM North with the following reference (**Ref: ALRS Technical Advice**) via email: admin@nrmnorth.org.au

The information required with the EOI must include:

- Previous relevant experience and qualifications.
- Statement of capacity to deliver services within the specified timeframes.
- Fixed hourly rate for professional services provided in 2017 and 2018 for specific personnel.
- Fixed daily rate for services provided in 2017 and 2018 for specific personnel.
- Indicative costs for disbursements including rates for travel, accommodation etc.

- Profile of the Service Provider, including a brief curriculum vitae of personnel to be engaged in the consultancy; and any other information pertinent to quality assurance (this information can be included as an attachment).
- Declaration of any conflict of interest or risk of conflict of interest.
- Proof of Certificate of Currency for Professional Indemnity (5 Million) and Public Liability (20 Million) insurance.