



Media Release

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NRM NORTH FUNDS ANOTHER ROUND OF SOIL CONDITION TRIALS

NRM North is encouraging farmers to apply for funding for trials which investigate methods of improving soil condition.

This is the second round of soil condition trials to be funded by NRM North through the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Program.

NRM North's Regional Landcare Facilitator, Adrian James, said the program would help farmers and agricultural researchers investigate and demonstrate methods of improving the condition of soils used in productive agriculture.

"This second funding round gives the agricultural sector another great opportunity to investigate systems and products that may improve soil health, food production and farm profitability." Mr James said.

"We hope to fund up to a dozen trials in partnership with farmers, agribusiness and research agencies."

The trials should be large-scale (whole-of-paddock or multi-paddock) and include comprehensive economic cost-benefit assessments to maximise the relevance and practicality of the trial program to Tasmanian farmers.

The maximum amount of funding available per trial is \$25,000 (ex-GST) and trials may run for two years, preferably starting in the spring of 2011.

Each trial must be conducted by a partnership of farmer and researcher or agronomist.

"The six trials from last year's funding round are all underway and will provide some valuable insights into a range of farming practices later this year."

Application forms and guidelines are available on the NRM North website www.nrmnorth.org.au or by contacting Adrian James on 6333 7784.

Applications close Thursday, June 30th.

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