

26. Vision Statement, Charter & Guidelines for project applications for Malleefowl Offset Monies

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The Murray Basin Stage 2 mining project will impact upon habitat utilised by Malleefowl (approx 29 ha). Iluka Resources are committed to providing \$700,000 funding over seven years to fund Malleefowl conservation projects as a financial offset to this impact. Iluka have convened The Malleefowl Management Committee to oversee the management of these funds.

The Malleefowl Management Committee consists of six voting members from the following organisations:

- The Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group (VMRG),
- Parks Victoria,
- The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE),
- The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPC),
- The National Malleefowl Recovery Team (NMRT),
- Iluka Resources.

The Malleefowl Management Committee may approve funding to Malleefowl conservation projects which contribute to implementing one or more of the priority actions outlined in the recovery objectives and actions set out in the National Recovery Plan for Malleefowl, and also deliver significant benefits to Malleefowl in the Victorian Mallee Region, but not to the exclusion of other areas and other states.

Eligible applicants include Universities, NGOs, Governmental Agencies, Volunteer groups and Charities. Funding is also available to individuals who can demonstrate their project meets the guidelines.

The type of funding available includes:

- One-off costs
- Ongoing costs over a number of years
- Core funding
- Capital Expenditure

Higher priority applications are projects that use the funds to leverage additional funds from other sources, and proposals unlikely to be funded by Government and/or agencies.

Habitat enhancement projects are not eligible for funding under this scheme.

Successful applicants are required to submit a quarterly report to the committee to update progress on the work and expenditure on the project. A report template will be sent out when the applicant is notified of their successful application. Subsequent payments on larger projects may be tied to the completion of milestones identified in the application; each project will be assessed individually.

The first year of funding has already passed. Four projects have been funded totaling \$112,812. Project funding ranges from \$16,500 - \$30,000. The projects include:

- Improvements to the National Malleefowl Monitoring Database (two phases)
- Support to the Fourth National Malleefowl Forum
- Adaptive Management of Arid and Semi Arid Ecosystems research project
- Analysis of fox scats collected by VMRG volunteers

There will be two funding rounds per year – May and November. Applications must be received no later than the first business day of the month (May / November).

Applications can be received via post – Malleefowl Management Account, Attn Mine Manager, Iluka Resources, PO Box 140 Ouyen VIC 3490.

Or via e-mail – kulwin@iluka.com (please include 'Malleefowl Management Account' in the subject title).

All information for the application must be on the application form. Please request an electronic copy via the e-mail address above. Any queries contact Stephanie Mitchell on 03 50912109, or via e-mail - Stephanie.Mitchell@iluka.com.