

# E-BEEF SMART FARMING in Northern Queensland

## Introduction

E-Beef Smart Farming in Northern Queensland is a partnership project between Southern Gulf NRM, Northern Gulf Natural Resource Management Group, Desert Channels and Queensland's Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. The project is funded by the Commonwealth Government's Smart Farming Partnerships Program, a component of the National Landcare Program. The aim of the project is to work with grazing businesses to demonstrate innovative technologies that can improve grazing profitability.

## Technology Trial

A component of the project is aiming to enable producers in Northern and Western Queensland's rangelands to utilise technology to improve grazing business performance.

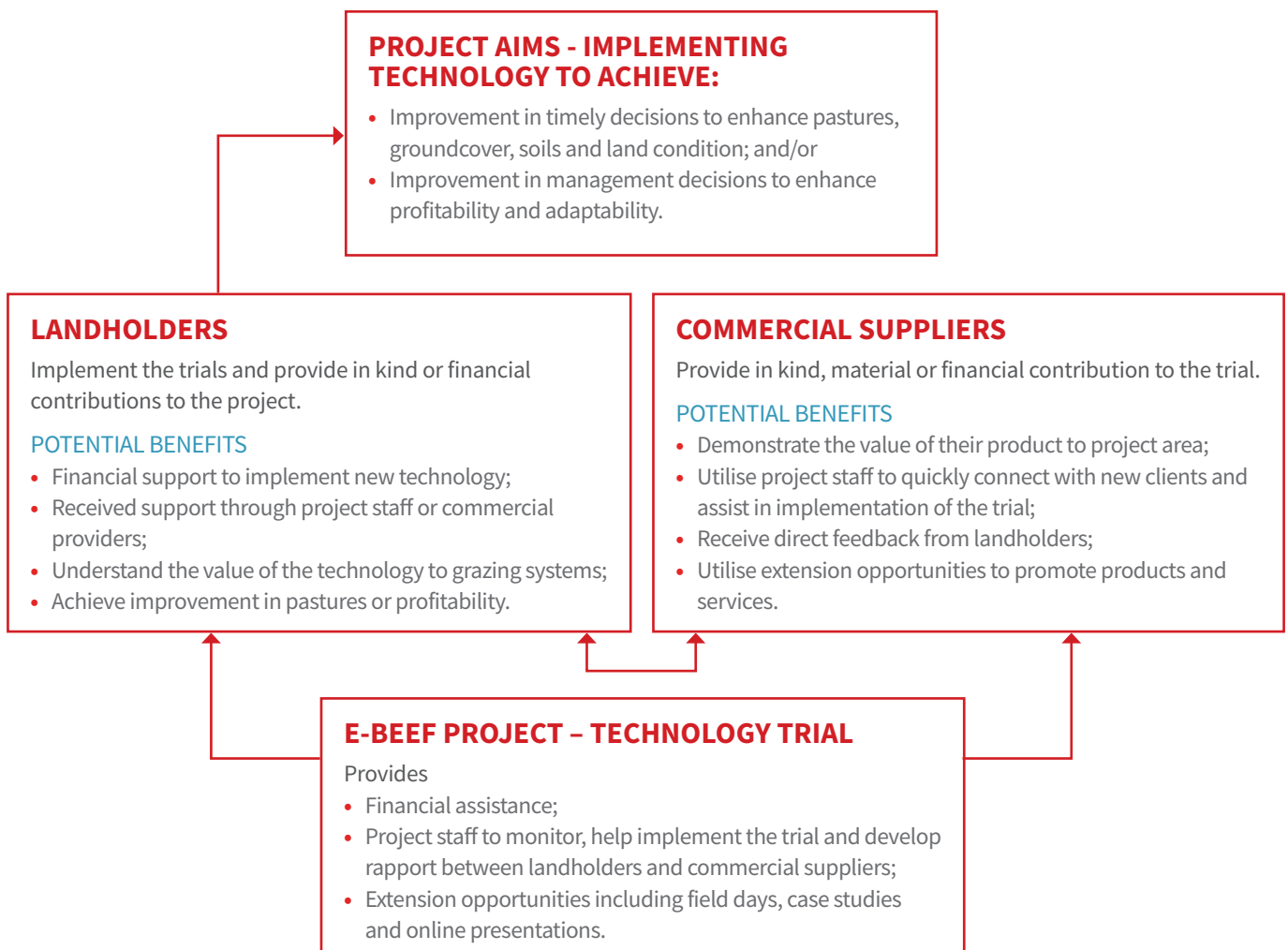
This could include utilising new technology to help monitor stock, monitor infrastructure or to enable greater connectivity within the property and to surrounding networks. The technology trial will run until December 2021.

In particular the project aims to implement any new technology that allows graziers to:

- Improve timely decisions to enhance pastures, groundcover, soils and land condition; and/or
- Improve management decisions to enhance profitability and adaptability.

*A diagram of the model for project delivery is below.*

Successful applicants will need to be willing to participate in extension activities such as field days, meetings and online presentations.



## Project Area

Areas where applications can be received are shown in the adjacent map. This includes the regions of Northern Gulf, Southern Gulf and Desert Channels. Staff to support the trial are based out of Georgetown for Northern Gulf, Cloncurry for Southern Gulf and Longreach for Desert Channels.



## Expressions of Interest

The project is currently seeking expressions of interest from Landholders or Commercial Providers to implement new technology to support the project.

To apply, applicants need to:

- Complete the application form on the Southern Gulf website.
- Submit it to Southern Gulf by 5pm AEST, 14 October 2019.

If commercial operators are based outside the region, they can still apply for the project, and where suitable they can be aligned with interested landholders.

## Contract Terms

The successful proponents will be engaged under a Southern Gulf NRM contract.

## Questions

Questions may be directed to Andrew Burrows on 0427 427 966 or email at [andrew.burrows@dcq.org.au](mailto:andrew.burrows@dcq.org.au)

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## Benefits to Landholders or Commercial Providers

To support the implementation, the E-Beef project is able to provide:

- Financial support to implement the technology trial. Potentially up to \$50,000 per trial.
- On ground project staff that can link landholders to commercial operators, or develop networks within the trial, or help maintain the implementation of the trial; and
- Exposure to a range of extension activities to promote the trial including field days, case studies and online presentations.

The available financial contribution for each trial will be determined case by case. However, as a guide projects could apply for financial support up to \$50,000. Applications are more likely to succeed where co-contributions are made by applicants. Support from staff will also be considered case by case pending their availability and the required commitment.

## Selection Process

Applications received will be presented to the Project Steering Committee that will consider the value of the proposal in relation to:

1. How the technology will further landholders' ability to meet the purposes of the project;
2. The proponents' knowledge and experience in relation to adoption of agricultural technologies in grazing enterprises;
3. Likelihood of success within project timeframes;
4. Willingness and ability to extend the findings to the community; and
5. The contributions made by the proponent to support the implementation of the trial (financial, material or in kind support).

The Steering Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any offer for any reason.

## Submission of Proposal

- Proposals must be submitted by 5pm AEST, 14 October 2019
- Proposals should be submitted by email addressed to [andrew.burrows@dcq.org.au](mailto:andrew.burrows@dcq.org.au)
- Documents should be provided in either MS Word or PDF format.

The E-Beef project is supported by a partnership comprising Southern Gulf NRM, Desert Channels Queensland, Northern Gulf RMG, and Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.



Funding for the project is from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the Queensland Government Drought and Climate Adaptation Program.

# Technology Trial **APPLICATION FORM**

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## Part 1 – Applicant Details

Are you applying as a Commercial Operator  or a Landholder

ENTER YOUR DETAILS BELOW

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

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## Part 2 – Application

What technology do you want to trial and why?

Describe how the project could support the project aims

1. Improvement in timely decisions to enhance pastures, groundcover, soils and land condition; and/or
2. Improvement in management decisions to enhance profitability and adaptability.

**Please return your Expression of Interest to [andrew.burrows@dcq.org.au](mailto:andrew.burrows@dcq.org.au) by 5pm AEST, 14 October 2019.**

**What contribution would you require from the project?**

Financial Support  Support from project staff  Other  Connection with regional landholders

*Please outline in detail the contribution requirements below.*

**What contribution would you provide as part of the project?**

Financial Support  Material support (provision of equipment or discounted materials)  In kind support  Other

*Please outline the contribution in detail below.*

**Would you be willing to do the following as part of the project?**

- Sign a contract outlining commitments to the project
- Participate and contribute to extension activities including field days, case studies and online presentations
- Undertake detailed recordkeeping relating to the trial to allow information to be used to highlight value of the project

**Please outline any other information you feel valuable to support your application.**

If you would like to supply any extra information, please include additional attachments.