

DAIRY CARES FOR THE DERWENT



Dairy Cares for the Derwent is a collaborative initiative from local farmers, Dairy Tasmania, Derwent Catchment NRM Committee, NRM South, Tas Water and both State and Federal Governments to ensure environmental sustainability underpins expansion of the southern Tasmanian dairy industry.

There is potential for major growth in the dairy industry as Tasmania has recently expanded its processing capacity. The Derwent Valley is a key area for opportunity given the excellent water rights on some properties adjacent to the Derwent River.

Over the next 5 years the *Dairy Cares for the Derwent* programme aims to engage with all dairy farmers in the Derwent Catchment to plan and implement best management practices that will help protect water quality in the Derwent River.

This will be achieved by implementing property management planning as the principal tool for engagement. The plans will ensure 100% stock exclusion and good riparian buffers for all dairy farms fronting the Derwent River and all tributaries on dairy farms draining into the Derwent River.

A Fert\$mart nutrient management plan will be an integral part of property management planning and will be regularly reviewed and actioned. All dairy farms will have best practice effluent management as part of their Fert\$mart approach.

The ferts\$mart process involves soil testing of nutrient levels on a paddock scale so that efficiency can be optimised and waste reduced. The program has already completed 4 ferts\$mart plans and more are under-way.

If you are interested in the program and would like more information please contact the facilitator, Josie Kelman, Derwent Catchment NRM facilitator@derwentcatchment.org

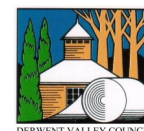
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Derwent Catchment NRM Committee driving Dairy Cares

Derwent Catchment NRM Committee have secured funding through several grants and contributions since 2014:

- NRM South—Project funding and support through National Landcare Programme funding.
- Central Highlands and Derwent Valley Councils and NRM South— NRM Facilitation and local support funding.
- 25th Landcare Grant— Australian Government
- State Government Funding contribution
- Tas Water funding contribution
- NRM South— Naturally Inspired Grant funding through National Landcare Programme Funding and the Regional Landcare Facilitator



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