



Department of **Water**  
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# DairyCare

# EFFLUENT MANAGEMENT



Your Levy at Work

Is your dairy effluent system a major headache?  
 Would you like to use your effluent to improve productivity?

The DairyCare effluent project will help farmers in the South West to better manage effluent to improve productivity and reduce environmental risk. Dairy effluent can be reused to improve soil structure, increase soil fertility and reduce fertiliser costs. A properly designed and managed effluent system allows dairy businesses to recoup the value in effluent and reduce environmental impacts to our waterways.

The project is being led by Western Dairy in partnership with catchment groups, dairy farmers and state government agencies to reduce nutrient loss off dairy farms and improve water quality of regional estuaries. DairyCare is supported by the Regional Estuaries Initiative and Revitalising Geographie Waterways programs with funding through the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.

## This is your opportunity to:

1. Have a customised dairy effluent plan developed by an accredited advisor
2. Access funding incentives to upgrade your dairy effluent management system
3. Incorporate better effluent management into normal day to day business in the dairy
4. Consider innovative solutions for effluent management

**WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE EFFLUENT MANAGEMENT IS GOOD FOR WATER QUALITY AND GOOD FOR FARMERS, AS MORE NUTRIENTS ARE KEPT ON THE FARM.**



**Like to get involved?**

See the reverse of this page for funding criteria and how you can apply.



# How to get involved?

## Expressions of Interest are now open for effluent management projects at your dairy farm.

Western Dairy is delivering the effluent projects under the Revitalising Geographie Waterways and Regional Estuaries Initiative programs.

### *Who is eligible?*

To be eligible for this project you will need to meet the following funding criteria:

1. Dairy farmers in **Geographie, Leschenault** and **Hardy Inlet** catchments are eligible to apply. Farms in high risk water quality areas will be prioritised. Applications from other catchments are welcome to gauge interest for future funding opportunities.
2. Farmers are required to **contribute 50%** of the upgrade costs (either in-kind and/or cash)
3. The **whole effluent system must be upgraded** (where required) and completed within 3 years
4. Effluent system upgrades must be **designed by an accredited effluent advisor** and meet the **Code of Practice for Effluent Management**
5. New, existing or farms in the process of upgrading their milking shed are eligible to apply for funding. This includes share and lease farms.



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## Interested?

Contact Dan Parnell at Western Dairy for an EOI form or for more information. Phone 0467 556 542 or email Dan at [agsure@inet.net.au](mailto:agsure@inet.net.au)