BRIDGING THE GAP: RECOGNISING THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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## APPENDIX 1

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• shared vision about how natural resources should be managed  
• consistency between shared vision and resource condition targets |
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| Level of commitment to NRM | • are willing to be involved in NRM programs and/or projects  
• work collaboratively on NRM programs and/or projects  
• set aside conflicts in the interest of achieving the shared vision  
• integrate local knowledge into NRM planning. |
| **Governance** | Existence of governance structures for good business practice | • auditing requirements  
• annual reporting  
• Board/Group meeting proceedings  
• performance reporting to key stakeholders  
**risk management (e.g. insurance, OHS).** |
| **Networks & Relationships** | Quality of networks and relationships | • reciprocity in decision-making  
• flexibility in decision-making  
• transparency in decision-making  
• trust in decision-making. |
| Extent of political connections | • ministers  
• government agencies  
• private enterprise  
• community organisations  
• land managers  
• local indigenous groups  
• local contractors. |
| People who can build networks and relationships | • demonstrate an active involvement with communities  
• develop rapport between community and the Board  
• build robust networks with a wide range of groups  
• outreach to quiet voices in the community. |
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APPENDIX 3

DAIRY INDUSTRY – COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO CHANGE QUESTIONNAIRE

PART A

General Background

Have you always resided in the Lower Murray Swamps? …………………………

When did you arrive in the Lower Murray Swamps? ……………………………

What did you do for an income prior to arriving in the region? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

What are your reasons for residing in the region? ………………………………

- Lifestyle reasons
- Investment
- Retirement or semi-retirement
- Employment
- Closer to family members
- Other…please specify…..

Do you think you will remain in the region? …………………………………………

If no, what are your plans for the future?

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What is the total area of your farm? …………………………………………………

Did your family own this property before you?

- Yes
- No

Why did you choose to get into the dairy industry? ………………………………

- Family farm – intergenerational
- Farm diversification
- Hobby farming
- Investment purposes
- Income
- Other

Do you own the dairy farm

- Yes
- No

If no, what is your relationship to the landowner?

- Lease within a family structure
• Lease from a 3rd party
• Manager
• Other

How would you describe your farming operation? ...........................................
• family dairy
• share dairy
• corporate dairy
• hobby farm

How many hectares are currently used for dairying ............ and
• unimproved pasture
• fodder
• crops
• scrub/bush etc..........................

What is the size of your herd?
• 0-49
• 50 – 99
• 100 – 149
• 150 – 199
• 200 – 249
• 250 – 299
• 300 – 349
• 350 – 399
• 400 and over ..........................

How many cows did you milk yesterday..........................

How does this compare to ten years previous (estimate)...........

Given today’s market would you consider extending your dairy?...........

Have you responded to market pressures by upgrading your dairy?
• Yes
• No

If yes, what have you done?...........................................................
If no, would you like to elaborate (optional).................................

Have you attempted other forms of diversification?......................
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What percentage of your income would you say is derived from:
• dairying
• grains/fodder
• off farm employment
• other
• Total 100%

Do you expect dairying to be a larger percentage of your income in the future?
• Yes
• No
Has your involvement in dairying presented any problems for you?
- Yes
- No
For example
- Conflict with other forms of production
- Conflict with leisure and recreation
- Seasonality of income
- Labour demands
- Conflict with time
- Environmental management
- Rehabilitation of swamp land
- Other

What factors do you see as restricting the expansion of the industry?

Have you had any problems with meeting processors/distributors standards?
- Yes
- No

What do you see are the impediments to South Australia’s dairy industry?

What if any problems do you feel need to be addressed for the benefit of the dairy industry and yourself – own particular circumstances?

What are the factors influencing you to remain on the farm?

Have you or would you consider exiting the industry?
- Yes
- No
If yes, what are the reasons for your decision?
What governs your decision making about the farm business
- Goals (long / short term)
- lifestyle
- values
- economic
- other

Do you know other people who have left the dairy industry? If so, did they or their experiences encourage you to remain and or leave the industry?

Family
How many people live in your household? .............
Living here full time ........... Ages .................................................
Living away Ages ..................................................
If you have school age children, where do they go to school? ..........................
How far is the school from your family home? ...........................................
How do the children travel there? ...........................................................
Where do you and or your family go to shop? ........................................

Family – Farm interest
Would you encourage your children to take up farming?
- Yes
- No
Did your family influence your decision for taking on dairying? .................
Have your children shown any interest in farming? .................................
Are your children involved in any way with the day to day business of the farm?

PART B
Community
I identify with other members of the community

Is there a strong sense of community in this area?
I am proud of what this community is doing in relation to the rehabilitation process

agree completely     agree     do not agree or disagree     disagree     disagree

The community has a clear sense of what it is trying to achieve in the rehabilitation process

agree completely     agree     do not agree or disagree     disagree     disagree

Have you noticed any fundamental changes occurring within your community, and if so what are they?

Environment

When you think about the rehabilitation process to date, would you say you have had a chance to participate in meaningful decision-making

agree completely     agree     do not agree or disagree     disagree     disagree

When it comes to the way the rehabilitation process planning has been managed to date, I have been treated with respect

agree completely     agree     do not agree or disagree     disagree     disagree

Those who have managed the rehabilitation process in this area have aimed to be fair in their dealings with people

agree completely     agree     do not agree or disagree     disagree     disagree

People in this community are willing to voice their opinions when they contradict the way the rehabilitation planning process operates

agree completely     agree     do not agree or disagree     disagree     disagree

People in this community voice their opinions about natural resource management and the rehabilitation process

agree completely     agree     do not agree or disagree     disagree     disagree

In this community I have a clear sense of my role in the rehabilitation process

agree completely     agree     do not agree or disagree     disagree     disagree
I have engaged in natural resource management on my land in the past

agree completely  agree  do not agree or disagree  disagree  disagree

I am willing to engage in natural resource management on my land in the future

agree completely  agree  do not agree or disagree  disagree  disagree

When it comes to the rehabilitation process it feels like everyone is playing on different teams

agree completely  agree  do not agree or disagree  disagree  disagree

The rehabilitation process has brought the community together – every one is playing on the same team

agree completely  agree  do not agree or disagree  disagree  disagree

When it comes to the rehabilitation process it feels like every one is out for themselves

agree completely  agree  do not agree or disagree  disagree  disagree

When it comes to the rehabilitation process it feels as though people have been forced to think and act the same way

agree completely  agree  do not agree or disagree  disagree  disagree

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your interest and input in the research process has been both valuable and sincerely appreciated.
NOTE:
Appendices 4 - 7 are included on pages 314 - 317 in the print copy of the thesis held in the University of Adelaide Library.
APPENDIX 8

Purpose Built Community

SAAL NRM BOARD

SAAL NRM GROUPS FRAMEWORK

SAAL NRM COMMUNITY

Source: SAAL Study
APPENDIX 9

CONSENT FORM - QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Sir/Madam

This survey of dairy farmers is part of a research project on the implications of the rehabilitation project on the Lower Murray Reclaimed Irrigation Areas (LMRIA). The research is being carried out by Karen Cosgrove, a doctoral student in the School of Social Sciences, under the supervision of Professor Graeme Hugo and an employee of Primary Industries and Resources, Corporate Strategy and Policy. Feel free to contact Professor Graeme Hugo at the University of Adelaide on 83034455 or Mr Tim Mares (PIRSA), 8226 0222 if you require any further information concerning this research project.

To date, very little local research has been conducted on the implications of the rehabilitation project on the LMRIA community, and we are hoping that, through this survey, we can gather accurate information on the impacts of the rehabilitation project on the community.

All questions can be answered with a few words, or circling the appropriate answer, with all responses being treated as strictly confidential.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Yours sincerely

Karen Cosgrove
APPENDIX 10

INTERVIEW CONSENT FORM

I /we agree to undertake this interview for the purpose of providing Karen Cosgrove with information that will be used for a doctoral thesis and papers as well as for future policy development by Primary Industries and Resources South Australia.

I /we have been advised by Karen Cosgrove that I/we may withdraw from the interview process at any given time.

Name  ……………………………………………………………
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