



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Site funding decision time**

Pace is quickening with the number of funding applications submitted to the CRC Salinity by Landmark branches on behalf of their landholder clients.

The funding is part of the CRC's project Promoting Perennial Systems through Agribusiness, in which Landmark will extend the adoption of perennials (like lucerne) in profitable, sustainable farming systems.

One of the objectives in obtaining sustainable farming systems through the project is by, developing and resourcing a two-way knowledge exchange network between the CRC Salinity, Landmark staff, their clients as well as other land managers.

To help achieve this it was agreed that demonstration sites needed to commence around the southern states of Australia with the help of funding from the project.

Kevin Graham, Landmark – Salinity Project Manager said “sites nominated for funding last year were slow in forth-coming.”

He went onto say “the same cannot be said this year with already 24 locations proposed from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia. Management options vary, some range from under-sowing annual crops with lucerne, developing management strategies for non-wetting sand ridges and maximizing the productivity and water use of tall wheat grass on saline land.

Paddock sizes differ, with funding proposals of 12 to 88 hectares submitted. Land types being offered for landuse change extend from rocky recharge country through to productive river flats and saline discharge sites.”

Kevin recommended that “all Landmark branches work together in identifying farmers who are experiencing difficulties with cropping or pasture production as a result of resistance from pest and environmental issues. When this group of your clients is known see if a demonstration site jointly funded with the CRC Salinity may assist them and their community achieve sustainable landuse changes.”

(photo to go here)

The photo shows the many interactions between production and environmental issues for this type of landuse in eastern states. It is highlighted to participants of the Lucerne and Perennial Pasture Workshops as it illustrates why the whole of the landscape needs to be managed if we are to achieve sustainable outcomes.

The funding approval for the successful sites will be done in conjunction with the CRC Salinity's Core Partners from each state.

Demonstration site funding applications should be forwarded to:

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