

REALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDS POLICY

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1. Introduction

Southern New England Landcare Ltd runs funded projects (the Project), which often contain a biophysical on-ground component. These biophysical outcomes are achieved through the funding of on-ground works (works-projects) with landholders in the Southern New England region. Funding applied for is frequently made up of previously designed landholder works projects. These may also be referred to as shelf-projects.

Due to several reasons (e.g. sale of the property, or the landholder is unable to implement the works-project within the required timeframe, or there has been a change in property management), occasionally on-ground funding needs to be reallocated to another or other works-projects in the region.

2. Policy

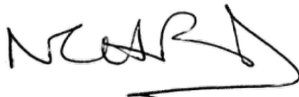
This policy lists several criteria that need to be considered when identifying a suitable works-project for reallocated funding.

The criteria are:

1. The works-project must be developed. This includes a works description, identification of biophysical outcomes, site map and budget. A stand-alone Expression of Interest does not provide sufficient information.
2. The works-project must deliver similar objectives. For example, a riparian works-project must be substituted with an alternative riparian works-project.
3. The works-project must achieve equal or greater biophysical outcomes. For example, hectares managed, kilometres of stream protected.
4. The works-project should be in a similar area to the originally funded works-project. For example, an originally funded works-project in the Walcha area should be substituted by a new works-project in the Walcha area. The importance of this criterion is dependent upon the Project under which the works-project is funded. For example, some projects or species will have a very defined area such as the locality of 'Kentucky'. These may be projects secured for Landcare groups supported by Southern New England Landcare Ltd, or direct projects delivered by Southern New England Landcare Ltd. Other projects may have a geographic locality of the southern New England region, in this situation it is ideal to have the substitute works-project in the same area but not essential.

5. The works-project must be able to be delivered/implemented by the landholder in a similar time frame, for example, a 6 to 12-month period. If necessary, a project variation (extension) may be required from the funding body.
6. The length of time a works-project has been developed as a shelf-project and on the Southern New England Landcare Ltd database must also be considered. If there are multiple developed works-projects that equally meet the above criteria preference must go to the works-project (shelf-project) that has been on the database, the longest. An administration fee is to be reserved from the original works-project funding allocation during the reallocation process.

3. Authorisation

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Em Prof Nick Reid

Chair, Southern New England Landcare Ltd

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