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Dear Beyond Bolac member,

Subject: Financial incentives available to landholders interested in changing management practises

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) through the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority (GHCMA) and Caring for our Country (CfoC) has the opportunity to offer Partnership Projects with financial incentives for eligible landholders as a part of our Soil Acidification and Salinity project in 2010-11.

Soil acidification is seen as a major issue leading to soil degradation and contributes to aluminium and manganese toxicity and reducing the nitrogen fixation and availability of phosphorus and molybdenum. This leads to limited plant choices and reduced plant growth, which of course means less productivity. Shallow rooted annuals may contribute to soil and water salinity.

The Partnership Project involves:

- Soil testing of your property
- Understanding and interpreting soil tests workshop
- Establishing deep rooted perennial pastures (minimum of 5 years)
- Revisiting or developing a farm plan (hard copy or electronic version)
- \$2750 (GST inc.) grant (and a total project cost of at least \$5000)

In order to be able to apply for a Partnership Project your property has to be in the project area which extends from Ballarat-Skipton-Lake Bolac-Stoneleigh area (sub-catchments H3, H7, H8, H9 and H11).

To discuss the above information and to arrange for a DPI Project Officer to assess your project, please contact me on the above phone number and fill in the Expression of Interest form. Limited funding for these projects is available so please call soon if you wish to be involved.

Yours Sincerely,

Lina Peralainen
Soil Extension Officer

