

## Summary of Presentation to Weeds Forum - Sawtell 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2005

### The CMA Role

- Develop Catchment Action Plan,
- Natural Resource Management (NRM) Capacity Building,
- Manage NRM Investment
- Native Vegetation Management Reforms – Property Vegetation Plans (PVP's)

### Establishment

- The Board and General Manager appointed
- 32 Staff appointed, 6 Service centres operational

### Catchment Action Plan (CAP)

- A Natural Resource Management Plan for the Northern Rivers (NR) for the next 10 years
- To be the NR communities CAP
- Built upon and refined from the Blueprints
- Link to the Natural Resources Commissions State-wide Standards and Targets
- Consistent with State CAP guidelines and consider existing plans and strategies

### CAP Development Program

- 1. Currently developing target framework (up till 30 March 2005)
- 2. Target Refinement with stakeholder groups (April to 30 June 2005)
- 3. Broader Consultation and finalisation of Draft (July to September 2005)
- 4. Approval Process (October to December 2005)

### Investment

- Considerable investment occurring in NRM across the region
- The NRCMA manages a regional allocation of Natural Heritage Trust and Sustainability Trust funding and has a “brokering” role in relation to many other funding programs including the National Landcare program.
- The CMA managed funds leverage substantial additional funding into NRM outcomes.
- The regional allocation for 2002-04 was \$5.821Million and \$2.5Million with a wide range of projects funded across the 3 previous Catchment Management Board areas.
- The Regional allocations for 2004-05 to 2006-07 is \$21.9 Million with the first years allocation based on the Blueprints and subsequent years on the approved CAP.
- The 2004/05 investment is expected shortly and the Board will be running a procurement process to award contracts.
- Considerable funding available for the management of threats to biodiversity and native systems. There will be core funding available for implementation of Integrated Environmental Weed Control Strategies and further funding available for high conservation value ecosystems including riparian.

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