

fencing out cattle

Landholder	Tony and Kim Curtis
Map reference	11
Land use	Grazing
Soil Erosion Solutions Grant	\$5,051 (fencing materials, troughs, hire of equipment and trees)
Landholder's in-kind contribution	\$5,050 (labour and water trough)

The site

An intermittent watercourse, containing a series of dams, runs through this grazing property. Cattle traffic was eroding the banks.

The project

- The dam and sides of the gully were fenced to exclude stock.
- Trees and shrubs were planted in the fenced area.
- New trees and shrubs were watered and maintained until established.

The benefits

- Eroding areas are now grassing over.
- Less soil is ending up in the dam.
- The newly planted trees and shrubs will provide shelter for stock and improved wildlife habitat.
- The more stable environment will improve the quality of the water flowing into the downstream watercourse.

Landholder's experience

What was the **best thing** about this project?

“Very happy with the outcome; there’s no erosion and keeping the cattle out is great. SES allowed us to do the whole project in one go, we couldn’t afford to do it all ourselves and the job is done properly.”

What was the **most difficult** aspect of the project?

“To meet the deadline for the funding we had to plant the trees at a non-optimal time – very dry and we were unable to supply enough water to keep them alive. Keeping the maintenance up is a bit time consuming.”



The fenced off watercourse