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NSW Cattle Underpass Scheme Round 2

Role of Local Councils

Round 2 of the NSW Cattle Underpass Scheme (CUPS, the Scheme) is a joint initiative of NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) and Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

It will provide grants to dairy farmers as a financial contribution towards the cost of constructing underpasses beneath public roads to allow cattle to move safely from paddock to paddock or to facilities. The CUPS will offer grants for half (50 percent) of the cost of an underpass, up to a maximum of \$100,000 plus GST.

A lower cost option to install cattle crossing warning signs with flashing lights to alert motorists, is also included as part of the Scheme. CUPS will offer grants for half (50 percent) of the cost of signs and lights, up to a maximum of \$20,000 plus GST.

The dairy farmer (applicant) is responsible for the remaining costs and will pay the contractor the balance of the quote. TfNSW will pay the contractor the amount of the grant upon certification the works have been completed.

For dairy producers located in any local government area in NSW that had access to Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) since January 2019, up to 70 percent of the cost of underpass or cattle crossing warning flashing lights and signs will be provided to successful applications, up to the same maximum amounts respectively. The farmer will be responsible for the remaining cost.

The dairy farmer will make an initial application (Part A) to TfNSW through the email CUPScheme@transport.nsw.gov.au indicating the location of the cattle crossing. The CUPS Program Coordinator will determine the eligibility of the submission and identify whether the works to be undertaken are on a state or local controlled road and convey this to the applicant who can then proceed with Part B of the application.

There are two means by which local councils can be involved in the NSW CUPS:

1. Council is the road manager

When council is the road manager:

- Council provides the works approval process and needs to provide documentation to the farmer (applicant) showing they have either commenced or finalised the works approval process as such proof is a component of Part B of their application for a grant from the CUPS.
- Upon completion of the works council is requested to inspect and certify the works have been completed to the specifications. The certification documentation is to be provided to the applicant and the contractor undertaking the work.
- Links to standard drawings for underpasses and specifications for the flashing lights and warning signs are available from the TfNSW website.

2. Council as a contractor quoting and undertaking the work

Council may quote and contract to do works for an applicant when council is the road manager. Council may also quote and undertake work in other local government areas.

If the road is a State road (TfNSW as the road manager) and council has an RMCC in place, TfNSW may prefer the applicant to ask the council for a quote to undertake the work.

Grant applications for cattle underpasses require two quotes unless a local council provides a quote, in which case only the one quote from council is required.

Work cannot commence until a formal letter from the CUPS Program Coordinator has been received by Council (the contractor), indicating that a funding agreement has been entered into with the applicant. The grant amount will be indicated in that letter.

Upon completion of the works, council as the contractor will provide an invoice for the amount of the grant to **Transport for NSW** through the CUPS Program Coordinator and will be paid directly. The balance of the cost will be paid by the farmer.

The council is still required to undertake its role as the roads authority and needs to examine the information sheet for contractors to ensure all requirements are met.

Enquiries and contact details

Enquiries about the NSW CUPS should be directed to:

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