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## Maximise stock performance with improved water quality

Research from Canada has provided interesting findings on the effect of water quality on cattle weight gain.

A recent study quoted in the Australian Journal of Agricultural Research, has shown that as the quality of the drinking water available to cattle improved so did cattle weight gains.

Local natural resource management group, the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee, said that this research will have interesting implications for Queensland beef producers.

“This research supports what many landholders are already starting to see – that environmental projects are leading to longer-term economic benefits,” said QMDC’s Kate Reilly, from Roma.

A range of studies found improvements of between 3% and 20% on average daily weight gains from increased water quality. The most recent study conducted found that an additional 0.08kg improvement could be gained per day by improving water quality.

This research may provide an added incentive for community members already working towards improving stream health and water quality, with improvements already being noticed by graziers working with QMDC.

Beef producers can contact QMDC on 07 4622 8446 for more information about improving water quality and the benefits this can achieve.

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