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Great results for QLD Murray-Darling natural resources

Grazing management projects currently underway in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin region will result in a 9% reduction in sediment in our waterways.

A recent Performance Report from the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC) has found that a new modelling tool predicted success rates for current natural resource management (NRM) projects.

“It’s important for us to determine, and prove to the broader community, that the work we’re doing is achieving some sort of benefit,” QMDC’s NRM Manager, Geoff Penton said.

The trial of a new joint QMDC/Department of Natural Resources modelling tool predicted a 9% reduction in sediment and nutrient loads from runoff into the region’s waterways.

“This is great news for those communities involved in these works as it means their hard work will contribute to long-term improved quality of water, both in QLD and further down the Murray-Darling Basin,” said Mr Penton.

The model was trialled in the Condamine-Balonne catchments in conjunction with a QMDC/NAP Water Quality SIP Team Environmental Management Support System (EMSS).

These results were based on projects focussed on grazing management to reduce soil runoff into waterways.

The role of models to measure changes in the conditions of our country’s natural resources will become more important in the future, too.

“This model provides a predictive capacity that enables us to quantify the impact of our NRM investment,” said Geoff.

This trial has been a result of a NAP/NHT funding project from the Federal Government and demonstrated that government funding will have long-term benefits for the region.

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