

# GRAZING BMP

## SELF-ASSESSMENT REVIEW STRATEGY

The Grazing Best Management Practice (BMP) program is an industry-led, proactive and voluntary approach to demonstrate the uptake of good farm management practices and ethical and environmental stewardship.

The aim of the Grazing BMP program is to transition the grazing industry from its current position toward a voluntary grazing management system that drives sustainable, profitable and ethical development, whilst demonstrating world leading stewardship to the broader community. Government has an expectation of less need for regulation once there is high adoption of BMP programs across Queensland. Obviously the industry must be able to validate this progression.

Recently, in a bid to underpin the integrity of overall Grazing BMP industry data, the Grazing BMP Partnership developed an equitable and achievable review strategy to encourage external confidence in the industry information that Grazing BMP self-assessment supplies to external stakeholders and the broader community.

Grazing BMP now has two distinct phases, which are both voluntary. The first phase is self-assessment – where a grazer can benchmark and adjust their performance as required. Secondly, the program now has an accreditation phase – where self-assessment information is validated through an external review process. This accreditation process will be the primary tool to verify the information supplied through the program and ensure the credibility of the data collated through the Grazing BMP website. The two phases combined will deliver a level of scrutiny that confirms the ethical, equitable and environmental credentials of graziers and therefore provide an increased level of confidence and credibility for the producer, industry and broader community. The self-assessment review process

utilises industry established aims and measurable benchmarks based on internationally recognised standards (ISO 19011) and provides a transparent, repeatable system similar to any reputable accreditation system.

The 3 step process is simple and easy to complete

- Complete all five Grazing BMP modules and receive a Recognition of Self-Assessment certificate.
- Notify us of your interest in receiving accreditation for your self-assessment and a Grazing BMP Facilitator will assist you meet the predefined requirements and organise the accreditation package.
- Once you have met the required criteria the team will forward your information for a two part review, including a document review and an on property visit.

On successful completion you will be recognised as an Accredited Producer. The individual accreditation will provide confidence that your performance is endorsed, scientifically robust and recognised. It is envisaged the accreditation could be used by graziers to endorse or recommend their performance or product in an identified market and the broader community.

Grazing BMP participants are now being invited to participate in a review of their self-assessment.

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