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Watershed Landcare Inc

Paddock Trees Project

FENCING & REVEGETATION REQUIREMENTS

Stock-proof fencing

- Fencing must be constructed with new materials and managed in a stock-proof condition for at least 10 years.
- Conventional fencing must be a minimum of 6 lines, electric fencing a minimum of 3 lines. You should avoid using barbed wire where possible and replace it with plain wire for the top two and lowest strands (this is to ensure safe passage for native wildlife).
- Temporary fencing such as plain wire or electric may be used in situations such as cropping areas where grazing is unlikely to occur.
- Boundary fencing cannot be funded under this project.

In addition to these requirements:

- **Single paddock tree guards**

Paddock tree guards must have at least three steel posts and have, at a minimum, sheep yard mesh around them. The mesh can be cut in half and then joined 2 high (welded or tied together) so the guard is 1.8 metres high. If other mesh is to be used it is to be of the same grade as sheep yard mesh. Guards must be able to withstand cattle pressure. Guards should have a minimum of at least 1 m diameter.

- **Remnant paddock trees, cluster fencelines and paddock corners**

Fences around remnant trees, clusters and paddock corners are to have strainers at the corners as star-pickets as strainers will not hold up to cattle.

Revegetation

All plants must be native species grown from seed collected as locally as possible and from a similar soil type.

Single paddock trees:

- Trees should be no more than 30 m apart, or two trees 10-20 m apart every 65 m. See Figure 1.
- The environmental outcome of the project will be enhanced if the scattered trees link remnant vegetation e.g roadside remnant to a large isolated paddock tree.
- Single line corridors of plantings are not eligible for funding.

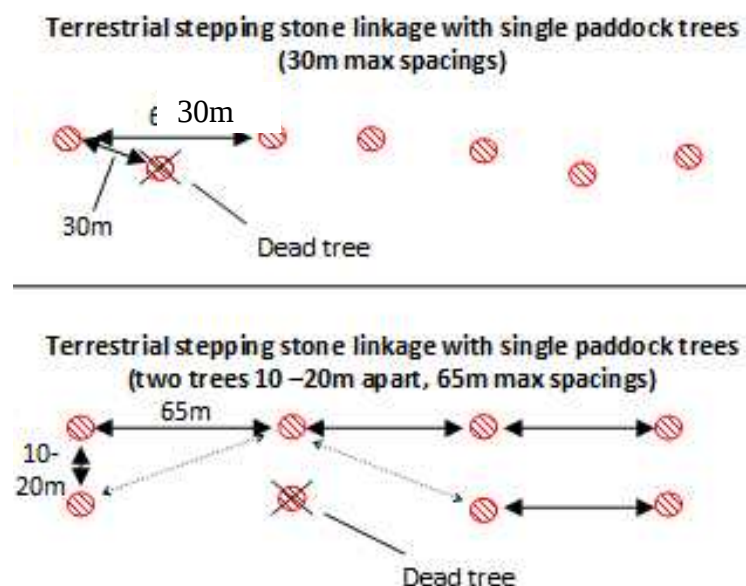


Figure 1 : Paddock tree spacings

Cluster plantings and paddock corners:

- Clusters and paddock corner plantings are to be 900 m² (Clusters: 30 m x 30 m, or at a minimum 15 m x 27 m)
- Typical uses/locations for clusters can be small erosion hot spots, corners of fences where an existing tree may or may not already be located, and areas of wet or soggy ground.
- A shrub or grasses to tree ratio of 3:1 should be adopted with no less than 3 trees planted per cluster. A higher number of shrubs is allowed and grasses are encouraged, especially in boggy and eroded areas.
- Grazing is to be excluded for a minimum of 4 years, total exclusion is encouraged.



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Remnant Trees:

- Areas for the protection of remnant trees are to be 30 m x 30 m minimum.
- Fencing is to be outside the drip line of the existing trees to prevent damage to the root system of the tree and to limit damage to fences from falling limbs etc.
- Additional tree tubestock is not required to be planted where it is considered large remnant trees will naturally regenerate once grazing and stock camp pressure is removed, however shrubs and grasses should be encouraged.
- Grazing is to be excluded for a minimum of 4 years, total exclusion is encouraged.

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