# National Landcare Programme (NLP) – Programme Logic

Long Term Programme Objectives

## Strategic Objective 1

Communities\* are managing landscapes to sustain long-term economic and social benefits from their environment.

## Strategic Objective 2

Farmers and fishers are increasing their long term returns through better management of the natural resource base.

## Strategic Objective 3

Communities\* are involved in caring for their environment.

# Strategic Objective 4

Communities\* are protecting species and natural assets

Long Term Programme Outcomes Strategic Outcome 1

Maintain and improve ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes.

## Strategic Outcome 2

Increase in the number of farmers and fishers adopting practices that improve the quality of the natural resource base, and the area of land over which those practices are applied.

# Strategic Outcome 3

Increase engagement and participation of the community, including landcare, farmers and Indigenous people in sustainable natural resource management.

# Strategic Outcome 4

Increase restoration and rehabilitation of the natural environment, including protecting and conserving nationally and internationally significant species, ecosystems, ecological communities, places and values.

Contribution to national and international obligations Protection and restoration of ecosystem function, resilience and biodiversity; appropriate management of invasive species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or native species.

Sustainable management of agriculture and aquaculture to conserve and protect biological diversity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon stored in soil.

Build community awareness of biodiversity values, skills, participation and knowledge, including Indigenous knowledge and participation, to promote conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

Reduce the loss of natural habitats, degradation and fragmentation; protecting or conserving Matters of National Environmental Significance including management of World Heritage Areas, Ramsar wetlands, natural values of national heritage etc; reduce the number of nationally threatened species and improve their conservation status.

2014 – 2018 Intermediate Programme Outcomes

### Intermediate Outcome 1

By 2018, there has been a demonstrable increase in the quality of landscape-scale management to reduce environmental threats and pressures.

### Intermediate Outcome 2

By 2018, there has been a demonstrable contribution towards increasing the adoption of sustainable farming and fishing management practices that enhance the resource base and improve long term productivity.

#### Intermediate Outcome 3

By 2018, there has been a demonstrable increase in the level of involvement by the NRM community in protecting, rehabilitating and/or restoring prioritised environmental assets and natural resource management.

#### Intermediate Outcome 4

By 2018, there has been a demonstrable increase in the level of protection, rehabilitation and/or restoration of prioritised environmental assets, threatened species, ecological communities and migratory species.

NLP Initiatives Regional Delivery; the 20 Million Trees Programme; 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Landcare Grants 2014-15; local programmes (Coastal River Recovery Initiatives, Whales and Dolphins; Keep Australia Beautiful and Clean Up Australia; Cumberland Conservation Corridor; Kimberley Cane Toad Clean Up; Dandenong Ranges Programme); legacy initiatives (World Heritage, Indigenous Protected Areas, Reef Programme, Environmental Stewardship Programme, Target Area Grants).

NRM Activities Regional planning, prioritisation, community engagement and governance activities for environmental, social, economic development and productivity outcomes

Local and regional landscape restoration, rehabilitation and protection activities that also encourage positive economic and social outcomes Activities that build knowledge, skills and capacity to adopt productive NRM practices through practice change.

Activities that increase Indigenous community NRM skills, knowledge, participation and employment

Activities to increase engagement of landcare and community groups to utilise and develop skills and knowledge

Activities that restore, rehabilitate and protect strategic natural resource assets, threatened species and contribute to carbon abatement

Foundation Activities

Planning, Financial Governance, Corporate Governance, Community Engagement, Monitoring and Reporting

NLP Programme Tools

Programme Guidelines; Performance Expectations for Regional NRM Organisations and Performance Management Strategy; Monitoring and Reporting Plan; Programme Key Performance Indicators; Project MERI\*\* Plans and MERIT\*\*\*; Funding Agreements; Contract Management

- \* Communities include identified Landcare groups, 'friends of' groups and other community environment groups, farmer/producer groups, Indigenous communities and organisations and individual land managers working in the landcare/NRM sector.
- \*\* Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement
- \*\*\*The online Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Tool