

# BANANA BEST PRACTICE FUND



Delivered by the ABGC to support growers to achieve productivity & environmental stewardship  
Funded by the Office of the Great Barrier Reef for improved water quality outcomes

The Best Practice Fund supports projects that reduce nutrient, pesticide and sediment runoff from banana farms.



- The Fund contributes up to 50% of the total project costs
- Each grower can receive up to \$30,000 (excluding GST)
- This amount can be spread over multiple projects

Projects can be about meeting minimum standards, achieving best practice, or trialing something new. There are three categories that are eligible for funding:



### **Nutrient management and application**

Examples: installing fertigation or upgrading to automated fertigation, buying a directional spreader with a rate controller



### **Ground cover and inter-row management**

Examples: buying a side-throw slasher, moving submains for wider rows, building new drains or installing subsurface drainage



### **Farm layout to minimise sediment loss**

Examples: contouring, diversion banks, constructed waterways, laser-levelling, GPS to allow permanent beds

Not sure if your idea would be eligible for funding?

Have a problem you want to fix but not sure what the best solution is?

**Call or email the BMP Team, we're here to help.**



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APPLICATION  
REQUIREMENTS**



# HOW IT WORKS



## Application

- An Extension Officer will help you complete your application.
- Applications are assessed by representatives from ABGC, DAF, DES, and a banana grower. Your identity is not shared with them.

## Contract & First Payment

- If your project is approved, you will need to sign a project agreement contract.
- We pay you the first half of our contribution straight away (up to 25% of the total project costs).

## Project

- You will order equipment, arrange contractors, and pay invoices.
- Your Extension Officer will keep in touch and help you complete project reports.

## Final Payment

- When the project is finished, your Extension Officer will visit to take photos and complete a final report.
- After you have provided copies of all receipts & paid invoices, we will pay you the rest of our contribution

## EXTRA INFO

Not all applications are successful. Projects are assessed and prioritised based on their water quality impact.

The Fund does not cover business-as-usual costs like road maintenance or planting materials.

We may require you to meet conditions, for example going to a workshop.