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North East farmers join fire recovery employment scheme

Farmers from the Mudgegonga area and Kiewa Valley have joined a fire recovery employment program launched by the North East CMA.

The farmers are being paid by the CMA to reinstate critical infrastructure such as fencing that will help to protect environmental assets.

They can also recoup approximately \$2,000 in expenses for materials.

“We’re keen to offer practical help to farmers who are in crisis after the fires,” explained Mr Chris Reid from the North East CMA.

“ People need to simply ring the CMA to register their interest in the program,” he said.

“ We then visit farmers to assess their eligibility, discuss their priority needs and agree to a plan of works that can deliver business and environmental benefits.”

The North East CMA is offering eligible people up to 85 hours of paid work @ \$22.80 per hour.

So far beef cattle and dairy farmers have joined the fire recovery programme.

“We’re keen to sign up more people,” said Chris.

“Our aim is to provide some financial relief to landholders affected by fire. This programme can encourage people to undertake practical work that will help protect water quality across our catchment and help to prevent future damage like erosion.”

Interested people can contact the North East CMA on (02) 6043 7600 or via email chris.reid@necma.vic.gov.au

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