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Local organisation partnering to save threatened frog species

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin is pleased to announce habitat restoration work is under way to help protect one of NSW threatened frog species, Sloane's froglet, as part of a new project with Albury Wodonga Equestrian Centre (AWEC).

Mr Aplin said the project had just started implementing on-ground actions so that habitat is protected and enhanced in time for the Sloane's froglet breeding season, which is over the winter months.

"It's great to be able to partner with Albury Wodonga Equestrian Centre which supports a large population of the threatened Sloane's froglet," Mr Aplin said.

"Habitat for Sloane's froglet at AWEC is critical for the conservation of this vulnerable species in the Albury region as it provides an important link between areas occupied by the froglet to the north and south of the AWEC.

"This project will see fencing put in place to help exclude horses from two main areas that contain seasonal wetlands occupied by Sloane's froglet. Excessive grazing and pugging by horses is a major impact on the froglet's breeding habitat."

The NSW Government's Saving our Species (SoS) program has provided almost \$14,000 in funding to the AWEC to help establish the fencing and to support other habitat restoration work needed to help the Sloane's froglet in this region.

Sloane's froglet is a small ground-dwelling frog that can be readily identified by its physical characteristics and call. It has a mustard yellow or greyish back with large patches of darker pigment over the body. The call is described as a short 'chick, chick, chick, chick' repeated frequently.

The NSW Government has invested \$100 million over five years in the Saving our Species program which aims to secure as many threatened species as possible in the wild for the next 100 years.

For information on the Sloane's froglet visit:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=20088>

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