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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2019 RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION GRANTS PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin announced today that applications for grants under the NSW Environment Trust's Restoration and Rehabilitation Program are open for community and government organisations to create more sustainable management of environmental assets and services.

"We are calling for grant applications for this historic program which has run for more than 25 years to help the community and government drive better long term outcomes for the environment," Mr Aplin said.

"These grants will enable community and government organisations to protect, conserve and restore our valuable natural environment by implementing local or regional on-ground projects.

"We want to enhance how this is done by facilitating the development of environmental expertise and partnerships between the community, government and industry," Mr Aplin said.

"Without these grants, the community would not have the ability to implement the volume of vital sustainability activities such as bush regeneration, weed management, revegetation, vertebrate pest management, fencing, erosion control, formalisation of tracks, and capacity building, to signage and educational resources," Mr Aplin said.

Under the Program, \$4,000,000 will be made available for grants across two funding streams, which include:

- **Community projects totalling \$2,000,000; and**
- **Government projects totalling \$2,000,000.**

Individual grants of up to \$100,000 will be offered under the program. Applications close on 3 December 2018.

The program is a contestable grants program, therefore applications received will be assessed on merit by an independent technical committee. Merit is based on clear assessment criteria set out in the Program Guidelines. Successful applications will be approved by the Trust in May 2019.

The Program is funded by the NSW Environment Trust within the Office of Environment and Heritage.

For information on how to apply for a grant, visit:
<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm>

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