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The Gwydir Valley Irrigators Association (GVIA) have received funding from the NSW Government through the NWLLS for a Gwydir Valley Strategic Pest Management Initiative. The GVIA initiated the project to assist landholders in the monitoring and management of feral pigs in the Gwydir Valley, specifically around key sites such as the wetlands. Current understanding on the effective management of the species suggests that a co-ordinated regional approach is desirable. It also advocates the use of a range of activities including baiting, trapping and shooting. As such the project aims to achieve the following:

#### Project Outline:

1. Monitor population dynamics and damage in and around the Gwydir wetlands
2. Host Area Wide Management meetings incorporating participation from NWLLS, ECA, national parks and landholders
3. Develop control strategies using baseline data; baiting, shooting and trapping
4. Subsidise and support management activities

As a part of the project the GVIA are required to report on the number of aerial shoots, the location and area covered (ha) and the number of feral pigs shot. Reporting will be anonymous and completed on a regional basis, no information on individual farms will be included.

Conditions of the funding include; the use of a helicopter and pilot with a NSW Air Operator Certificate and all necessary permits required by CASA for aerial shooting operations. The shooters must also have CASA certification and adhere to the standard operating procedure (pig002) for the humane capture, handling and destruction of feral animals.

**How to get Involved:** The GVIA are proposing to pay a up to 25% of the costs associated with management activities until the funds have been utilised. All landholders in the valley are invited to be involved in the project. To participate landholders must participate in group (two or more people) control activity. You must then inform the GVIA of the outcome of this activity using our record sheet (attached) to be reimbursed. Please included a copy of invoices associated with the activity. Reimbursement will occur when the required reporting information has been received.

Please complete the form and return to the GVIA project co-ordinator, Lou Gall via email: [lou.gall@gvia.org.au](mailto:lou.gall@gvia.org.au).

Kind regards

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## Record Sheet – Gwydir Valley Strategic Pest Management Initiative

Please complete for each property or entity. Please include invoice copies.

Company Name		Contact	
Email		Phone	
Region (eg Carol Ck, Mehi River, Gingham channel, Moomin Ck, Tycannah Ck)		Gwydir Wetlands,	
Farm Name		Farm Area (Ha)	
Enterprise being impacted by pigs (eg chickpea, pasture, cotton etc)		Percent damage noted. (eg 10% flattened or destroyed)	
Area of crop effected (Ha)		Estimated cost of damage.	
Date of Aerial shoot		Cost incurred	
Number of landholders involved:		Feral Pigs Controlled	
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I would like to receive assistance with the costs associated with the management of feral pigs.			

Brief outline of any follow up activities proposed:

I declare that the following is a true and accurate account of the aerial shoots I participated in and that they were undertaken by a suitably quality contractor.

Signed:

Dated:

