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New revenue streams helping to secure a long-term future on the land.

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More than 4000 hectares of grazing land in the Little Liverpool Range, southwest of Ipswich is set to become a demonstration site for world-leading environmental innovation, thanks to \$750,000 in funding awarded to Queensland Trust for Nature under the Queensland Government's Land Restoration Fund Catalysing Action grants program.

Dr Adrian Volders, Queensland Trust for Nature (QTFN) Chairperson, said "The Land Restoration Fund is a key plank of the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to take action on climate change and meet its target of zero net emissions by 2050. We are pleased that our project contributes to helping Queensland achieve this goal. We can showcase practically how nature-based solutions can deliver a healthy environment while supporting vibrant regional communities.

"Facing Queensland's environmental challenges requires an all-hands on deck approach. Queensland Trust for Nature is thrilled to be partnering with environmental market leaders GreenCollar and Healthy Land and Water, as well as private landholders, universities and others to deliver this game-changing project.

"We are at a turning point for landholders seeking a long-term future on the land.

"Improving landholder ability to participate in carbon and other emerging outcomes-based species or biodiversity markets can reduce reliance on single-income farming and revolutionise management of natural assets.

"The project team will develop and demonstrate a model for landholders to deliver carbon with biodiversity co-benefits opening up new revenue streams.

"We will establish a framework for environmental accounts to assist landholders to score and measure improvement on their land unlocking opportunities to improve marginal land, whilst diversifying their income through payment for carbon.

Queensland Trust for Nature has been demonstrating on-ground viability and co-existence of production and conservation at its 2000 hectare working cattle property, Aroona Station, since 2015.

"Native vegetation will be regenerated at the project site, to capture and store carbon from the atmosphere, improve water quality and re-establish koala, brush-tailed rock-wallaby and glossy black-cockatoo habitat.

"QTFN is keen to get started on this opportunity to improve the health of the Little Liverpool Range, with a scalable and innovative partnership model that could see significant benefits for Queensland's vast agricultural lands.

The Land Restoration Fund is one of the strong initiatives the Palaszczuk Government has put in place to begin to reduce emissions, address climate change and open up new revenue for land holders.



About Queensland Trust for Nature:

Queensland Trust for Nature (QTFN) is an independent not-for-profit organisation employing a business approach to level-up its environmental impact which means building and delivering projects that demonstrate both conservation outcomes and financial sense.

With more than 85 percent of land in Queensland privately owned or managed, use and management of private land is central to achieving sustainable environmental goals. In 2015, QTFN was bequeathed a 2000 hectare working cattle station which was subsequently granted Grazing Best Management Practices (BMP) accreditation by AgForce. Accreditation demonstrates that industry standard cattle operations can go hand-in-hand with large scale land restoration and ongoing conservation outcomes.

As well as working with landholders to permanently protect and restore land with high conservation values, QTFN owns and actively manages several properties, including a koala sanctuary, Nature Refuges for cassowary conservation and an island in the Great Barrier Reef.

Learn more about Aroona Station and the Little Liverpool Range: <http://bit.ly/308VUJj>