

**Trust Administration response:  
Linear Reserves Program, January 2023**

#	Evaluation recommendations	Environmental Trust Response
1.	<p>The Natural Resources Commission recommends that:</p> <p>a) for future projects, the Environmental Trust should ensure that site assessment methods designed by proponents appropriately stratify and prioritise the sites for conservation investment and make clear how assessments will contribute to on-ground conservation outcomes.</p>	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust has noted this recommendation for consideration in future projects.</p>
2.	<p>The Natural Resources Commission recommends that:</p> <p>a) for future projects, the Environmental Trust should ensure that when site assessments inform management actions, that proponents specify what resources, capabilities and funds are required to deliver the on-ground conservation work.</p>	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust has noted this recommendation for consideration in future projects.</p>

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p>The Natural Resources Commission recommends that:</p> <p>a) when considering project applications that may be contingent on unknown future funding (such as the amount of future funding LLS may receive for managing TSRs), The Environmental Trust should assess, based on an assessment from the grantee to what extent the project objectives are dependent upon additional external funding and the consequences to the project if that funding is not obtained.</p>	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust endeavours to ensure that rigorous financial planning, risk assessment and budget development is undertaken and made clear in the Business Plan stage of projects.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>The Natural Resources Commission recommends that:</p> <p>a) future Environmental Trust investment in identifying new funding mechanisms for land managers should be informed by detailed risk assessments focussed on potential future funding options for the project.</p>	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust endeavours to ensure that robust risk assessments and planning processes are undertaken and made clear in the Business Plan stage of projects.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p>The Natural Resources Commission recommends that:</p> <p>a) future Environmental Trust projects with significant investment in training should consider how to deliver long-term impact in light of the risks of high levels of staff turnover.</p>	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust has noted this recommendation for consideration in future projects.</p>

<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p>The Natural Resources Commission recommends that:</p> <p>a) Local Government NSW should continue to promote the use by councils of the published Council Roadside Environmental Management Framework and other resources developed under the CRR project to support the ongoing integration of roadside reserve management into council process and IP&amp;R systems.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p>The Natural Resources Commission recommends that:</p> <p>a) for future devolved grants programs, the Environmental Trust should support the grantee to ensure the project business plans articulate how project outputs, such as templates and other tools, cater for the needs of different end users.</p>	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust has noted this recommendation for consideration in future projects.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p>The Natural Resources Commission recommends that:</p> <p>a) the Environmental Trust should ensure high risk components of each project are sufficiently described and supported by risk assessments and planning in project business plans. (This recommendation links to Recommendation 4).</p>	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust endeavours to ensure that robust risk assessments and planning processes are undertaken and made clear in the Business Plan stage of projects.</p>