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**RURAL ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**Catchment Areas
Compensation and
Reconstruction Scheme**

CATCHMENT AREAS COMPENSATION AND RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME

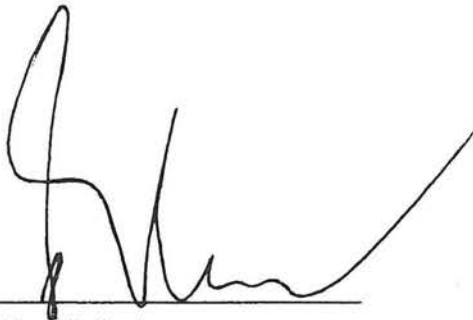
The need to preserve the State's most precious commodity - the water of our remaining potable south west streams - brought about controls relating to the clearing of land in various river basins. Resultant interference to the progressive development of farming properties in affected areas was compensated in part by the provisions of cash payments to farmers under the Country Areas Water Supply Act, but the Government saw a need for a more comprehensive approach to a problem which could cause hardship and have a deleterious effect on farming communities.

It is now my pleasure to present to you the "Catchment Areas Compensation and Reconstruction Scheme" covering the Wellington Dam, Mundaring Weir and Denmark River catchment areas and the Kent River and Warren River water reserves. The scheme will be administered by the Rural Adjustment Authority of Western Australia and this brochure is designed to assist affected farmers by describing the scope and types of assistance available. You will see that the scheme offers a number of alternatives and I suggest that you submit a preliminary application form so that overall planning may commence.

Implementation of the scheme is intended to be as flexible as possible and I invite farmers with any query to contact Mr Glen Nichols, Administrator of the Authority. He will be pleased to offer assistance and discuss any aspect of the scheme in need of clarification. He is available at:

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Objective

The objective of the Scheme is to restore as near as possible the previous prospects of farming enterprises affected by clearing controls in water catchment areas.

The following assistance measures have been designed firstly to give affected farmers a wide choice of options and secondly to give the Authority the flexibility to consider the individual circumstances of each farmer:-

- (i) Payment of cash compensation in terms of the Country Areas Water Supply Act.
- (ii) Exchange of land obtained by the Authority in and adjacent to the controlled catchments.
- (iii) Provisions of loan assistance where possible and appropriate.
- (iv) Financial and advisory services aimed at increasing productivity of the existing cleared farmland.
- (v) Purchase of affected properties where the farmer wishes to relocate or leave the industry.

General Guidelines

1. Compensation

- (i) Cash compensation will be available to those farmers who are eligible for compensation under the Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947 - 1979 Part IIA provided such compensation has not already been paid.
- (ii) Compensation will be in accordance with the principles established from time to time by the Compensation Guidelines Committee and approved by the Minister for Water Resources.

2. Land Purchase by the Authority

The Authority will, where possible, purchase land wholly or partially within the defined catchment areas from farmers who may or may not necessarily be affected by clearing controls but who wish to sell.

Land so acquired may be available for lease, purchase, land exchange, or compensation to farmers eligible for assistance under the Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947 - 1979 Part IIA.

3. Land Exchange

Subject to the following:-

- (i) Where possible, and at the request of the farmer, land will be made available to compensate for that land affected by the clearing controls. Exchange land shall be within a reasonable working distance of the holder under consideration.
- (ii) Land for exchange or allotment will include:
 - * land acquired within or adjacent to the catchments including any Crown Land in nearby localities which can be made available for this purpose.
 - * land acquired by the Authority to permit relocation where considered desirable for the objectives of the Scheme.
- (iii) Establishment of values for land exchange will be in accordance with approved guidelines as determined by the Compensation Guidelines Committee.

4. Loan Assistance

If appropriate financial assistance may be provided for the following purposes:-

- (i) Purchase of additional land from the Authority or otherwise.
- (ii) Farm improvement which will result in higher productivity.
- (iii) Purchase of plant or livestock necessary to increase productivity.
- (iv) Intensification, diversification, experimental or research programmes.
- (v) Relocation - where in the opinion of the Authority this is desirable and in the best interests of the Scheme and cannot be effected on reasonable terms from normal sources of credit. As a general rule, however, the aim will be to find a solution which will keep families in their present locality.
- (vi) Carry on needs.

4. Loan Assistance Cont'd

Such loan assistance will be subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) the amount and term of a loan and the conditions of repayment of principal and interest will be at the discretion of the Authority but limited to a maximum term of 30 years;
- (b) the rate of interest payable will be decided by the Authority in accordance with the circumstances of each particular case.
- (c) loans will be secured by the best available means at the discretion of the Authority.

5. Other Assistance

- (i) Payments in the form of salary, wage or contract deemed necessary to assist in the management, maintenance or protection of Crown Land or other land owned by or under the control of any one of the following - Forests Department, Public Works Department and Rural Adjustment Authority - may be made at the discretion of the Authority.
- (ii) Any other assistance deemed necessary and consistent with the objectives of the scheme will be considered by the Authority.

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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

1. Surname:
Other Names:
.....Telephone No:.....

2. Description and Location Number/s of Holding:
(a) lot, Location No's:
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(b) Certificate of Title or Lease No's:
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4. Property in the name of:.....
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5. Total Area:.....Hectares

6. Cleared Land:.....Hectares

7. Have you applied for a clearing licence from the Public Works Department? Yes/No
Give Details if necessary:

8. Has compensation been approved? Yes/No

9. If approved, the extent of such compensation: \$.....

10. Subject to negotiation of satisfactory conditions, my/our preference under the scheme would be as follows:

1st Preference:.....
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2nd Preference:.....
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Signatures:
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