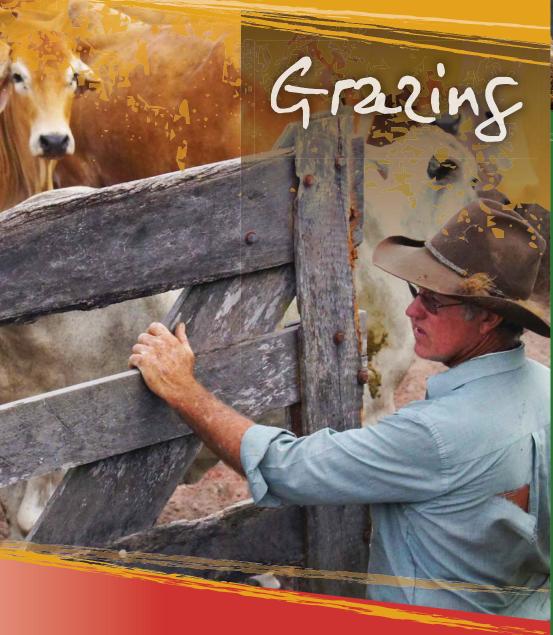


Cape York Natural Resource Management

ABCD Framework **2016**





CAPE YORK ABCD MANAGEMENT PRACTICE FRAMEWORK FOR WATER QUALITY

The ABCD Management Practice Framework was designed over 10 years ago to highlight and facilitate communication about the different levels, or standards, of management practice within the grazing industry, that relate to different levels of water quality (sediment).

The ABCD Management Practice Framework provides a definition of (and pathway to) improvement from Dated to Better Practices, through to Aspirational or 'cutting edge' practices.

It is important to specify the year of reference for any ABCD Management Practice Framework. Over time, changes in knowledge, technology, costs and market conditions may validate cutting-edge Aspirational practices so they eventually become industry endorsed best management practices within an ABCD Management Practice Framework.

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ASPIRATIONAL

CUTTING EDGE and/or INNOVATIVE practices that require further validation to determine economic, environmental and social costs/benefits



BETTER PRACTICES

Industry endorsed best management practice



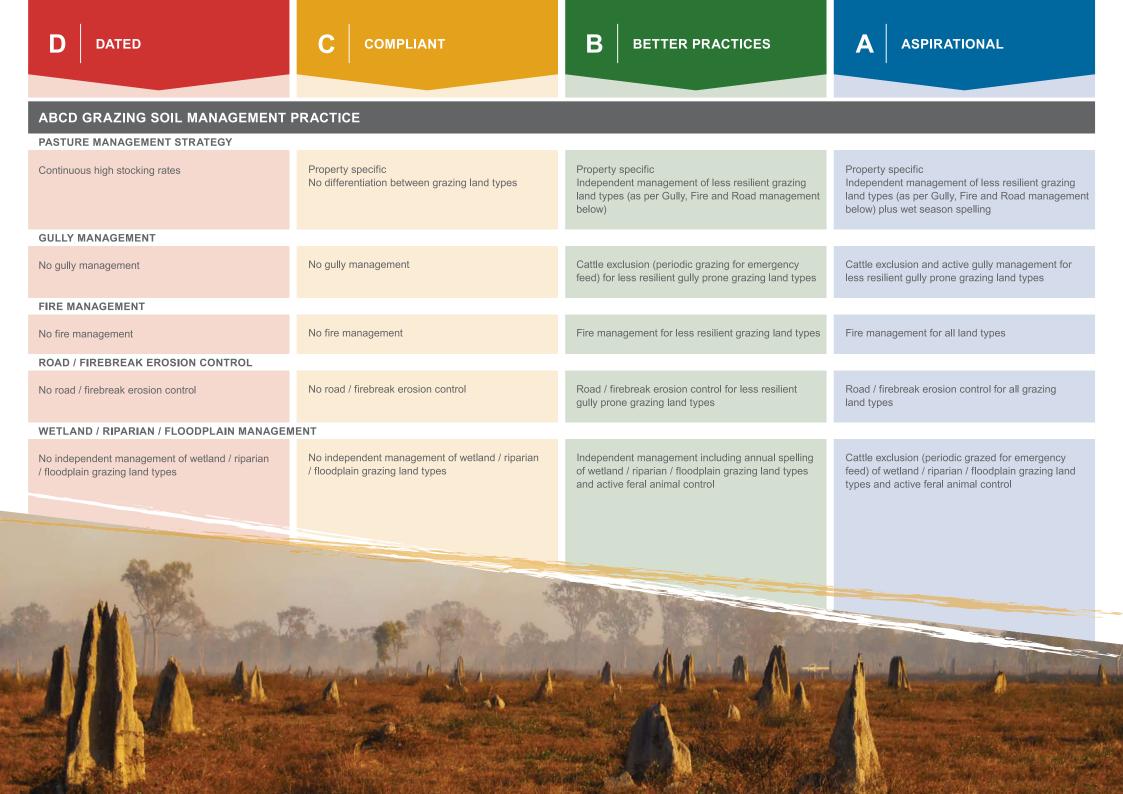
COMPLIANT

Minimum legislative requirement

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DATED

Old and/or superseded practices





DEVELOPMENT OF THE ABCD GRAZING FRAMEWORK

A new grazing management framework for the Cape York region was developed as part of the Eastern Cape York Water Quality Improvement Plan. This new framework has been developed to better represent grazing management practices that are applicable in the Cape York region.

The development of regionally specific management practice frameworks began over 10 years ago in the Mackay-Whitsunday, Burnett-Mary, Burdekin, Wet Tropics and Fitzroy regions of Queensland. The development of a new grazing framework specifically for Cape York means that local management practices are better represented.

The framework is intended to support rather than duplicate Grazing BMP (Best Management Practice) processes and as a result does not present an exhaustive list of management practices. The main grazing management practices that influence water quality (sediment) are represented.

The grazing management practice framework is broken into categories: pasture management strategy; gully management; fire management; road and firebreak erosion control; wetland, riparian and floodplain management.

It can be used to support the development of property-specific action plans:

- through benchmarking current management practices used within properties, and
- by identifying management practices that could be adopted in specific sections of properties to improve water quality.

However, it is important to note that graziers have identified that there will be a need to adopt practices across several levels to successfully manage and operate their grazing enterprise on a year-to-year

