

## Building a sustainable future for grazing land at Gloucester

### The challenge:

Change grazing management practises on 212ha to improve groundcover, treat small erosion areas and reduce cattle tracks on steeper slopes and enhance forested areas allowing regrowth.

### Work undertaken:

- Development and implementation of strategic grazing plan
- Utilise existing water points
- Install fences to sub-divide larger paddocks to land capability and soil types
- Stock fence installed to forested areas

### Benefits:

- Grazing plan in place to guide improved grazing management and sustainability of enterprise

- Increased management of nutrients, soil and groundcover improvement across the landscape
- Managed forest regeneration
- Stock grazing used for hazard reduction and weed control
- Fences located according to land capability and soil types to improve sustainability of grazing
- Landholder participation in Agricultural Information and Monitoring course (Aimsag) to continue to support knowledge and capacity building

### Overview:

Mograni Creek sits adjacent to the Mograni Mountain Range in the steep slopes between Gloucester and Taree. The 212ha property has been used as a grazing property for a number of years. The soil types vary across the property and consist of erodible shallow soils on the steeper slopes requiring appropriate management so as not to exaggerate natural erosion processes.

The development of a strategic grazing plan which is part of an overall property plan has given the owners the foundation to build a more sustainable future for the grazing property. Subdividing the paddocks based on land capability, soil types and watering point locations allow grazing to be managed with resting periods which improves ground cover and reduce the pressure on soils prone to erosion.

The back forested country is managed differently and excluded from the other rotation paddocks. It is hoped that the paddock will regenerate and will only be grazed for short periods to control weeds and for fire hazard reduction.

### Grant program:

Land Management-Sustainable Grazing  
(Grants up to \$50 000)

"I am really happy to have been involved in this program. I can see that the new grazing plan and paddock subdivision allows us to better manage the property to be both profitable and provide ecosystem services for the long-term." - Jamie Andrews property owner.

