From Talking to Doing
The Darawakh/Frogalla Wetland Rehabilitation Project

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Presentation Themes

- Build Business case for action
- Engage early with all stakeholders
- Get started/build momentum
- Partnerships
- Acquisition toolkit
- Celebrating success
- Adaptive management

Darawakh Wetland Location

Business case – $500,000/year loss

Oysters – 63 ha effected
- Fish production
- Tourism

The Issue

- Acid drainage from 20 km drainage network and 7 km main drain.
- Ulcerated Fish
- Oyster spat loss in Wallamba
- 71 oyster leases or 62 ha.
- Aesthetic impact of iron oxide.
- Toxic waste dump effect
- Loss of biodiversity
Engage all stakeholders early and often

Getting started – Property acquisition And rehabilitation

7th June 2004
8th February 2005
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Partnerships

Acquisition Tools

23 properties to be acquired – 950 ha
- Covenants
- Direct purchase
- Revolving fund
- Development offset (SEPP 1)
- Part acquisitions – Partnership with DECC
Revolving Fund

- Land purchased and Council undertook subdivision.

Revolving Fund – 3 lot subdivision

- DG concurrence needed for SEPP 1 subdivision.
- DoP required a bond
- Took 12 months
- 78 ha wetland protected

Development Offset – 32 ha property

- Proponent prepares survey, addresses planning requirements (SEPP 1 – Development Standards - lodge an objection against standards plus SEE), pays S. 94 fees and boundary fence.
- DG concurrence required to vary 40 ha minimum lot size.

Development Offset

- 28 ha wetland

Part Acquisition

- Plan of acquisition
- Partnership with DECC to acquire

Celebrating success with Community
Sharing success with partners
CMA, DECC and MCW

Adaptive Management
Reinstating the Natural Hydrology, drain filling/blocking

Drain Infilling and
Removal of Floodgate

VOTE 1
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