

# What Is In A Whole Farm Plan?

SLUI Whole Farm Plans include environmental and business assessments. Both these elements go hand in hand in the search for sustainability.

Your unique plan will provide you with useful information about your farm's resources.

Including:

- An inventory of your core resources such as soils, subdivision, vegetation, land and water resources.
- Review of your existing farm business and how it is placed to achieve your personal and business goals.
- Identification of the current level of environmental risk, the potential for sustained production, any production yield gaps (pasture) and the opportunities for your farm to perform better.
- Combined long-term business and resource management plans that outline what needs to be done to achieve new goals.
- Suggestions of the best ways to improve farm sustainability for your farm.

## Contents

**Land Resource Inventory:** A description of your farm's land resources according to the Land Resource Inventory (LRI) system. Rock type, soil, slope, erosion type and severity and vegetation cover will be covered.

**Soil Map And Extended Legend:** What major soil types are on your property, where they can be found and how they influence your farm's management.

**Resource Capability Map And Extended Legend:** How your farm's land resources are suited for sustained production under usual land uses using the Land Use Capability (LUC) system of land classification.

**Subdivision And Effective Area:** Demarcation of paddock boundaries including total paddock areas and estimations of efficient pasture area calculated by mapping out all non-pastoral vegetation including scattered scrub, space planted trees, etc.

**Pasture Production And Yield Gap:** Using regional classifications of land production against existing stocking rates and using effective pasture totals, it is possible to calculate existing annual pasture production. This is then compared against potential production estimations to spot any yield gaps.

**Nutrient Budget:** Land resources and current management procedures are assessed against the Overseer Nutrient Budgets model so land management units can be developed for optimum results.

**Works Plan:** This is the nuts and bolts of what can be done and when to get the most from your farm while achieving environmental sustainability at the same time.