





Western Riverina Pest Project

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To reduce feral pig numbers to a level where landholders could effectively control them and stay ahead of the rate of reproduction





Est. 2016
1.4 million hectares

Western, Riverina & Murray Local Land Services

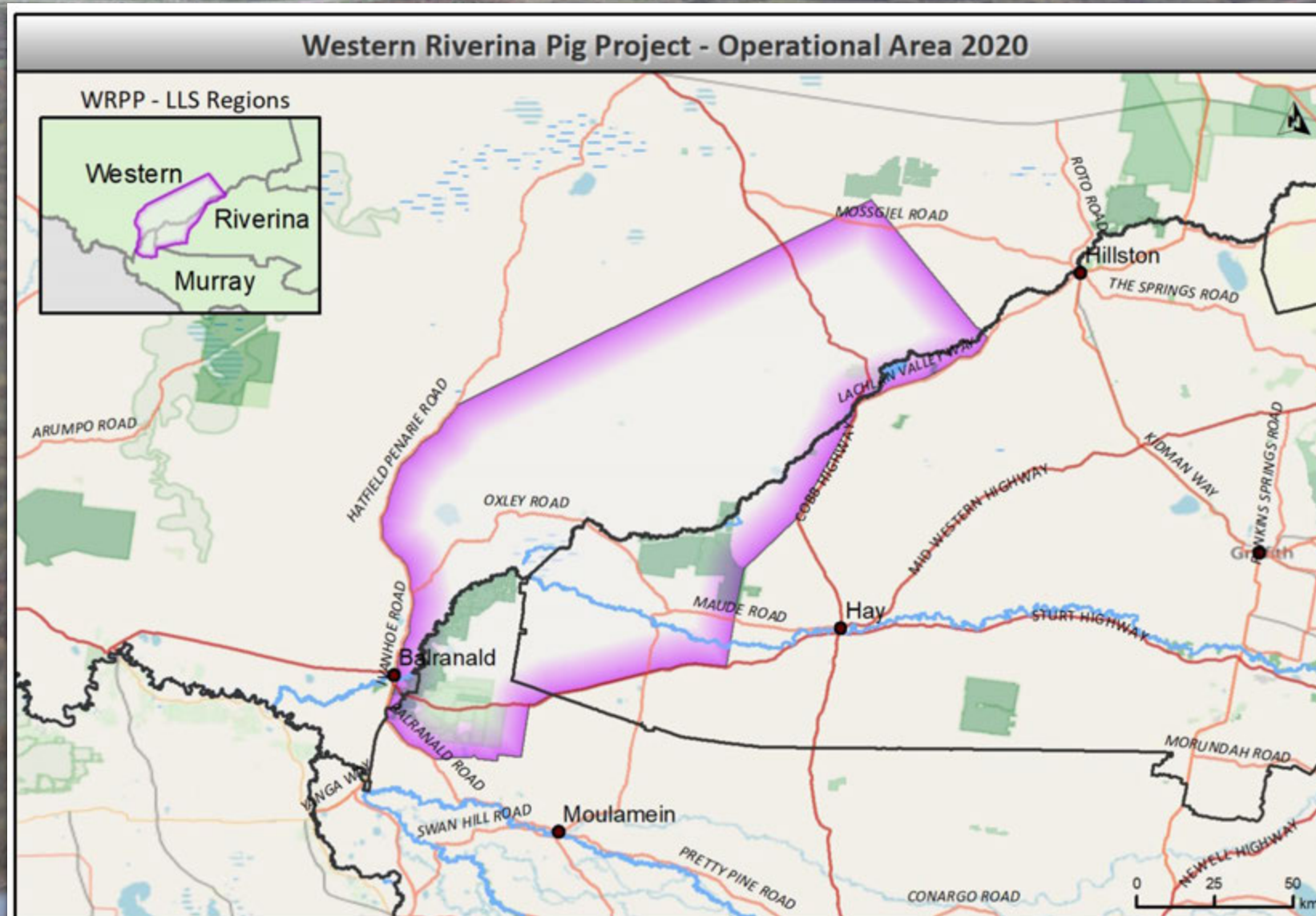
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Lower Lachlan Landcare

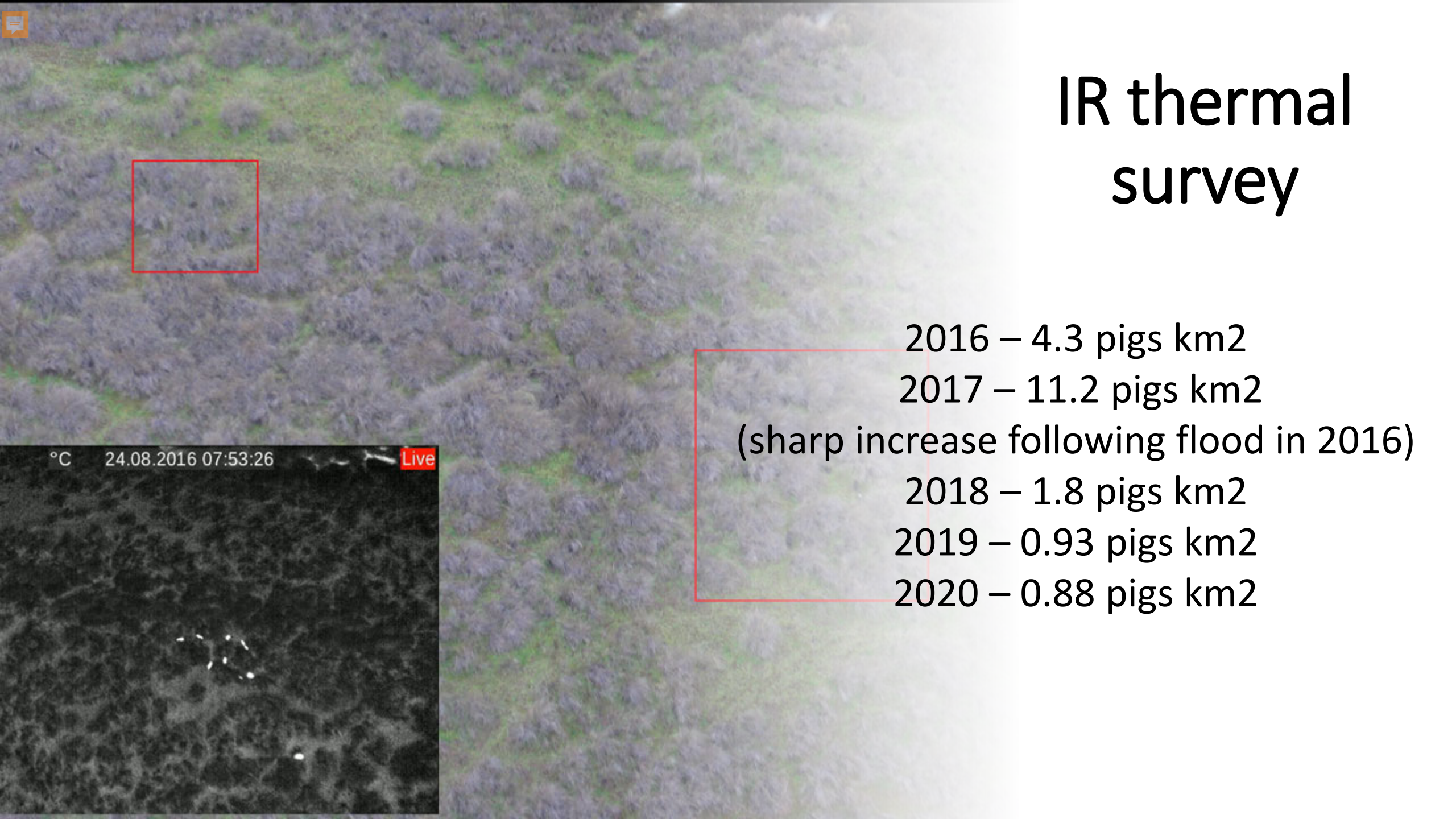
NSW Farmers

Nari Nari Tribal Council

Project Target Area



IR thermal survey



2016 – 4.3 pigs km²

2017 – 11.2 pigs km²

(sharp increase following flood in 2016)

2018 – 1.8 pigs km²

2019 – 0.93 pigs km²

2020 – 0.88 pigs km²



GPS collaring

20 collars deployed to measure dispersal effect of aerial shooting

Control methods

Primary:

- Trapping
- 1080 poison baiting
- Sodium nitrate poison baiting
- Aerial shooting

Secondary:

- Ground shooting
- Recreational hunting



Pigs removed from project area 2016–2021

	Aerial Shooting	Ground Control	Annual Total
2016	4416	3348	7764
2017	4754	5576	10330
2018	6726	8949	15675
2019	1076	1629	2705
2020	399	3467	6197
2021	2331		
TOTAL	19702	22969	42,671

The background of the slide is a photograph of a piggyback in a field. The piggyback is dark-colored and is surrounded by several piglets. They are in a field with tall grass and some bare trees in the background under a blue sky. A large black rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

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Boosting the Bunyip Bird Yield Project



Australasian bittern

- Threatened species
- Largest population in the world found in the Riverina over the summer months
- Males make a deep, eerie booming noise in early summer that was thought to have given rise to the legend of the Bunyip Bird



4 Year Project commenced in 2019/2020

Project partners:

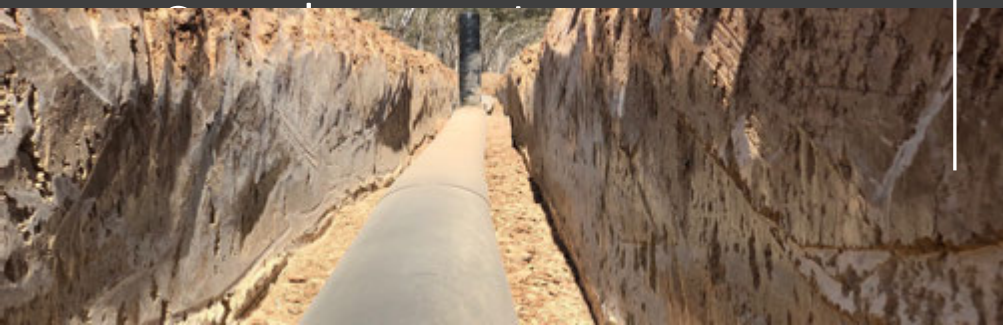
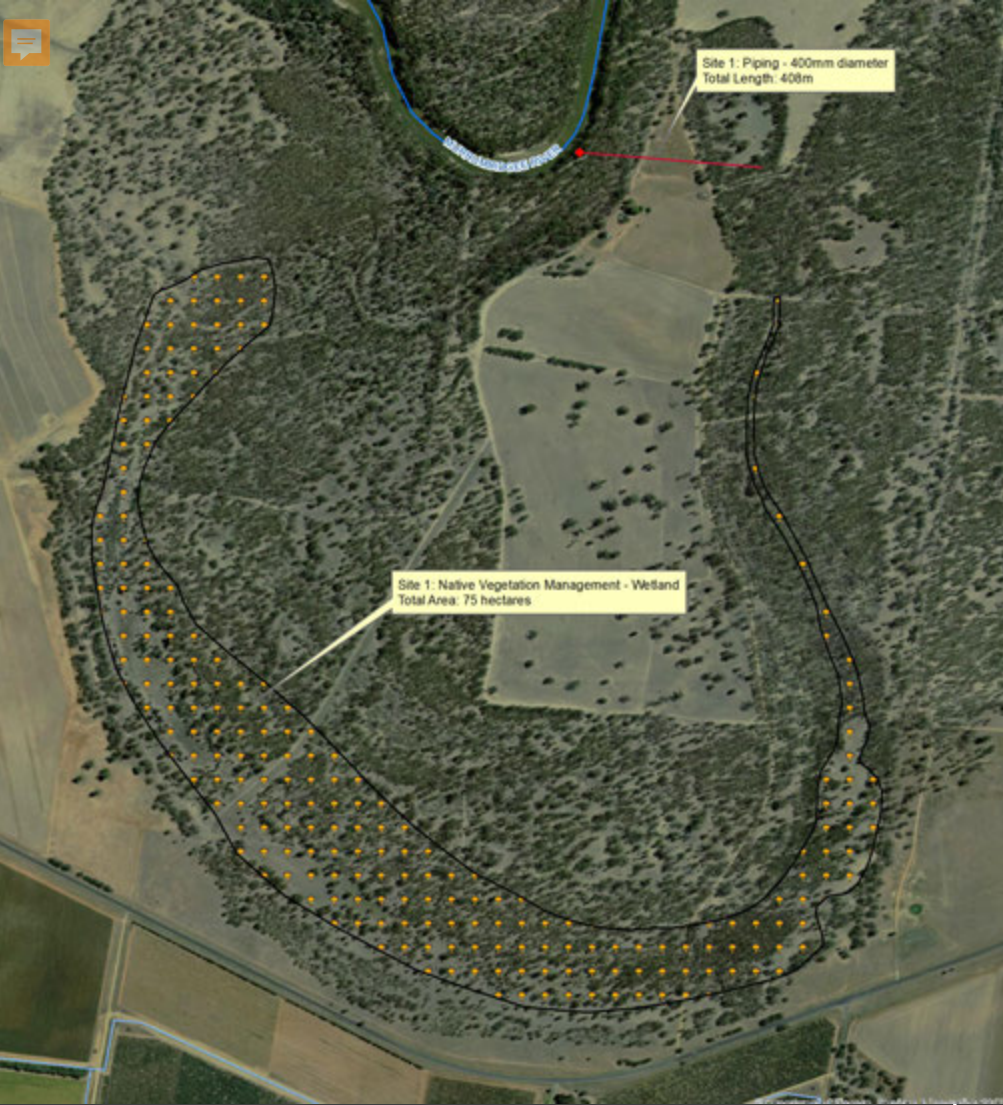
- Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
- Biodiversity Conservation & Science,
Department of Planning Industry and
Environment
- National Parks & Wildlife Service
- Crown Land, Department of Planning
Industry and Environment
- Landholders



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Undertake infrastructure works which will improve delivery of environmental water and increase the area of habitat suitable for Australasian Bitterns

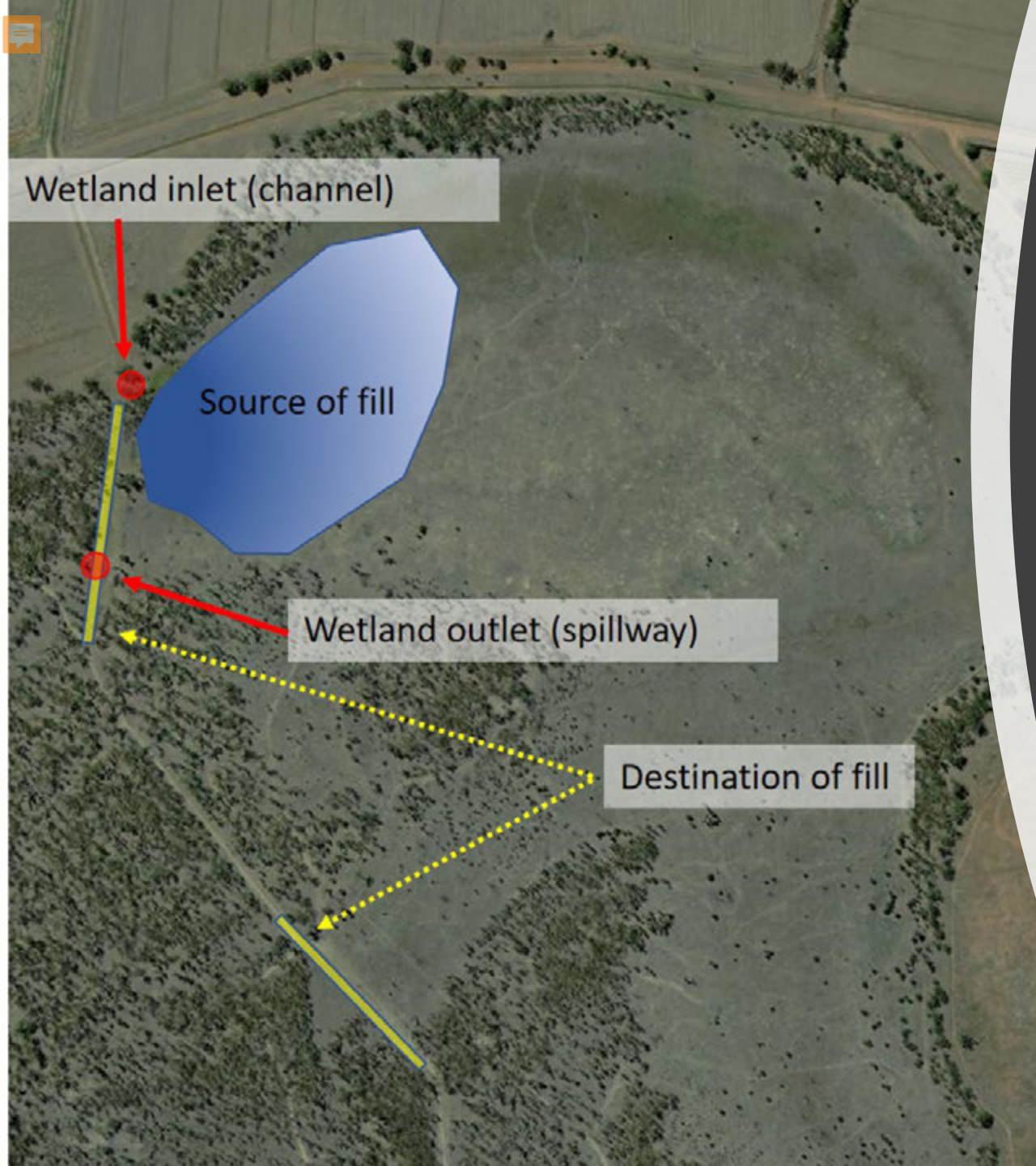




Sunshower Lagoon

Sunshower Lagoon after receiving water





Turkeys Flat

- Stage 1: Removal of regrowth and using the soil to build up the height of the levee bank
- Stage 2: Raising the height of the spillway

Turkeys Flat

- To date the regrowth has been removed and the levee bank raised
- Site watered in early summer 2020
- Works about to commence on raising the spillway





Future projects

Tuckerbil Wetland

Fivebough Wetland



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