



How our Region uses Program Logic

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NRM Planning Framework

- We needed to commence the development of our next RIS
- We wanted to integrate the two planning tools.


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Program Logic

- Manage Up
 - CMA scale (ie MERI plan)
 - State scale processes (ie NSW MERI planning)
 - Forms the basis of our MERI planning
 - It is the declaration of assumptions that we then use as the basis / hypothesis that the MERI plan tests
 - This is a 'whole of CMA' process
 - Allows us to negotiate with the other MERI 'players' as to who is responsible for measuring what.

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Program Logic

- Manage down
 - Simply collates thinking around short, medium and long term thinking
 - NRM Program logic template prompts you to consider outputs and outcomes for biophysical and social aspects
 - Brings staff thinking about MERI activities earlier into the planning process
 - Program Scale (ie Biodiversity Program)
 - Project Scale (Bush Stone Curlew Recovery)
 - The approach clearly maps the assumptions about what impact the 'actions' are expected to have on long, interim and short term outcomes

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How we are using it at the moment

- Development of next RIS
 - Each Program theme has formed an externally based consultative group
 - The CMA has chosen to go down the asset based approach
 - Each group has worked through and developed the Program Logic maps / charts for their theme, documenting the assumptions between actions, intermediate outcomes and the targets – the first ones were works of art – things have improved with the revised versions

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RIS development con't

- Review of previous efforts
 - Theme groups undertook a review of the actions under the previous investment program. This review included assumed contribution towards achieving the targets.
 - Review informed whether previous actions needed to continue or change
 - As a result of this review some programs have been significantly amended
- Developed a package of program concepts / directions, this included revised list of recommended actions and the recommend scale of investment – this has just been to the Board for approval.

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