

Furracabad Station Natural Capital Pilot Project.

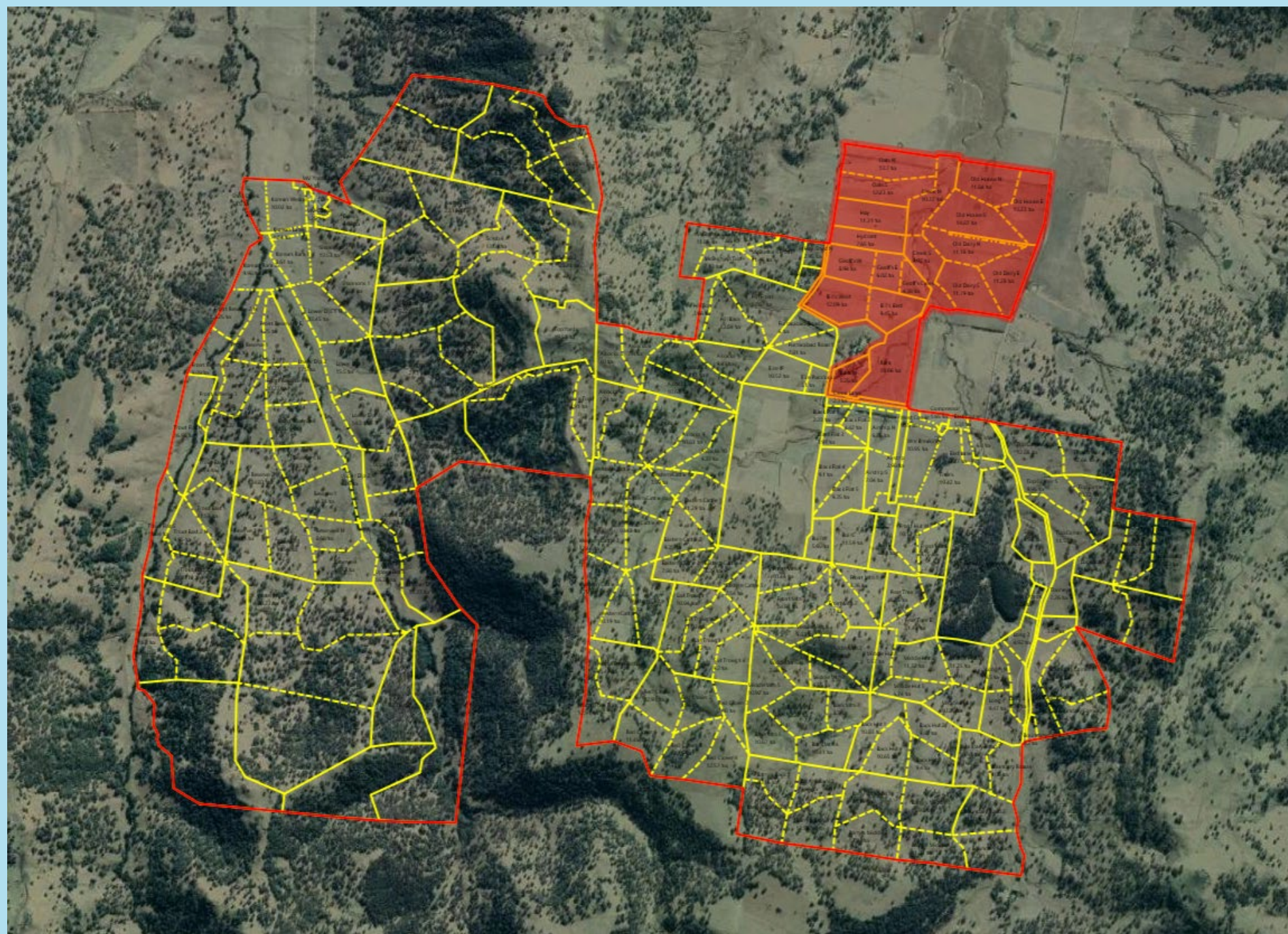
- Vision; To leave the environment in a better state than when we got here.
- Focus on increasing plant diversity and soil life.
- Managed/cell grazing for 18 years.
- No petrochemical fertilizer used in the last 15 years.
- Use of biological controls where we can.



Why we got involved?

- Wanted to know what resource base we had.
- Can see that this is part of the future in agriculture.
- Potential marketing tool.
- Potential additional income stream or cost saving.
- Networking with like minded people.





Total land area
2767 ha.

Pilot Project area
is 204 ha.

The process seemed very daunting and I procrastinated because of this.

Once I had assistance “The Crew” we got in and it was actually a relatively simple process, some of the tests it were very repetitive.



As was to be expected by being a pilot farm not everything was going to be smooth and easy.

Things like the riparian and vegetation score system did not allow for the fact that the environment was never in the suggested “ideal or good” state. We were actually looking at a very different system/environment to the one we were measured against.

I thought that there was not enough focus on soil health and life.

Pigeon holed systems seemed to reflect poorly on a production based environment even though the environment is very healthy.

What we also learnt is that it may help Furracabad to be more productive and drought proof to return some of the micro environments back to there original state.

Overall really what is needed is context.



We are very grateful to Glenrac and Jackie for the opportunity to be involved in this project and how it has impacted our perspective on the natural capital at Furracabad.

