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Senator Urquhart asked:

How have contractual or management practices changed as the new consolidated program has been rolled out?

Answer:

The reformed delivery approach for the National Landcare Programme is consistent with the Australian Government's principles of simple, local and long-term.

The reforms incorporate simplified application and reporting mechanisms, including the use of an online monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement tool, which will reduce the administrative burden on regional NRM organisations and the community.

Where appropriate, the Department has provided funding under simplified multi-year contracts in programmes that extend to 2017-18.