

2011 - 12 Investment Project

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PROJECT

Project title

Please provide a title which clearly indicates what your project will achieve

Catchment to Coast 2-Ecological restoration from Cygnet River to Nepean Bay

Project Summary

Please provide a short description of your project. This summary will be used to communicate about your project e.g. in media announcements and in the Funding Agreement. The information should be consistent with what you give later in the application.

Catchment to Coast 2 will improve riparian, freshwater and marine habitats and associated biodiversity within the Cygnet River catchment and Nepean Bay, into which it flows. A decision support tool will link land management practices and water quality outcomes, to prioritise and deliver on-ground works to maximize downstream benefits. These landscape-scale actions will achieve multiple outcomes and address critical point sources of nutrients and sediments to improve riparian habitat, water quality and reverse seagrass decline. Promotion of best management practices will improve catchment health. Seagrass restoration trials will reinstate lost marine habitat. Activity impacts will be monitored by terrestrial, freshwater and marine indicators

Proposed duration

Proposed start date (mm/yyyy)

07/2011

Proposed completion date (mm/yyyy)

06/2013

State:

South Australia

NRM Region:

Kangaroo Island

Regional Body:

Kangaroo Island NRM Board

Are you authorised to act on behalf of the selected regional body?

Yes

If dividing your base-level project into separate projects, describe how the projects are linked or integrated.

The KI NRM Plan Here to Stay-For our children and grandchildren 2009 (the Plan) is the foundation of all projects from the KI NRM Board. The Plan was developed by the Board in consultation with regional community, industry and stakeholder groups. It sets the direction for managing the Island's natural resources to benefit its social, economic and environmental future. Using program logic projects have been developed to achieve the goals and outcomes of the Plan. The projects seeking funding through the CfoC regional allocation deliver core business for the Board, focusing on best managing regional NR assets at a landscape scale and across land tenures, together with the community, industry and stakeholder groups. The Board reviewed all projects requiring funding and selected these projects as being the highest priority for the region. Remaining high priority projects will seek funding through other sources such as the CfoC Open Grants and South Australian Government.

The projects are:

1. Catchment to Coast2-Ecological restoration from Cygnet River to Nepean Bay

2. Protecting KI from invasive species, Phase 2

3. Delivering the recommendations of the Eastern Plains Fire Trial, KI

Together they deliver best management of biodiversity, primary production, soils, freshwater and coast and marine systems and manage the processes that threaten them.

Project managers have developed the projects together to deliver the Plan. They meet bi-monthly to discuss progress and possibilities for integration and report to the Board quarterly on their delivery. Project outcomes are promoted jointly through the Board's communication strategy and through each projects communication strategy sitting under the Boards. Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improving project performance is overseen by the Board and further refines strategies to deliver the Plan in the future. Thus the projects are linked through their foundation, development, promotion, implementation and evaluation.

Please identify any other projects that are linked to this one, and any projects (for example, new Caring for our Country, existing or new State/Territory projects) that you are aware of that may have synergies with this one.

This project links to these projects

1. Corridors of Connectivity on KI

This will link and enhance remnant and riparian vegetation across land tenures in Border to Barossa Biodiversity Corridor. C2C2 supports management and assessment of vegetation enhancement and protection works. (Seeking CfoC Open Grant funding)

2. Pelican Lagoon--Linking Catchment to Coast

This project protects and enhances marine and coastal biodiversity values of Pelican Lagoon Aquatic Reserve through marine pest and habitat monitoring, restoring coastal habitat, protecting and enhancing riparian and aquatic communities and managing threatened species and fire regimes. C2C2 supports marine pest and habitat monitoring and protecting and enhancing riparian and aquatic communities. (Seeking CfoC Open Grant funding)

3. SA's Marine Park Network

The SA government is establishing marine parks in SA. Nepean Bay is in Encounter Marine Park and has high protection sanctuary zones identified for their biodiversity values. Efforts to improve conditions in Nepean Bay will benefit Marine Park management.

4. Protecting native vegetation and soils on KI

This project integrates biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture through on-ground works delivered via devolved grants across the agricultural landscape. C2C2 supports the assessment of vegetation enhancement and protection works.

5. Seagrass Research and Rehabilitation Plan (SRRP)

SRRP is a collaborative WA program overseen by Department of Primary Industries and Resources with the principal aim to revegetate areas of lost seagrass. The conditions and seagrass species in Nepean Bay are similar to WA and expertise and techniques developed during SRRP are directly applicable in the KI context

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SECTION : APPLICANT DETAILS

The *Applicant Details* are required for the legal entity with whom the Australian Government will form a contract, if this project is successful.

Organisation details

Organisation Name	Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board
Organisation/Company ABN	86052151451
Is your organisation registered for GST?	Yes

Entity type

State Government Other Incorporated Entity

Applicant contact information – primary contact person

The primary contact person should be a person in the lead organisation who is readily contactable in April-July 2011 during the project assessment period and will be involved in the day-to-day management of the project.

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Authorised person – person who will sign the contract

This is the person with power to bind the organisation in a contract for the value of this project.

Is the authorised person the same as the proponent organisation contact person (details in above)

	Title	First name	Last name
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Applicant contact information – secondary contact person

The secondary contact person should be a person who is readily contactable in April-July 2011 and will only be contacted where the primary contact person is unavailable.

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SECTION : TARGETS

Which Caring for our Country target(s) does your project address?

(Your project will be assessed against how well your project addresses these target/s .)

Biodiversity and Natural Icons

- Increasing native habitat

Sustainable Farm Practices

- Improving management practices
- Improving knowledge and skills

What part of the selected target/s will your project meet?

Increasing native habitat

- Describe briefly how your project will reduce critical threats to biodiversity? **This project will directly address linkages between land management practices in upstream rural catchments of the Cygnet River to downstream freshwater ecosystems and coastal systems in Nepean Bay. It will address the following NRM issues at the landscape scale:**

- declining condition of riparian vegetation
- stream bank erosion
- topsoil and nutrient loss from farmland
- poor water quality (high sediment, turbidity and nutrient loads)
- loss and degradation of seagrass meadows in Nepean Bay.

Poor water quality threatens both the freshwater and marine plant and animal communities in the Cygnet River--Nepean Bay catchment. The loss and degradation of seagrass meadows is of particular significance as this habitat plays a vital nursery role for a number species and several studies have shown that biodiversity within meadows are very different for those in adjacent bare sand areas.

The project will achieve this through excluding stock from riparian vegetation, increasing the extent and connectivity of riparian vegetation through revegetation and establishing creek crossings and locating watering points out of watercourses. The location of on-ground works will be determined by a catchment nutrient and sediment flow model developed under Catchment to Coast 1 (C2C1). Monitoring conditions in Nepean Bay will provide evidence of a reduction in the critical threats to biodiversity.

- Area of native habitat and vegetation that will be managed to reduce critical threats to biodiversity **140** hectares
- Does this area contain suitable habitat for any nationally threatened (EPBC listed) species? **Yes**

Please specify **Calyptrorhynchus lathami ssp. halmaturinus, Isoodon obesulus, Sminthopsis aitkeni, Olearia microdisca, Beyeria subtecta, Caladenia ovata, Cheiranthra volubilis, Leionema equestre, Pomaderris halmaturina ssp. halmaturina, Ptilotus beckerianus, Pultenea**

- Does this area managed contain any nationally endangered ecological communities? **No**
- South Australia **Yes**
- Will your project address change at a landscape scale and enhance the condition or connectivity of habitats and landscapes? **Yes**
- Describe how your project will improve the condition of habitat on the property(s) and its connection to habitat (e.g. remnant vegetation patches, reserves, etc) in the nearby landscape. **This project targets condition, extent and connectivity of native vegetation in the Cygnet River catchment. A suite of works to improve catchment heath, including native vegetation management, will be prioritized at the catchment scale using a catchment nutrient and sediment flow model developed in C2C1 and a set of site and landscape scale parameters including condition, size, location relative to other vegetation, and the extent of native vegetation in the region. The model will identify which sites contribute**

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most sediment and nutrients to the Cygnet River. Sites will then be selected that contribute the most to landscape scale habitat restoration. Improving the condition and extent of native vegetation will also result in increased carbon sequestration.

Proposed works to benefit native vegetation include:

1. Excluding stock from riparian zones to:

- reduce grazing and trampling impacts on vegetation communities
- prevent erosion in riparian zone and water course to reduce deposition of high levels of nutrients into riparian vegetation and the watercourse which results in downstream degradation of freshwater ecosystems and marine seagrass beds.

2. Revegetation to increase the extent of vegetation patches or corridors or connect existing vegetation

3. Relocation of stock water points out of watercourses to prevent stock accessing riparian vegetation.

- Number of neighbouring properties to be connected through the activities of this project **10**
- Number of actual hectares being worked on **140**

Improving management practices

- Improving management practices-soil condition **Yes**

What is the actual number of the following types of farmers/Indigenous land managers who will improve their practices and the actual area over which management practices will be improved?

Cropping farmers (including horticulturists) **Yes**

Number **10**

Over **400** hectares

Grazing farmers (including dairy farmers) **Yes**

Number **10**

Over **400** hectares

What is the number of the following types of farmers/Indigenous land managers who will be influenced by the project to improve their practices and the area influenced over which management practices will be improved?

Cropping farmers (including horticulturists) **Yes**

Number **20**

Over **1000** hectares

Grazing farmers (including dairy farmers) **Yes**

Number **20**

Over **1000** hectares

Please specify the natural resource condition issue(s) that your project addresses

Reducing the risk of soil acidification **Yes**

Reducing the risk of soil loss through wind and water erosion **Yes**

Carbon content of soils **Yes**

Practice(s) to reduce the risk of soil acidification:

Application of lime, lime sand, limestone or dolomite **Yes**

Ground cover management practice(s) to reduce wind and water erosion and increase carbon content of soils:

Increased proportion of perennial vegetation in pastures **Yes**

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Additional practice(s) to increase soil carbon:

Other practices **Yes**

Please specify **Use of perennial deep-rooted grasses and fodder**

Improving knowledge and skills

- Improving management practices-soil condition **Yes**

Please specify how many farmers or land managers will demonstrate an improvement in knowledge and skills in natural resource management under your proposal. **20** Number

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SECTION : PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Activities proposed

Please, clearly identify what activities this project will carry out.

Include the proportion of the budget for each of the following activities (if applicable).

1. Targeted on-ground works including the application of fencing to exclude stock from remnant vegetation, revegetation and relocation of creek crossings and/or stock watering points. (\$118,000)
2. Promotion of sustainable agriculture practices through demonstration sites and field days to display and explain approaches to managing soil acidity, erosion control, retaining pasture cover to improve soil carbon and address water logging and the integration of sustainable agriculture and biodiversity management. (\$60,000)
3. Supporting farmers and the community to improve knowledge skills and management practices through publishing articles locally through print and radio media, displays at shows and field days, and presentations and other activities with the local school, community and production groups. (\$86,000)
4. Water quality and flow rate data will be collected monthly at key locations in the Cygnet River to quantify sediment and nutrient loads entering Nepean Bay. An event based monitoring program will be established to measure water quality at different locations in Nepean Bay to establish the distribution of sediment and nutrients once they enter the Bay. Monitoring will be undertaken in response to peak flow events in the Cygnet River as determined by the catchment model. The information collected from the monitoring and restoration works will be used to inform farmers and community groups of their impacts of the management practice changes they undertake and reinforce the knowledge and skills they develop over the life of the program. (\$108,000)
5. Artificial seagrass units will be constructed and deployed throughout Nepean Bay to measure seasonal algal growth. Artificial seagrass blades will be harvested every two months and weighed to establish algal growth. Algal growth will be used as a surrogate to characterize the water quality in that area. Annual seagrass monitoring of the existing 324 sites will continue in Nepean Bay using underwater videography to establish conditions trends. (\$60,000)
6. The restoration of the seagrass species of the genus Posidonia (tapeweed) will be trialed in Nepean Bay based on techniques developed in Western Australia. In WA there has been successful seagrass restoration of Posidonia australis and Posidonia sinuosa (these two are the dominant seagrass species in Western Cove) at Cockburn Sound near Perth and Oyster Bay near Albany. There are two main techniques. The first involves the direct transplantation of seagrass "sprigs" from healthy "donor" beds into restoration sites. The second method involves growing out Posidonia seed collected from local beaches and subsequent transplanting into restoration sites. Activities in the first year will include selection of suitable sites for restoration based on water quality monitoring and outputs from the catchment model in addition to pilot trials to develop the skills and knowledge associated with the restoration methods. Based on the results of the first year it is anticipated that a multi-site larger scale trial using community volunteers will be undertaken in the second year. (\$75,000)

Explain why you have selected these activities and how they will lead to improvements in terms of each selected target.

Please address each target and support claims that the activities and the practices are relevant, the best available or technically feasible in your area.

Target: Increasing native habitat

Stock impacts have long been recognized as one of major threats to riparian communities which suffer on-site physical impacts of grazing, trampling and nutrient deposition on plant and soil condition, as well as landscape-scale impacts of increased sediment and nutrient movement which degrade freshwater and marine communities down the catchment. The exclusion of stock from riparian zones will reduce these impacts and restore and protect the condition of these communities, enhancing their function as habitat or corridors for a range of communities. Revegetation will be used to increase the extent of vegetation patches or corridors and/or connect existing vegetation. The relocation of water points out of watercourses will eliminate stock accessing riparian vegetation. The installation of formed crossings will prevent the creation of erosion heads and reduce sedimentation from stock and vehicles crossing watercourses.

Target: Improving management practices

A demonstration site and field days are proposed as the most effective way to promote management practices that will increase ground cover and reduce soil acidity. Establishing the demonstration site in the catchment, and at a scale that is relevant to stakeholders, will increase the relevance and appeal of the

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activities. Locating the demonstration on a working property over a larger area (20 ha) will enable us to demonstrate the impacts on soil condition, ecosystem health, productivity and profitability. The information collected from water and seagrass monitoring and seagrass restoration will be used to inform farmers about the impacts of their management practice changes on the fate of nutrients through the catchment. It will also demonstrate how landholders are connected through the landscape and across land tenures.

Target: Improving knowledge and skills

Improved knowledge skills will be achieved through the publication of articles in local print and radio media, displays at agricultural shows and field days and presentations and other activities to the local school, community and production groups. These activities will demonstrate the results of management practice change on agricultural land on riparian and coastal systems health. The information collected from the water and seagrass monitoring and seagrass restoration will be used to link the land management activities to nutrient load production, impacts and movement. These activities will reach a broad cross section of stakeholders and will provide landowners and the community with an insight into how they can affect the resilience of ecological communities and their role in achieving landscape scale change. The incorporation of community volunteers in the seagrass restoration and monitoring will provide a practical means to improving community (including students) knowledge and developing their skills.

Devolved grants

If you are seeking funding for a devolved grants component please outline

- the type of devolved grants, market based instrument or economic incentive that will be used to deliver the Caring for our Country target/s
- the target audience and likely degree of adoption
- the size of the grants/incentives for groups
- the expected administration costs for your organisation to run these grants
- how much funding will be delivered to on-ground activities

The devolved grant program will have two delivery mechanisms:

1. An open incentive scheme in which landowners determine what asset/threat management they wish to undertake and the NRM Board prioritises these against a range of site and landscape scale vegetation condition metrics as well as the nutrient and sediment flow model developed under C2C1 which will be progressively improved during C2C2. The level of incentive offered is determined by a public /private benefit assessment, with the maximum contribution being 50% for biodiversity activities which have a high public benefit.

2. A stewardship program which enables the Board to proactively target high value assets or severe threats. A stewardship program also ensures longer term management of those threats and assets.

The integration of these two incentives will retain the high level of adoption that the KI farming community has demonstrated with on-ground works and will also ensure that high value assets are targeted and that the most important assets or threats are managed over the long term.

Both incentives support fencing riparian vegetation, revegetation, and the installation of creek crossings and relocating water points out of riparian areas.

All landowners in the Cygnet River catchment will be eligible and recent history indicates a significant and increasing degree of adoption. The recent economic upturn in the farming sector on KI also suggests adoption will increase over the next two years.

Incentives for groups will not be available in this round, however, the program will support groups in applying and administering any funds secured in community grant rounds. Joint Expressions of Interest from adjoining land owners are encouraged and receive priority.

Grants are limited to a maximum of \$15,000 per applicant. In the past grants have range from \$600 to \$14,000 for larger projects focusing on a range of condition threats or issues.

Board Administration costs are \$14,000

The funding to on-ground activities is \$42,000.

Project manager or facilitator services

If your project involves the use of a project manager(s) or facilitator(s) please outline:

- What activities they will undertake
- What amount of funding will be required to cover their costs

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Land and Water Program Manager (\$75,700)

Project management, on-ground works assessment and implementation, development of media activities and articles and display material.

Nursery and Seed Bank Officer (\$33,300)

Seed collection and native plants nursery management, provision of technical advice on revegetation.

On-ground Works Officer (\$33,300)

Devolved grant management, field day establishment, provision of technical advice on remnant vegetation fencing and in-stream works.

Coast and Marine Program Manager (\$81,280)

Project management, water quality and seagrass restoration program design, development and implementation, project reporting. Delivery of community engagement and awareness raising events and programs.

Coast and Marine Project Officer (\$68,506)

Coordination and supervision of field work associated with water quality and seagrass monitoring and restoration. Data analysis and reporting. Development and preparation of materials for media and community events.

Coast and Marine Technical Officer (\$43,663)

Technical coordination associated with undertaking field work, data collection, entry and management.

How many project managers or facilitators will be directly employed in a full time equivalent (FTE) position under your project?

4.5000

Indigenous Engagement and Participation

How will Indigenous Australians be involved in your project? How did you explore opportunities to engage Indigenous Australians?

This project is working to improve landholder capacity in a defined, targeted area. At present there are no Indigenous landholders within this area, and at this point there are no groups who have expressed an interest in the area the project is working in.

The KI NRM Board is endeavoring to actively engage with Indigenous groups with an interest in KI. Contact has been made with each community. The Board aims to meet and consult with the groups several times a year and to give them every opportunity to be part of Board activities, including CFOC project work.

How many Indigenous Australians will be directly employed in a full time equivalent (FTE) position under your project?

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How will you engage other community members in your project?

Please outline

- the engagement activities planned
- the scale of this involvement
- the potential to raise community awareness and enhance skills

Community engagement activities fit into two categories; active participation and community awareness activities.

1. Active participation activities include:

- the implementation of on-ground works in the catchment by farmers and landholders
- volunteer community involvement in monitoring water quality and seagrass condition in the Cygnet River and Nepean Bay
- participation of community divers, recreational boat owners, fishers and the local Coastguard in the deployment and retrieval of artificial seagrass units to determine algal accumulation in Nepean Bay
- collection of seagrass seeds by community volunteers for use in restoration trials, and involvement of recreational boat owners and community divers in the implementation of seagrass restoration trials
- the Board's Coast and Marine Program will continue their Year 11 and 12 experience and elective program with the local schools in which up to 15 students will assist with collect underwater video and analysis of seagrass beds.

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2. Community awareness activities include:

- the establishment of soil acidity and erosion demonstration sites along the lower Cygnet River and associated field days and tours. These will not only provide an opportunity to promote a change to more sustainable management practices, but also promote the information collected from the water and seagrass monitoring and seagrass restoration. This will inform farmers of the impacts of the management practice changes they undertake with respect to the fate of nutrients through the catchment and will demonstrate how they are connected through the landscape and across land tenures to freshwater and marine communities.
- articles in the local print media and radio
- displays at agricultural shows and field days.

How many community groups will you engage in you project?

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Does your project include activities that are likely to have a significant adverse impact on any matters of national environmental significance?

No

Risk Management

Please define the major risks associated with this project and what management actions you will put in place to minimise or avoid these risks

What are the risks?	Impact of the risk	Likelihood of it occurring	Overall risk	Mitigation strategy
Low uptake of on-ground works incentives	Moderate	Unlikely	Low	Redirect funds into stewardship program
Threshold levels of land management change for measurable improvement in water quality not reached	Moderate	Possible	Medium	Maximise information quality of Decision Support Tool to ensure good predictive information about threshold levels. Ensure appropriate resolution of monitoring program to measure change in water quality and seagrass condition.
Timeframe for seagrass recovery extends beyond life of project	Minor	Likely	Medium	Monitoring of seagrass will be incorporated into future projects to track longer-term trends.
Failure of seagrass restoration technology	Moderate	Possible	Medium	Detailed project planning to select sites and implement methods based on best available technical and local advice will be used. Regular monitoring to evaluate problem issues and implement early solutions.

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SECTION : BUDGET

Budget for project

Caring for our Country target	Financial year	Funding sought (GST exclusive)
Increasing native habitat	2011-12	\$ 290,000.00
	2012-13	\$ 290,000.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 580,000.00
Improving management practices	2011-12	\$ 262,558.00
	2012-13	\$ 262,558.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 525,116.00
Total:		\$ 1,105,116.00
Of this what funding is allocated to MERI planning and implementation		\$ 45,557.00

Other source/s of cash funding

Please indicate other cash funding which is necessary for the completion of your project.

Organisation	Contact person	Phone	Security of funds	Amount (GST)
Island Pure Sheep Dairy	Mr Justin Harmon	0885539110	Other - In-kind	\$ 10,000.00
Total				\$ 10,000.00

Total project budget

Caring for our Country funding (GST excl)	Other funding (GST excl)	Total Amount (GST excl)
\$ 1,105,116.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,115,116.00

Overview information for project

Project ID	Project Title	Budget
RB12-00040-1	Catchment to Coast 2-Ecological restoration from Cygnet River to Nepean Bay	\$ 1,105,116.00
Total		\$ 1,105,116.00

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SECTION : DECLARATIONS

Proponents should note that, by completing and submitting this project, they agree to the following statements.

I certify that:

- to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this project is complete and correct and no information is false or misleading. I understand that it is an offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* to provide false or misleading information
- I understand that the Australian Government is under no obligation to provide funding for this project
- I understand that the Australian Government assumes no responsibility for any investment in activities relating to this project that are made before the formation of a contract with the
- I/the organisation I represent supports this project and, if successful, agrees to enter into a contract with the Australian Government to deliver the project and administer the project's
- I have the agreement of all partners to the contents of this project
- I will spend the funding and implement the project in the ways described in the project, unless otherwise agreed by all parties
- the project has not already received funding in part or in full from any other funding source, except as identified in this project
- I/the organisation I represent understand that any payments made by the Australian Government in relation to this project are subject to the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services) Act 1999*
- I consent, on behalf of all parties, to this project being referred to third parties for assessment purposes
- I understand that the Australian Government may undertake external assessments or feasibility studies in relation to this project
- I understand that the Australian Government may undertake to negotiate components of this project to ensure that the most appropriate package for investment and delivery of Caring for our Country targets is in place
- I consent to publication of the above information by the Australian Government if I am awarded funding under this grants program
- I agree that I accept full responsibility to ensure that all of the necessary planning, regulatory and other approvals, permits and permissions are obtained before commencing this project
- to the best of my knowledge, there are no real or likely to be perceived conflicts of interest contained in or associated with this project

The Australian Government thanks you for your interest in Caring for our Country and for the time and effort you have made in preparing this project.