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Riverbank Erosion

Firstly I must apologise for the time it has taken to follow up with you on the meeting at on 17 July. Waterways Program staff have been dealing with a large number of projects, however I can assure you that this matter is a high priority for Council.

Attached with this letter is a plan showing the type and extent of works that will need to be undertaken on your property to arrest ongoing bank erosion. The plan breaks the bank into numbered sections, and shows the length of each.

The areas identified as sections requiring high priority works are:

- (160m) 1
- 2 (185m)
- (105m)6
- 7 (50m)
- 10 (60m)
- 11 (190m)

Earthwork will be required at each of these sites to stabilise bank slips and allow revegetation with native species. Works are required, as a priority, over a length of approximately 750 metres.

As discussed with you on site, the area where works are undertaken will need to be fenced to ensure that cattle do not continue to damage the banks or new plantings. Fences would need to be established at a minimum of five metres back from the top of the bank or newly constructed batter, and the river bank densely revegetated with native species from the fence to the water line.



If works are to proceed on a cooperative basis, the proposed tasks that would be completed by Council and those requested of you would be as follows:

Council	Landowner
Detailed designs	Fencing (construction and maintenance)
Environmental approvals	Spreading of soil from bank battering
Contracting and supervision of earth works	Watering plants to achieve establishment
Contracting and supervision of revegetation	
Maintenance of plantings	

If you are prepared to proceed in principal, Council will arrange another meeting where the proposal can be discussed further, after which cost estimates can be prepared.

Please contact either myself on 02 6670 2430, or Tom Alletson on 02 6670 2577, if you would like to clarify any aspect of this proposal.

Yours faithfully

David Oxenham

Director Community and Natural Resources

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