

SER Australasia is pleased to announce the launch of the

National Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration in Australia



The National Restoration Standards have been designed to encourage all restoration and rehabilitation projects in Australia to reach their highest potential.

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The Society for Ecological Restoration Australasia (SERA) and 12 partner organizations developed the national Standards over a three year period – carefully considering the needs of all stakeholders and in consultation with hundreds of key stakeholders including agencies, researchers and industry organisations and individual practitioners.

Ecological restoration is seen as the highest standard approach and is most appropriate for any natural areas or sites that can be managed primarily for biodiversity conservation. Other forms of environmental repair are encouraged where the work is the highest and best work currently possible.

Encouragement is given to managing landscapes and aquatic environments in an integrated way to reduce impacts of production areas on natural areas and increase the health of semi-natural and natural areas to the extent possible.



Advance commentary:

"...This document is developed from the extensive Australian experience with reference to global science and practice. The insight of the authors, the geographic and disciplinary diversity of contributors and the extensive review process has generated a document that cements ecological restoration into the global-national social framework while guiding hands-on restoration of terrestrial and marine ecosystems." **Scott Meier**, Consultant and contractor, NSW, Australia

"..The guidelines read very well and cover the topic in a thorough and experienced way. They should enable the professional capabilities and expectations of those involved in ecological restoration to be taken to a higher level." **David Jinks**, Botanical Consultant, Qld.

".. A very easily readable document that should be useful to a broad range of people involved in ecological restoration and rehabilitation..." **Sean Bellairs**, Researcher, NT.

"I would like to applaud the efforts taken to develop National Standards For The Practice Of Ecological Restoration in Australia. As an instructor, researcher, and a practitioner of ecological restoration, I believe this document represents an important and valuable contribution to the science and practice of restoration." **Elizabeth King**, Researcher and teacher, Athens, Georgia, USA.

"..The Society for Ecological Restoration Australasia and its partners are to be commended for delivering this world-first initiative that offers a way to change the face of ecological restoration in a positive and enduring way for all Australians. Supporting the recovery of our landscape requires a coordinated team approach and these Standards allow all Australians to contribute to rebuilding our wonderful natural heritage. This land is ours to protect and we all have a role to play." **The Hon Greg Hunt MP**, Federal Minister for the Environment, Australia

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