

## Charleville Grazier Makes Great Advocate for NRM Projects

John Sommerfield of *Canegrass*, located between Charleville and Adavale, resides within a threatened ecological community (TEC) of Coolibah-black box. This unique distribution of a TEC has allowed John to fence off and protect *Canegrass*'s own alluvial land system under the Business Diversity Meets Biodiversity program.

Clearing of the fence line has begun (as pictured on right), and upon completion of Stage One of this project, approximately 16 kilometres of fence will be erected with 4.5 kilometres of poly pipe laid. This will exclude the alluvial land system from uncontrolled grazing pressure while effectively ensuring remaining paddocks are well watered for stock.

John has stated that he is hopeful he will also be able to bring Stage Two of this project to fruition. Stage Two shall bring the addition of an electric unit and additional wires to completely isolate the alluvial land system from feral pests.



Above: Newly cleared fence line on *Canegrass* around an alluvial land system.

## Augathella Producers Isolate Riparian Zone to Support TEC

Business Diversity Meets Biodiversity encapsulates the essence of *Woolabra Station* with both its presence of Weeping Myall and its ability to compliment other TEC populations within the buffer zone. Colin McDonald, pictured, and his family partnership, have erected their 4.5 kilometres of electric fence ahead of schedule!

In the upper catchment of the Warrego River system, the McDonalds have the ability to positively influence further weed incursions as a result of overland flow events downstream. They can also assist with the containment of feral pigs and wild dogs in these areas.

Through this initiative, the McDonalds will support the fragile landscape through decreasing total grazing pressure and erosion along the riparian area. They hope to form a symbiotic relationship between improving the sustainability of the landscape in conjunction with promoting increased economical return from their enterprise.



Above: Colin McDonald with the constructed electric fence at *Woolabra*.