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Blue green algae information signs installed at Middle Creek Dam.

SLCMA recently completed the *Landholder engagement and onground activities for improved water quality* project focusing on improving water quality in the Middle Creek Dam and Plane Creek catchments. Throughout the project, SLCMA worked closely with Mackay Regional Council, local landholders, organisations and schools to increase knowledge of land management practices which can influence water quality and potential blue green algae outbreaks.

Throughout the eighteen month project, SLCMA was able to assist landholders with on-ground activities such as installing off-stream watering points and fencing off waterways from stock. Revegetation was also undertaken at Middle Creek Dam recreational area, to act as a filter/buffer for surface water runoff into the dam. All onground works will assist with improving the water quality within the Middle Creek catchment by reducing erosion and nutrient input into waterways.

As part of the final stages of the project, two blue-green algae information signs were designed and installed (in partnership with Mackay Regional Council) at Middle Creek Dam. The signs provide locals and visitors with information about what to look out for during blue green algae outbreaks and effects on water quality, human and animal health.

SLCMA would like to thank landholders involved in the project as well as our project partners; Mackay Regional Council- Water and Waste Laboratory, Central QLD University, Sarina State High School Agricultural Department and SLCMA Community Volunteers for their ongoing support and assistance during project. SLCMA will continue to work with project partners and assist landholders to implement sustainable land management practices within the Sarina Catchment.

The *Landholder engagement and onground activities for improved water quality* project was funded by the Australian Government, *Community Action Grants Program*.

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Photos: New blue-green algae signs installed at Middle Creek Dam

