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Symposium: Review of Performance Story Reporting

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Kooragang Wetland Project

- The Kooragang Wetland Rehabilitation Project
 - Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority (HCRCMA)
 - strong partnerships with the community, all three levels of government and neighbouring industry
 - 1590 hectares on three sites in the Hunter River estuary
 - initiated in 1993 to rehabilitate for fish, shorebird and other wildlife in the Hunter estuary
 - part of the Ramsar-listed Hunter Estuary Wetlands



Past to present

- Past
 - 200 years of draining, filling and clearing
 - Seriously degraded
- Current
 - community facilities
 - retaining and expanding native vegetation, including wetlands
 - farm forestry
 - community gardens
 - bush food garden
 - cycleways and picnic facilities
 - planned cattle grazing



Performance Story Report

- Benefits
 - Engages stakeholders
 - Records information that could be lost
 - Combines quantitative and qualitative
 - Shared experiences
 - Recommendations developed by stakeholders
- Valuable process

Observations & suggestions

- Balance needs to be considered in implementation
 - Detailed results chart - need to consider clarity of presentation of information
 - Analysis of information – need to capture potential learning from both all experiences
 - Can be resource intensive – needs to be fit for purpose
 - Choice of interviewees – balance so that results aren't skewed