

Summary of Discovery Projects Applications for Funding to Commence in 2006

Queensland

Central Queensland University

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Approved Project Title **The production and regulation of agricultural biodiversity**

2006 : \$80,000

2007 : \$66,000

2008 : \$60,000

Primary RFCD 3701 SOCIOLOGY

Administering Institution Central Queensland University

Project Summary

Protecting biodiversity is critical for long-term sustainability of agriculture and rural communities. In the shorter-term, products with demonstrable ecological attributes such as organic foods enjoy distinct market advantages, and access to export markets in the US, EU and Japan is increasingly dependent on satisfying minimum environmental and food safety standards. By evaluating how people throughout the entire food chain may be mobilised to preserve biodiversity this research will make a significant contribution to policy and other strategies oriented towards enhancing the social and economic welfare of rural Australia.