

The Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority (CMA) aims to ensure the protection and sustainable management of land, vegetation and water resources within the catchment. The CMA exists to help landholders, farmers and the broader community sustain and manage natural resources in the catchment. The main natural resource areas we cover are:

- vegetation and biodiversity management
- salinity prevention and management
- rivers and wetlands management
- soils and land management

Their role is to engage regional communities in the key natural resource management issues facing their catchments. They are the primary vehicle for the delivery of incentive programs funded by both the State and Commonwealth Governments to achieve restoration and improvements in natural resources. The CMA is committed to meeting the needs of landholders, community members and Landcare.

## **4.0 AIR.**

### **4.1 Air Quality.**

The Shire did not receive or experience any associated problems in the reporting period regarding Air pollution or the like. The air quality in the Inverell Shire as a whole is likely to be very good because of the lack of heavy industry or concentrated urban areas. However, there is no routine so it is not possible to make a definitive statement for the Shire.

The main sources of carbon monoxide are motor vehicles, bushfire hazard reduction burnoffs, greenwaste burnoffs at tips and residential solid fuel fires. Carbon monoxide concentrations are generally highest on winter evenings because of emissions from vehicle usage and a surge in wood-burning heaters starting to operate as people return home. Concentrations can build up and the pollutant may be temporarily trapped by atmospheric inversions which are most likely on clear winter evenings.

### **4.2 Air Borne Disease's.**

There were no notified outbreaks or reports of any air transmitted diseases during the reporting period to Councils Health department.

### **4.3 Dust.**

Council did not receive any major complaints regarding the generation of dust during the reporting period. Several minor incidents of dust generation were raised between adjoining property owners. Council liased with all effected parties to reach the result to satisfy all owners.