Managing Opper Murray Creeks and Woodlands

Managing Stock Access on Waterways

How does controlling stock access make a difference during floods?



Less stock access = more vegetation, slower flows and less damage in a flood flow



This is the creek after a big flood back in 2016 – you can see the deposition of sand and sediment laying on top of the grass out on the floodplain. When water can get out onto the floodplain during a flood, this eases the pressure on the stream channel and there is less deepening and widening during the event.





Same stream - upstream not fenced.....



Downstream fenced and stock excluded



Excluding stock or reducing stock pressure and allowing instream vegetation to grow back and slow water down can help reverse the trend of stream erosion.

