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## Expression of Interest 2008

### “Bartolo Bladder Clover trial”

#### **Objective**

To allow growers to see Bartolo in their environment

#### **Aims**

To have a trial plot where growers can compare the attributes of Bartolo against district standards for their soil types and climatic conditions.

#### **Provider resources**

The Pasture Producers' Association will provide:

- Seed of up to 20kg per plot

- Site inspection and advice

- Field day attendance and ensuring the relevant expertise is present

- Relevant chemicals for weed and insect control if required and possible application pending plot size

Pending level of grower input, rewards of seed in 2009 may be available.

Fencing is negotiable depending on the size of the plot, what else the plot contains and whether it is intended to harvest the plot.

#### **Grower Group Resources**

The Pasture Producers' Association would expect the plot be given a reasonable period to establish with good weed control prior to sowing. Prior to the field day, we would like three weeks with no grazing or only very light grazing. Grazing should not exceed the surrounding area.

The group should monitor weeds and insects and alert the Pasture Producers' Association of problems.

Ideally the plot will be big enough to sow and spray with existing farm machinery.

The group is to sow with existing machinery. If the area to be sown is too small to be sown with growers existing machinery, then we will attempt to organise an alternative machine.

Size of the site can be from 0.1 ha to 1.5 ha.

The site is for one year only.

Mildly acid and alkaline sandy-loam, loam and clay soils, (pH 5 to 8 CaCl<sub>2</sub>) and annual rainfall between 325mm-500mm would be ideal.

The site should be included in the group's main Spring Field Day.

**Deadline**

April 25<sup>th</sup> 2008

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