

Northern Inland Region

Located within the Northern Inland Region, the first Tender area supports a great diversity of landscapes and ecosystems.

Although the region still has a relatively high proportion of native vegetation cover when compared to other regions of the state, there are many ecosystems poorly represented in the reserve system. These are highlighted as priority areas in the map (overleaf).

The region has elevations from 400 to 1,500 metres, and comprises a mix of geologies, soil and vegetation types. Straddling the Great Dividing Range, the area includes country in the headwaters of the Clarence, Dumaresq, Macintyre, Gwydir and Macleay Rivers.

The region represents a wide range of diverse environments, from grassland, to open forests, tablelands, woodlands and some limited areas of rainforest.

Known for its natural beauty and high biodiversity values, many properties within this region already manage native vegetation on farmland and

integrate its management within grazing systems. There are many large intact, or core areas, of native vegetation interspersed with a mosaic of isolated remnants.

Clearing over time, especially on the lower slopes has left isolated patches of specific vegetation types. It is in many of these areas, in lower slopes of highly productive soil, that have been identified as priority ecosystems for conservation.

Owners of land within the priority areas shown on the map may be eligible to participate in the Conservation Tender if they:

- Are in Priority areas show on the map
- Have a minimum 20ha area proposed to be conserved and managed for biodiversity

For more information on how to participate, refer to detailed information at www.bct.nsw.gov.au.

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