

Conservation Partners Program

What is the Conservation Partners Program?

The Conservation Partners Program offers Conservation Agreements and Wildlife Refuge Agreements to landholders who wish to conserve biodiversity on their land.

The program is available to landholders who are not seeking or are ineligible for conservation management payments (under the conservation management program).

Participating landholders can access the Biodiversity Conservation Trust's Landholder

Technical Support Package and apply for funding from the BCT's Conservation Partners Grants.

Under the Conservation Partners Program, applications will be assessed regularly. There will not be any formal calls for applications. Eligible properties will be offered Conservation Agreements (in-perpetuity) or Wildlife Refuge agreements at no cost to the landholder.

The BCT will also continue to support landholders with existing Conservation Agreements, Trust Agreements, Registered Property Agreements and Wildlife Refuges.

Conservation Agreements (in-perpetuity)

Conservation Agreements are voluntary agreements between the BCT and landholders to conserve and manage biodiversity on an area of land in-perpetuity.

This option is suited to landholders who have areas of high conservation value on their land and who wish to ensure those values are protected and managed into the future. Conservation Agreements are registered on the land title and transfer to subsequent landholders.

Wildlife Refuge Agreements

Wildlife Refuge Agreements are an entry-level option for landholders who wish to protect the biodiversity on their property but do not wish to enter into a permanent agreement.

A Wildlife Refuge Agreement is a voluntary arrangement between the BCT and the landholder to protect and manage wildlife habitat on an area of land. This can be a good option for landholders who wish to explore how they can become involved in conservation.





How do I apply for an agreement?

Landholders can apply for a Conservation Agreement or a Wildlife Refuge Agreement at any time.

Interested landholders can obtain an Interest Form by calling **1300 992 688**, emailing **info@bct.nsw.gov.au** or making an enquiry through the BCT website **www.bct.nsw.gov.au/make-an-enquiry**.

Conservation Partners Grants

All existing and new agreements holders that do not receive annual conservation management payments from the BCT can apply for Conservation Partners Grants.

Grants can help you maintain the ecological values of your property. For example, you may need funding to manage a weed outbreak or repair a fence to exclude stock.

Grants will open from 30 April 2018.

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