



Next steps for the EOI process for Conservation Tenders in the regions of Central Tablelands and priority Koala Habitat around Port Macquarie

The opportunity to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for a Tender site assessment in the Central Tablelands and Koala Habitat around Port Macquarie closes on 21 May 2018.

The following information is for landholders who submitted an EOI for a site assessment.

If your site is confirmed as eligible at the site assessment, the BCT will work with you to identify an area (or areas) on your property that could be managed for biodiversity conservation and/or preservation of Koala habitat around Port Macquarie, and to develop a conservation management plan for the area.

The BCT will prioritise site assessments based on the date of the EOI (on a first-come, first-served basis). The BCT may not be able to do all assessments requested, depending on the number of EOIs received.

If you have eligible land, you can submit a confidential bid in a Conservation Tender, setting out the annual payments you would like to receive to carry out the conservation management plan.

Bids will be assessed and ranked by value for money.

Key dates in this process:

23 April 2018	Expression of Interest (EOI) for site assessments open.
21 May 2018	Expression of Interest (EOI) for site assessments close. EOIs must be received before 5pm on 21 May 2018. The BCT reserves the right to close the EOI period early if it has a sufficient number of applications.
April/May/June 2018	Site visits for eligible EOIs are conducted on the basis of first-come, first-served from date of receipt of the EOI.
Early – Mid July 2018	Landholders receive Conservation Management Plan and bid form
27 July 2018	This is the last date for landholders to submit their bid to implement the conservation management plan and conservation management actions on their property.
Early August	The landholder bids are assessed by an Assessment Panel.
Early August	The successful and unsuccessful landholders are advised of the outcome of the tender.
Mid-August	Landholders that have successful bids are requested to execute a Conservation Agreement for their land within 14 days. The resulting Conservation Management Payments commence after the Agreement has been registered on the title of the land.