

# Monaro Grasslands Conservation Tender

Photo: Tim McGrath

## What is this program about?

The NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) is calling for expressions of interest from landholders managing grasslands that have high conservation value within the Local Government Area of Snowy Monaro. The BCT is investing in these grassland areas through a conservation tender.

Through this tender, eligible landholders are given the opportunity to set their own price to protect and manage good condition native grasslands on their land. Successful applicants will be those that put forward the highest value grasslands for the best price. Successful bidders will receive annual, ongoing payments for implementing an agreed management plan.

Proposed tender sites must include at least 10 hectares of good condition grassland to be eligible for assessment under the tender process. Expressions of interest will be prioritised with the highest ranking sites offered a site assessment.

## Why are we doing this?

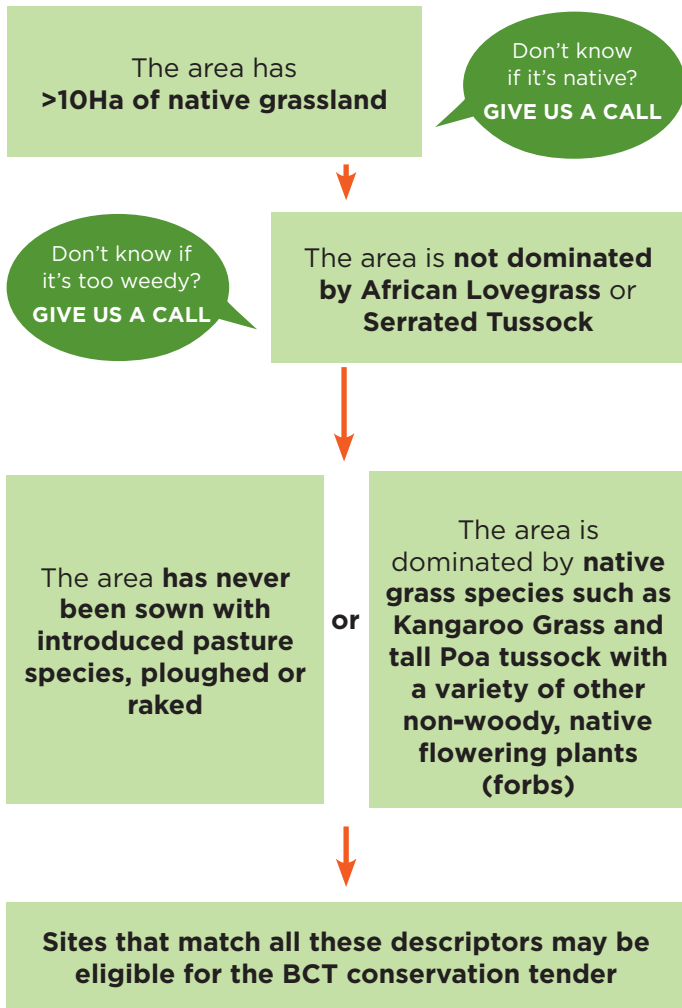
Natural grasslands were formerly widespread in the temperate regions of South-east Australia. Across NSW, very few natural grasslands remain in good condition. These naturally treeless ecosystems are dominated by native grasses like Kangaroo grass and Poa tussocks or in some circumstances, Carex (sedge) tussocks. They have a wide variety of other non-woody flowering plants. These provide habitat for a range of rare species, and are mainly found on private land, which is why landholders can play a critical role in securing the future for grasslands.





Photo: Lorraine Olivier

## What does an eligible site look like?



## Who is the BCT?

The BCT protects and enhances biodiversity in NSW by promoting conservation management on private land. We encourage long-term conservation by supporting landholders in their efforts to manage and enhance biodiversity on their land.



Poa Tussock



Photo: David Eddy

Forbs and Kangaroo Grass

This checklist describes native grasslands that are of interest to the BCT and may be eligible for the grassland conservation tender. The Trust also has a range of other programs available which may be of interest to you. Please check the BCT website for more information and give our team a call if you have any questions.

For more information on how to participate, visit [www.bct.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bct.nsw.gov.au) or phone **1300 992 688**.