

Conservation Partners Program

Do you want to conserve native fauna and flora on your land?

The Conservation Partners Program offers Conservation Agreements or Wildlife Refuge Agreements for landholders to protect and manage their native assets.

Wildlife Refuge Agreements

A Wildlife Refuge Agreement is an option if you wish to protect the biodiversity on your land but do not wish to enter into a permanent agreement. These agreements are for an area of a minimum of **10 hectares**, however slightly smaller properties may be considered by the BCT if they contain very high conservation values or meet other strategic objectives of the Trust.

This can be a good option if you wish to explore how you can become involved in conservation.

Conservation Agreements (in-perpetuity)

A Conservation Agreement is a voluntary agreement between you and the BCT to conserve and manage biodiversity on an area of your land. These agreements are registered on the land title and are binding on subsequent landholders. Properties eligible for a Conservation Agreement should have a minimum **20 hectares** proposed to be managed for biodiversity, however smaller properties may be considered by the BCT if they contain very high conservation values or meet other strategic objectives of the Trust.

This option may suit you if you have areas on your land that are of high conservation value and you wish to ensure those values are protected into the future.



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How do I know if I'm eligible?

The Conservation Partners Program is offered by the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) on sites that contain high conservation values.

These include hosting threatened species or their habitats, threatened ecological communities, over-cleared vegetation types, important wetlands and old growth forests.

If you think your property might be suitable for the Conservation Partners Program, please contact the BCT. We will help you to determine whether your property might be eligible for a site assessment.

Agreements can be entered with any individual, group or corporation that owns land, or leases land from the Crown, that contains high conservation values and meets minimum size and condition requirements.

What are the benefits for landholders?

The Conservation Partners Program ensures landholders with high conservation value land that support native flora and fauna will be protected into the future.

Participating landholders are supported by a Landholder Technical Support Package and can apply for funding from the BCT's Conservation Partners Grants to help maintain the ecological values of the property.

Landholders with 'in-perpetuity' conservation agreements may also benefit from financial concessions and incentives (e.g. exemptions from land tax, and local council rate relief).

How do I find out more information?

More information about the BCT's programs is available on the BCT website:
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