

# North West Plains Conservation Tender

**The NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) is calling for expressions of interest from landholders managing native vegetation within the Local Government Area/s of Moree, Narrabri, Walgett and Gwydir Shires. The BCT is investing in these areas through a conservation tender.**

Through this tender, eligible landholders are given the opportunity to set their own price to protect and manage native vegetation on their land. Bids will be ranked on a best value for money basis. Successful bidders will receive annual, ongoing payments for implementing an agreed management plan.

## **Why are we doing this?**

The BCT was established as part of the NSW Government reforms in mid-2017. We encourage long-term conservation by supporting landholders in their efforts to manage and enhance biodiversity values on their land.

The tender will target native vegetation that is in moderate to good condition and is located within the tender area on the map of this factsheet.

The tender is focussing on the North West Plains because the area contains important remnant vegetation in the some of the least protected areas of NSW.

Less than 0.5 percent of the tender area is represented within the NSW protected area

system, and the area has been identified as a priority for investment in the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Investment Strategy.

Most of the native vegetation is either listed as a Threatened Ecological Community or is a vegetation type that is over-cleared, and native vegetation on private land provides habitat for rare species which have an important role in our natural ecosystems.

The region is also an important agricultural region, used for dry land cropping, irrigation, dry land cropping and the production of beef cattle.

The tender provides for you an opportunity to secure an additional revenue stream to conserve and manage native vegetation and biodiversity on your land.

## **How do I know if I am eligible?**

To be eligible for this tender, the part of your land that you wish to have considered for conservation needs to:

- I be within the tender area shown on the map on this factsheet
- I have a minimum size of 10 hectares of native vegetation
- I have native vegetation that is in moderate to good condition (this will be determined by the BCT during the site assessment)



## How do I participate?

You can apply to participate by sending a completed Expression of Interest form to the BCT via [info@bct.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@bct.nsw.gov.au) or call the BCT on **1300 992 688**. The form can be found on the BCT website.

Expressions of Interest must be received by **5pm Friday 9th November 2018**.

Expressing an interest in the program does not create a binding obligation to proceed with participating in the program.

Once the EOI period closes, EOIs will be prioritised for site assessment with the highest-ranking sites offered a site visit. At the site visit, the BCT will confirm eligibility to participate in the tender and the values of your site will be quantified. BCT field staff and ecologists will work with you to identify the potential conservation area and agreement management actions.

A separate EOI is required for land that is owned by different legal entities.

## 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. The BCT program provides a unique opportunity to secure an additional revenue stream to conserve and manage native vegetation and biodiversity on your land.

## Where can I get more information?

Visit the BCT website: [www.bct.nsw.org.au](http://www.bct.nsw.org.au).

Call us on **1300 992 688**.



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