

## Types of private land conservation agreements

What they are:

### Voluntary Conservation Agreements and Wildlife Refuges

These agreements are **without annual funding** but agreement-holders may be eligible for **grant funding**. Wildlife Refuges are entry-level as they are not permanent while Voluntary Conservation Agreements are on-title, and in-perpetuity or for a pre-agreed fixed term.

### Funded Conservation Agreements (Tenders and Fixed Price Offer)

Landholders with these agreements receive **annual funding** to manage the biodiversity on their land. Applicants must be within the identified area to be eligible. These are on-title, and either in-perpetuity or for a pre-agreed fixed term.

### Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements

Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements are used for landholders wishing to generate and sell biodiversity credits under the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme. They provide permanent conservation and management of the biodiversity values on the land. Landholders receive annual funding to manage the biodiversity on their land and may earn a profit from the profits generated from selling credits.

**Every landholder who enters into an agreement with the BCT will be offered a range of assistance and support options.**

Key Features:

These agreements allow the permanent or fixed-term protection of a site even when the property is sold or passed on. Wildlife Refuges protect biodiversity on land without the need for a permanent agreement.

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Permanent protection of a site even when the property is sold.

Can apply for grants for specific management actions.

Landholders receive annual funding for the management of their agreed conservation area.

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Generate biodiversity credits which can be sold or used when considering development.

## Mechanisms through our agreements

### Conservation Tenders

- Conservation Tenders are used in priority investment areas.
- These areas are chosen where biodiversity is poorly represented in the NSW reserve system.
- The BCT hopes to stimulate interest in private land conservation in these areas.
- Refer to Conservation Tender Brochures for Priority Areas and FAQ for more information.

### Fixed Price Offers

- In the areas least protected in NSW, the BCT will offer a fixed conservation management payment (\$/ha/year) for landholders who are in priority investment areas 1 to 3 and have high conservation value land to enter a conservation agreement.

### Conservation Partners Grants

- Agreement holders that do not receive annual conservation management payments are eligible to apply for grants.
- Grants are offered to assist in managing and conserving biodiversity on land.

- Grants can be of assistance to landholders to maintain the ecological values of their properties.
- For example, a landholder may need funding to manage a weed outbreak or to repair a fence to exclude neighbouring stock.

### Landholders Support

- Technical advice, assistance and practical support will be available to help landholders implement management actions in agreements.
- Advice on plants, animals, weeds.
- Access to a network of other landholders.

- Regular newsletters and updates.
- Assistance with site monitoring.
- Receiving information about ongoing funds and offers.
- Field days, meetings and workshops.
- Education and capacity building.
- Linking with other natural resource management agencies or groups (e.g. Local Land Services, Landcare).

**For more information on how these apply in your area and to talk through your options, contact us using the details at the bottom of this page.**