

Landholder Technical Support

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The Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) supports landholders to better manage biodiversity on their land.

Our regional staff work in partnership with landholders across NSW to establish and manage private land conservation agreements. These agreements are backed by a range of technical, financial and practical support.

We encourage landholders who have identified areas of their property they'd like to manage for biodiversity values, to contact the BCT. We can work with you to shape an agreement that meets your unique needs and vision for your land.

We recognise that effective private land conservation does not start and end with an agreement.

The BCT provides an active and practical program of support to existing and new agreement landholders. We are genuinely interested in assisting with advice on conservation management

issues, including identification of species, technical guidance on management options, and monitoring the ecological outcomes achieved.

There are a range of practical ways that BCT will support and assist people with private land conservation agreements:

- ▮ access to landholder support staff and ecologists who can provide advice on plants, animals, weeds, pest animals and management techniques relevant to your area
- ▮ links to groups and organisations involved in conservation management
- ▮ invitations to workshops and local field days on topics such as weed control, surveys for native animals or sustainable grazing where you can meet with other conservation landholders in your region

- | regular newsletters (online or by post) sharing updates and opportunities
- | access to resources through our website

Landholder technical support includes opportunities for site visits, ongoing telephone support, and invitations to field days and workshops to share skills and knowledge.

Landholders with conservation agreements will be able to apply for conservation partners grants for management activities that are not already being funded. Subject to satisfying eligibility criteria, agreement holders will be able to apply for yearly or multi-year grants to assist with management actions such as weed control

Landholder support officers will be keen to share in the discovery of a new species of plant, monitor and celebrate a reduction in weeds, or to just have a cup of tea and conversation around potential challenges or successes in managing your conservation area.

Landholders with the following agreements will receive technical support from the BCT:

- | Wildlife refuge agreements
- | Conservation agreements
- | Biodiversity stewardship agreements
- | Trust agreements
- | Registered property agreements
- | Biobanking agreements

There are many benefits to landholders from entering conservation agreements. We also recognise that these benefits extend far beyond a property boundary, providing gains for the whole NSW community. We are committed to working alongside landholders who have conservation agreements, to support their valuable efforts and maximise the conservation outcomes they can achieve.

If you have specific questions or ideas please get in touch using the contact details at the bottom of this page.