Biodiversity Conservation Trust

Expression of Interest Form

Site Assessment – Central West Rivers Conservation Tender

November 2019

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NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust
PO Box A290
Sydney South, NSW 1232

Email: info@bct.nsw.gov.au
Phone: 1300 992 688.

Central West Rivers Conservation Tender

The Biodiversity Conservation Trust is inviting expressions of interest (EOIs) to participate in a conservation tender. This tender is targeting native vegetation within eligible areas of the Warren, Coonamble, Narromine, Gilgandra and Bogan Local Government Areas. EOIs must be submitted by midnight on Friday 29th November 2019 to be eligible for consideration.

Important information for landholders

Submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) is the first step to take if you are interested in participating in a BCT conservation tender.

Once the EOI period closes, EOIs will be prioritised for site assessment with the highest-ranking sites offered a site visit. Following the site visit, the BCT will confirm eligibility to participate in the tender and the values of your site will be quantified. It does not mean that you are obliged to submit a bid or participate in the program further.

Proposed tender sites must include at least one 30 hectare patch of native vegetation in moderate to good condition to be eligible for assessment under the tender program.

A separate expression of interest is required for each property[1] or for each parcel of land that is owned by separate legal entities. The BCT reserves the right to limit site assessments for properties owned by the same legal entity.

The BCT also reserves the right to extend the EOI period or close it early if a large number of EOIs for site visits are received.

Please complete the information requested as accurately as possible, and contact the BCT if you require assistance filling out this form

For more information about the Conservation Tender you can call the Central West regional team on **1300 992 688** or visit the BCT website at **www.bct.nsw.gov.au.**

Lodging your Expression of Interest Form

Send a completed EOI form via **info@bct.nsw.gov.au** or call the BCT on **1300 992 688** to lodge your interest.
Or post to:
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Sydney South NSW 1232

[1] BCT defines a property according to the description provided by the Valuer General for the purposes of land taxation and council rates and is identified by a single property ID number as shown on your annual council rates certificate.

Contact and property details

Landholder[2](s) full names	
Property owner[3](s) (if different from above)	
ABN/ACN	
Property address	
Postal address (if different from property address)	
Contact phone numbers	
Email address	
Local Government Area	
Approximate Property Size (ha)	
Lot and DP numbers of property (as shown on a Council Rates Notice)	
Proposed conservation area size (ha)	
Lot and DP numbers of proposed conservation area (as shown on a Council Rates Notice)	
What best describes your property?	**freehold** ☐ **leasehold** ☐ If leasehold please specify:
Preferred method of contact? (and time)	
How did you hear about us?	**internet** ☐ **letter/mailout** ☐ **workshop** ☐ **social media** ☐ **word of mouth** ☐ **other (please specify):** ☐

[2] *Landholder* means a person who is the owner of land or who, whether by reason of ownership or otherwise, is in lawful occupation or possession, or has lawful management or control, of land (s1.6 *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 NSW*).

[3] *Owner* of land includes: (a) every person who, either at law or in equity: (i) is entitled to the land for any estate of freehold in possession, or (ii) is a person to whom the Crown has lawfully contracted to sell the land under the Crown Lands Act 1989 or any other Act relating to the alienation of lands of the Crown, or (iii) is entitled to receive, or is in receipt of, or if the land were let to a tenant would be entitled to receive, the rents and profits in respect of the land, whether as beneficial owner, trustee, mortgagee in possession or otherwise, and (b) a person who leases land under the Crown Lands Act 1989, the Crown Lands (Continued Tenures) Act 1989 or the Western Lands Act 1901, and (c) any other person who, under the regulations, is taken to be the owner of the land, but (unless the regulations otherwise provide) does not include a beneficiary of a trust relating to the land (s1.6 *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 NSW* s.1.6).

Do any of the following agreements apply to the proposed conservation area:

Conservation Agreement under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974?*	Yes ☐	No ☐
Conservation Agreement under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016?*	Yes ☐	No ☐
Trust Agreement under *Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001?*	Yes ☐	No ☐
Registered Property Agreement under the *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997*?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Property Vegetation Plan or an offset or set-aside requirement?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Carbon agreement or a private native forestry agreement?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Catchment Management Authority or Local Land Services Management Agreement?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Do you have other covenants, caveats, agreements or restrictions on title	Yes ☐	No ☐

If you have answered yes to any of the above, please provide **name of the Agreement/requirement** and the **Agreement reference number:**

What types of activity would you like to continue in the conservation area?

Please describe future land use

Are you interested in regular updates from the BCT on other programs and opportunities?

If so, tick yes below to be added to a BCT distribution list to receive updates and e-newsletters in the future.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Landholder 1 Signature (type full name) Date

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Landholder 2 Signature (type full name) Date

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Landholder 3 Signature (type full name) Date

In signing this EOI form I confirm that I meet the eligible entity requirements as set out in section 9 of the Landholder Guide. I also confirm that I am not a close family member of any BCT staff or BCT Board member or contractor engaged by the BCT.