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Biodiversity Conservation Trust Biodiversity stewardship agreement

Expression of interest | March 2020

What is a biodiversity stewardship agreement expression of interest?

Submission of an expression of interest (EOI) is one of the first steps you can take if you are considering establishing a biodiversity stewardship agreement (BSA) on your property.

BSA EOI's list information about the location of your property and the vegetation and species that might generate biodiversity credits. EOI's are recorded on the Biodiversity Offset Scheme [Credit Supply Register](#). This public register is managed by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

A BSA EOI may provide:

- Landholders with an indication of potential credit demand and potential access to buyers who may be able to assist in developing a BSA on your land in exchange for future credit purchases.
- Credit purchasers with contacts for potential credit sources and an indication of the potential credit supply.

What information do I need to submit an EOI?

Submitting a BSA EOI does not carry any obligations and is free of charge to upload to the Credit Supply Register. However, you may need to consult with an accredited assessor or ecologist to gather the biodiversity information needed to complete the EOI form. It is likely you will need to pay a small fee for their services. It is important that the information submitted is correct, as prospective credit purchasers will often need to match a particular vegetation type or threatened species to meet their biodiversity offset obligations.

To submit a BSA EOI you will need to know the following information about your property:

- **Property size** (in hectares)
- **Lot and Deposited Plan numbers**
- **IBRA Region and Sub-Region**
 - Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia is the national and regional planning framework for identifying bioregions.
 - The [SEED database](#) has a map layer where you can search the IBRA Region and Subregion for your property.
- To list **ecosystem credits**, you will need to provide information about the native vegetation on your property
 - This involves listing the **Plant Community Types (PCT)** present on your property, the PCT number and estimated area (in hectares) that each PCT covers.
 - PCT is a classification system used to identify vegetation communities in NSW. It is maintained by the department and can be accessed through the [BioNet Vegetation](#)

Classification application. This provides a list of all the current PCT names and their identification numbers.

- To assist with identifying PCTs, you can access the State Vegetation Type Map (SVTM) which is being developed by the department to represent the distribution of Plant Community Types across NSW.
- To list **species credits** you will need to provide the names of **threatened species** on your property and estimated area (in hectares) that they are found.
 - The department maintains a threatened species profile database which you can use to search for the scientific names and locations of threatened species in NSW

How do I submit an EOI?

BSA EOIs are submitted through the Biodiversity Offset and Agreement Management System (BOAMS).

EOI's can be submitted by:

- Yourself - directly through BOAMS,
- Your accredited assessor - directly through BOAMS, or
- You can complete the attached BSA EOI form and submit this to the BCT to upload it BOAMS on your behalf.

BSA EOI forms can be sent to the BCT using one of the following methods:

- **Electronically – via email** info@bct.nsw.gov.au
- **By post – addressed to:**

NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust

Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta NSW 2124

What information is shown on the Credit Supply Register?

Once submitted through BOAMS your EOI is listed on the Credit Supply Register for a period of 12 months (you may request a longer period if necessary). The following information is listed on the register:

- your preferred contact details*
- the biodiversity credits the BSA site may generate
- the Local Government Area the property is in
- the size of the proposed BSA site.

*You will be able to choose whether your email address will be publicly available on the register and whether you want the BCT to receive enquiries on your behalf.

If you need help completing the BSA EOI forms, please contact the BCT on 1300 992 688 or at info@bct.nsw.gov.au.

Biodiversity stewardship agreement expression of interest form

Landholder details

Title	Mr	Ms	Miss	Mrs	Dr
Last name					
First name					
Company					
ABN/ACN					
Address					
Suburb/Town					
State		Postcode			
Phone		Email			
Contact for EOI enquiries or notifications					
Name					
Phone		Mobile			
Fax		Email			
Preferred contact to be displayed on the Biodiversity Offset Scheme Credit Supply Register (tick one box only)					
Landholder contact for EOI enquiries or notifications*					<input type="checkbox"/>
BCT to receive initial inquiries from potential buyers and forward these to the landowner					<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration of EOI display on the Biodiversity Offset Scheme credit supply public register					
How long would you like your BSA EOI displayed on the credit supply public register? (Note: Default duration of one year is used if no alternative is provided).					

*Note: Designated email address will be displayed on the Credit Supply Register. To protect your privacy, we advise you to provide an email address that does not include your name. If you do not have email, you can select to use the BCT email address. Our privacy policy is available on our website www.bct.nsw.gov.au.

Property details of proposed BSA site

Property name			
Property address			
Town			
State		Postcode	
Approx. area (hectares)		Lot and DP	
Local government area (LGA)			
IBRA Bioregion subregion			
IBRA Sub-region			

Vegetation communities found on the proposed BSA site

To list potential ecosystem credits on the Credit Supply Register, provide a list of the types of vegetation on your property by Plant Community Type (PCT) and the area covered.

PCT ID Number	PCT Name	Estimated Area (ha)
<i>e.g. 1588</i>	<i>e.g. Grey Ironbark - Broad-leaved Mahogany - Forest Red Gum shrubby open forest on Coastal Lowlands of the Central Coast</i>	<i>e.g. 3</i>

Threatened species found on the proposed BSA site

To list potential species credits on the Credit Supply Register, provide a list of the threatened species that are present on your property.

Common name	Scientific name	Estimated Area (ha)
<i>e.g. Koala</i>	<i>e.g. Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	<i>e.g. 5</i>

Signature(s) of proposed biodiversity stewardship site owner(s)

All landholders must sign the BSA EOI form. If the landholder is an organisation or company, at least two people (e.g. Director and a Director/Secretary) must sign the form.

By signing this form, I indicated that I am interested in establishing a biodiversity stewardship site on my property and understand that submitting an EOI does not carry any rights or obligations. I agree to the information provided here (except for my personal details) being posted on Credit Supply Register.

Signature		Signature	
Name		Name	
Position		Position	
Date		Date	