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# Biodiversity Conservation Trust

## Expression of Interest Form

Site assessment – fixed price offers | August 2020

### How your information will be managed

Information received in an Expression of Interest or an application is treated as confidential. However, documents held by the BCT are subject to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) (GIPA Act). This means that the information contained in this form may be released in response to an application lodged under the GIPA Act.

The BCT is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information, in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW). Personal information provided on this form is collected for the purpose of administering the BCT's Conservation Management Program, and consideration of your eligibility for the BCT's other programs and future opportunities. The BCT will not use it for any other purpose, nor will it be disclosed, unless with your consent or in other circumstances where such use or disclosure is permitted under the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*. You may choose not to provide your personal information to BCT. However, this may mean that it is not possible for the BCT to assess your Expression of Interest. For information about how your personal information is collected, used and disclosed by the BCT, please see the privacy policy available at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/whoweare/privacy.htm>. You can ask to access or amend your personal information held by the BCT by contacting:

### NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust

Locked Bag 5022  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Email: [info@bct.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@bct.nsw.gov.au)  
Phone: 1300 992 688

# Fixed Price Offers

The Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) is inviting expressions of interest (EOIs) to participate in the BCT fixed price offers. See the BCT fixed price offers webpage for details about the next EOI assessment <https://www.bct.nsw.gov.au/fixed-price-offers>.

## Important information for landholders

**Submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) is the first step to take if you are interested in participating in the BCT fixed price offer.**

When an EOI assessment takes place, the BCT will prioritise EOIs 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 fixed price offer and the values of your site will be quantified. Accepting a site visit does not commit you to participating in the program.

To be eligible, proposed sites must be in the eligible area (refer to fixed price offer maps) and contain:

### Central - Eastern NSW

- a minimum of 50ha of native vegetation that supports threatened species habitat; or
- a minimum of 20ha of a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC); or
- an important wetland shown on the Directory of Important Wetlands of Australia, including Ramsar wetlands.

### Western NSW (Western Land Division)

- a minimum of 500ha native vegetation that supports threatened species habitat; or
- a minimum of 20ha of Threatened Ecological Community (TEC), or
- an important wetland shown on the Directory of Important Wetlands of Australia, including Ramsar wetlands

BCT staff will confirm the presence and condition of these conservation assets if you are prioritised for a site assessment. The conservation assets must be in moderate to good condition.

A separate expression of interest is required for each property<sup>1</sup> 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.

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 fixed price offer can call the BCT on **1300 992 688** or visit the BCT website at [www.bct.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bct.nsw.gov.au).

## Lodging your Expression of Interest Form

Send a completed EOI form via [info@bct.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@bct.nsw.gov.au) or call the BCT on **1300 992 688** to lodge your interest.

Or post to:

**NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust  
Locked Bag 5022  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124**

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup> (s) full names	
Property owner <sup>3</sup> (s) (if different from above)	
ABN/CAN	
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)	
<p><b>The proposed conservation area includes:</b></p> <p>____ ha of native vegetation</p> <p>____ ha of threatened ecological community (TEC) it known. Specify name/ if known:</p> <p>____ ha of an important wetland. Specify name/s if known:</p> <p>Note: the BCT will confirm eligibility at site assessment</p>	
Lot and DP numbers of proposed conservation area	
What best describes your property?	<p>freehold <input type="checkbox"/> leasehold <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If leasehold please specify:</p> <p>If Western Lands Lease, have you applied to freehold? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Preferred method of contact? (and time)	

<sup>2</sup> 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*).

<sup>3</sup> Under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* an '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 Land Management Act 2016* 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 Land Management Act 2016*, 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.

<b>How did you hear about us?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internet</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>social media</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>letter/mailout</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>word of mouth</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>workshop</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>other (please specify):</b>
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**Do one of the following agreements apply to the proposed conservation area:**

- Conservation Agreement under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*? 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 project/agreement or a private native forestry 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 any **reference number**:

**How would you best describe the management history of the proposed conservation area?**

Please **tick** the most relevant description. If there are parts of the proposed conservation area that differ in history, please enter these areas separately and estimate their respective area in hectares.

Not grazed by livestock in the last 15 years	Not grazed by livestock in the last 5 years, but grazed within the last 15 years	Grazed by livestock within the last 5 years	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hectares	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares

Not fertilised in the last 15 years	Fertilised 1-2 times in the last 15 years	Fertilised 3 or more times in the last 15 years	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hectares	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares

Not cultivated* in the last 15 years	Cultivated* 1-2 times in the last 15 years	Cultivated* 3 or more times in the last 15 years	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hectares	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares

\*cultivated = use of ripper, plough, rake or harrow

Not logged or used for commercial firewood collection in the last 15 years	Not logged or used for commercial firewood collection in the last 5 years - but has been within the last 15 years	Logged or used for commercial firewood collection within the last 5 years	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hectares	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares

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

Please describe future land use. If you would like to graze in the conservation area please indicate the type of livestock (e.g cattle, merino sheep).

**What invasive plants species are present in the proposed conservation area?**

Please **tick** the box that best describes the abundance of this plant

Name of invasive plant/s	Absent	A small number of scattered individual plants	A few dense patches across the area	One of the more common plant species across the area	Don't know
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**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      Landholder (Print)      Date

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Landholder 2 Signature      Landholder (Print)      Date

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Landholder 3 Signature      Landholder (Print)      Date

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Landholder 4 Signature      Landholder (Print)      Date

*In signing this EOI form I confirm that I meet the eligible entity requirements as set out in section 10 of the Landholder Guide to Fixed Price Offers.*

*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.*