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Biodiversity Conservation Trust Expression of Interest Form

Site Assessment – Snow Gum Woodland and Grassland Conservation Tender

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Snow Gum Woodland and Grassland Conservation Tender

The Biodiversity Conservation Trust is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to participate in a conservation tender. This tender is targeting moderate to good condition Snow Gum Woodland and native grassland within the Queanbeyan Palerang, Goulburn Mulwaree, Yass Valley and Upper Lachlan local government areas. EOIs must be submitted by **midnight on 16th October 2020** 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.

The BCT will undertake a desktop assessment to ensure that your site is located within the tender area and meets the minimum size requirements. EOIs may then be prioritised with the highest-ranking sites offered a site assessment. If your site is ineligible to participate in the tender, the BCT will contact you to discuss alternate options that you may wish to consider.

If you make an EOI over the phone, and you are prioritised for a site assessment, a BCT field officer will bring a record of the EOI to the site visit and you will be asked to confirm the details.

Registration of an EOI does not mean that you are required to submit a bid, however, it ensures that your site will be assessed for eligibility.

The BCT reserves the right to extend the EOI period or close the EOI period early if a sufficient number of applications are received.

Please consult the Snow Gum Woodland and Grasslands Conservation Tender Landholder Guide available on the [BCT website](#) for rules on eligible sites and eligible entities.

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 South East 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:

NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust

Private Locked Bag 5023

PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Contact and property details

Landholder ¹ (s) full names	
Property owner ² (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)	
Property number <i>You can find your property number:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on your <i>Notice of Valuation</i>. • on your <i>land tax assessment from Revenue NSW</i>. • by conducting a <u>title reference enquiry</u> if you know your title reference. • by conducting a <u>property address enquiry</u> if you know your property address. 	
Proposed conservation area size (ha)	
Estimate of area of Snow Gum woodland and/or native grassland within the proposed conservation area. Refer to the <u>Snow Gum Woodland and Grassland tender fact sheet</u> for a description of these communities	
Please attach a map of your property with the proposed conservation area marked. Contact the BCT if you require assistance with this step.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a map of my proposed conservation area

¹ Section 1.6(1) of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 defines a landholder to mean 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.

² Section 1.6(1) of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 defines an owner of land to include: (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.

Lot and DP numbers of proposed conservation area (as shown on a Council Rates Notice) <i>The interactive map on the BCT website may assist with identifying Lot and DP numbers</i>	
What best describes your property?	freehold <input type="checkbox"/> leasehold <input type="checkbox"/>
Preferred method of contact? (and time)	
How did you hear about us?	

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 weed species are present in the proposed conservation area?

	Yes	No	Don't know
The ground cover layer is made up of mostly native species. <i>Ground cover means grasses and other plants that are generally below shin height</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tick the box that best describes the abundance of the relevant weed species. List other species if required.

Name of invasive plant/s	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
<i>African Lovegrass</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Serrated Tussock</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How would you best describe the management history of the native grassland/Snow Gum woodland within 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 parts separately and estimate their respective area in 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
Application of fertiliser within the proposed conservation area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares

	Not cultivated* in the last 15 years	Cultivated* once in the last 15 years.	Cultivated* more than once in the last 15 years	Don't know
Cultivation within the proposed conservation area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares

*Cultivated = use of ripper, plough, rake or harrow.

	Don't know	Never	Occasionally	Regularly	Continuously
Has the proposed conservation area been grazed by domestic stock over the last 5 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No	Don't know
Were Snow Gums previously present but now absent from the proposed conservation area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Before hearing about this tender, what were your plans for the proposed conservation area over the next 15 years?

I have no specific plans for the proposed conservation area

I am considering future management options for the proposed conservation area

Please tick relevant categories below. Multiple options can be selected.

Future management	Definitely	Possibly	Not sure	Highly unlikely	Not at all likely
Regular grazing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultivate/renovate the paddock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear the land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manage for conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subdivide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sell the property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):					

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 Signature Landholder (Print) Date

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In signing this EOI form I confirm that I am the owner of the land in question and that I am an Australian citizen.

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.

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:

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