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# Biodiversity Conservation Trust

## Biodiversity Credit Open Fixed Price Offer

**Application form** | November 2020

## **Use this form to apply to sell biodiversity credits to the BCT.**

Information on the biodiversity credits open fixed price offer (Open FPO) can be found in the [participant guide](#) (the Guide) on the BCT's website.

### **Who can apply?**

The Open FPO is available to:

- owners of credits created under the current Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (termed BAM credits);  
or
- owners of credits created under the former BioBanking Scheme (termed BBAM credits) and have obtained a [statement of reasonable credit equivalence](#) to determine the equivalent number of BAM credits; or
- landholders who are interested in establishing a biodiversity stewardship agreement (BSA) and have obtained either a [feasibility assessment](#), or a [business case](#) from an accredited assessor, or have applied for a BSA.

Applicants must have a GST registered ABN to proceed with a credit sale.

BCT staff and Board members (and their close family members) are not eligible to apply.

### **Submitting an application**

Applications are to be sent by email to: [info@bct.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@bct.nsw.gov.au) with '**Biodiversity credit open FPO**' in the subject line.

Applications must be accompanied by all required supporting information (refer to Section C).

## APPLICATION DETAILS

### A Applicant details

Applicant contact name	
Phone number	
Email address	

### B Credit owner details

Section B is to be completed by owners of existing credits.

Proceed to section C if you are a landholder proposing to establish a BSA.

Name of credit owner/s (as identified on credit ownership report)	
Credit holding ID (for BBAM credits, enter the 'credit owner ID')	
BOAMS customer number (enter 'NA' if you own BBAM credits)	

Proceed to Section D.

### C Landholder details

Section C is to be completed by landholders proposing to establish a BSA.

Name of landholder/s (as identified on land title)	
Lot / DP(s)	
Property address (Property for proposed BSA)	

Proceed to Section D.

## D Supporting information

The application must be submitted with the following information (tick to indicate if attached):

Applicant	Documents required for this applicant	
Owner of BAM credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity credit report</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner of BBAM credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credit ownership report</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Statement of reasonable credit equivalence</u></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landholder proposing a BSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Either a <u>feasibility assessment</u>,</li> <li>or if available, a <u>business case</u>,</li> <li>or if available, a BSSAR</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Reports may be redacted to remove any commercially sensitive information.

## E Credits available for sale to the BCT

Enter the subregion and site where the credits were created:

<b>Subregion</b>	Eg. Cumberland
<b>Agreement ID</b> (Biobank or BSA number)	447

Enter below the BAM credits that are available for sale. If you own BBAM credits, then enter information on the equivalent BAM credits from the statement of reasonable credit equivalence.

For landholders, expected BAM credit information will be provided in your feasibility assessment

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Credit ID <sup>1,2</sup>	Credit type ID <sup>3</sup>	Offset Trading Group	Hollow-Bearing Tree status <sup>4</sup>	Number of BAM - equivalent credits available for sale
Enter 'NA' for proposed BSA	Enter PCT code or Species code		Enter 'Present', 'Absent' or 'NA'	
Eg; 3145	849	Cumberland plain woodland	Present	45
3170	10635	Planigale maculate (Common planigale)	NA	23

Notes:

- The credit ID is the unique number assigned to each parcel of credits created at a BSA site. Enter 'NA' if you are a landholder proposing a BSA.
- Credit type ID is the unique number assigned to a plant community type (PCT) for an ecosystem credit or to a threatened species for a species credit.

- Hollow-Bearing Tree status is either 'Present' or 'Absent' for ecosystem credits, or 'NA' for species credits.

## DECLARATION

*I declare that, to the best of my knowledge:*

- the credits identified in Section D are available for purchase by the BCT. If I am a landholder proposing a BSA then, to the best of my knowledge, these credits will be available for purchase when the BSA is established.
- all eligibility requirements to apply for the Open FPO are met;
- I have prepared my application based on my own research and independent advice, and I have not relied upon any representations made by BCT staff or delivery agents;
- where the credit owner or landholder is an organization or comprises of more than one entity, I have authority to complete this form on behalf of the organization or, if more than one entity, on behalf of all entities; and
- the information provided on this form is complete and correct.
- I have read the Guide.

*I agree and acknowledge that:*

- I give permission for the BCT to have access to any information that is held by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and the BCT that is required by the BCT to verify the ownership and attributes of the credits that are the subject of this application.
- the BCT has the right to revoke its acceptance of my application if it is discovered that any statement made by me in this form is incorrect, incomplete or misleading, in a way that may have affected the decision to commit to purchase my biodiversity credits.
- I have the right to decline an offer by the BCT to purchase my biodiversity credits, based on this application.

If the registered credit owner or landholder is an organisation or comprises of more than one entity, then a person who has authority should sign on behalf of the organisation or other entities.

<b>Signature of credit owner or of landholder:</b>	(Tick if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of the credit owner or landholder:</b>	
<b>Print name:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

## DETAILS

### No legal relationship

This application form does not create any legal relationship and is not a recommendation, offer or invitation to enter into a legal relationship, contract, agreement or other arrangement in respect of the goods or services the subject of this application. There will be no binding agreement between the applicant(s) and the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (NSW) (BCT) until a Credit Sale Agreement has been issued by the BCT and signed by the applicant(s).

Nothing in this application or in the consideration of the application obliges the BCT to enter into any agreement with the applicant(s), creates a “process contract” or other implied contract, obliges the BCT to consider or accept any application, or stops the BCT from considering a non-conforming application, or prevents the BCT from changing the way it manages the Open FPO program (Program) or evaluates applications.

Without limiting the foregoing, the Guide is a policy only and does not give rise to any legally enforceable obligations on the part of the BCT.

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You can ask to access or amend your personal information held by the BCT by contacting the BCT via email: [info@bct.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@bct.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 992 688.

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