

# Biodiversity Credit

## Open fixed price offer

### A simple and direct way to sell biodiversity credits to the BCT.

#### What is the biodiversity credit open fixed price offer and how does it work?

The biodiversity credit open fixed price offer (Open FPO) is one of the delivery mechanisms used by the BCT to obtain biodiversity credits. It provides a simple and direct way for participants to sell biodiversity credits to the BCT.

It will be available on a continuing basis for all credits on the BCT's Wanted Credits List and applications will operate on a 'first in' basis.

The BCT will offer applicants a price for their credits upon submission of an application.

The application must demonstrate that the applicant either has existing credits wanted by the BCT, or that they have the capacity to generate those credits by entering into a biodiversity stewardship agreement (BSA) on their property.

By participating in the Open FPO, landholders looking to set up a BSA will have the BCT as a committed buyer of credits before proceeding with a full site assessment.

#### What biodiversity credits are being sought?

The credits wanted by the BCT are represented by the biodiversity credit

classes listed in the BCT's Wanted Credit List. This list identifies the number of credits that are wanted by the BCT. The list is based on the obligations received by the BCT. The list will be updated on the first Wednesday of every second month (bi-monthly).

#### Who is eligible for an offer?

The Open FPO is open to applicants who:

- own existing credits created under the current Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (termed BAM credits); or
- own existing 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
- are landholders and have obtained either a feasibility assessment or business case from an accredited assessor (or have submitted a BSA application).

All biodiversity credit owners or prospective BSA landholders that meet these requirements will be able to participate in the Open FPO.

**Tip: If you have BBAM credits then allow sufficient time to obtain a statement of reasonable equivalence before applying.**

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### How do I participate?

The steps to participate in the Open FPO are detailed below:

Credit Owner	Landholder
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Existing credit owners apply to sell credits to the BCT.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Interested landholders apply to sell credits to the BCT. A feasibility assessment is required as a minimum level of information.</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. BCT checks applications and makes offers on a 'first in' basis. If an offer is refused or does not progress, then an offer is made to the next applicant.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. BCT checks applications and makes offers on a 'first in' basis. If an offer is refused or does not progress, then an offer is made to the next applicant.</li></ol>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Applicant and the BCT enter into a credit sale agreement.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Landholders submit a business case within three months of BCT's offer date. This provides evidence that the wanted credits are likely to be created.</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Credit purchase proceeds in accordance with the credit sale agreement.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Landholder and the BCT enter into a credit sale agreement.</li></ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Landholder submits a BSA application. BCT reviews application and works with landholder to establish the BSA.</li></ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>8. Credit purchase proceeds in accordance with the credit sale agreement.</li></ol>

**Tip: Please note that existing credit owners don't need to submit a feasibility assessment or business case to sell credits to the BCT through this mechanism. This requirement only applies to prospective BSA landholders.**

### What are my options if I do not accept the BCT's offer?

If you're an existing credit owner or landholder and you decide not to accept the BCT's offer (or your application is refused), you can:

- Re-apply at any time. The BCT's offer price for wanted credits may change over time and you can re-apply as often as you like. Your application will be considered based on the new application date.
- Submit a bid for the BCT's statewide biodiversity credit tender. Tenders are regularly held and are available for either all wanted credits or a subset of these credits. The tender is a competitive process and the BCT may accept bid prices that are either above or below that offered in the Open FPO.

### How do I find out more?

For further information, please visit the BCT's website [www.bct.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bct.nsw.gov.au)

The website contains a participants guide for the Open FPO.

Additional information can also be sought by contacting [info@bct.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@bct.nsw.gov.au).