

Biodiversity Conservation Trust Act and regulations

BCIS Purpose:

To guide investment in biodiversity conservation in NSW, and guide the Biodiversity Conservation Trust's prioritisation of government investment in private land conservation

BCIS Objective:

To optimise biodiversity outcomes at bioregional and state scales

BCIS sub-objectives:

- Improve protection and conservation of the least protected ecosystems
- Improve landscape connectivity and build resilience to climate change
- Work towards establishing a comprehensive, adequate and representative (CAR) protected area system across public and private land
- Generate regional socio-economic benefits from landholders managing their land for conservation outcomes
- Maximise benefits across other government programs, priorities and investments in biodiversity conservation

BCIS 5-year targets:

- By 2022, private land conservation agreements will protect examples of 30 NSW Landscapes* that are either not represented within, or are inadequately protected in, the protected area system (comprising both public and private protected areas) in 2017.
- By 2022, diversified incomes streams will improve the financial sustainability of participating landholders relative to similar local businesses.

BCIS 20-year targets:

- By 2037, private land conservation agreements will protect examples of 90 NSW Landscapes* which are either not represented within, or are inadequately protected in, the protected area system (comprising both public and private protected areas) in 2022.
- By 2037, diversified income and investment streams will improve the financial sustainability of regional and rural communities.

VISION

BCT Business Plan 2017/18 – 2020/21

to maximise the biodiversity conservation outcomes achieved with the public and private resources entrusted to the BCT to support private land conservation, to deliver a healthy, productive and resilient environment across NSW.

PURPOSE

Strategic Goal 1:

Encourage landowners to enter agreements to conserve biodiversity and support productive landscapes.

Strategic Goal 2:

Deliver a strategic biodiversity offsetting service.

Strategic Goal 3:

Support our landholders to conserve biodiversity on their land.

Strategic Goal 4:

Promote public knowledge, appreciation and understanding of the value of biodiversity conservation.

Strategic Goal 5:

Invest in our people to build an engaged, professional, customer-oriented and high-performing organisation, focused on achieving the BCT's purpose.

INPUTS

Programs and strategies

- Private Land Conservation Programs
- Biodiversity Offsets Program

- Communications & Engagement
- Technical support
- Grants to existing landholders

- Education
- Landholder technical support
- Philanthropy
- Research

- Governance framework
- Internal management
- Compliance policy

OUTPUTS

Strategic Measures - KPIs

- 1.1 New private land conservation agreements
- 1.2 Land protected in new conservation agreements
- 1.3 Investment in new conservation agreements

- 2.1 New Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements
- 2.2 Land protected and biodiversity credits generated under BSAs
- 2.3 Payments made by proponents into the BCF
- 2.4 Biodiversity credit obligations and associated cost met by BCT
- 2.5 Biodiversity offset obligations satisfied by applying variation rules

- 3.3 Aggregated biodiversity condition index
- 3.4 Conservation assets

- 3.2 Landholder satisfaction
- 3.5 Site visits
- 3.6 Conservation partners grants received by eligible landholders
- 3.1 Financial sustainability of landholders participating in funded agreements relative to similar local businesses
- 3.7 Landholders managing sites in accordance with agreements
- 3.8 Compliance referrals to OEH

- 4.1 Unique and return visitation to the BCT website
- 4.2 Social Media
- 4.3 Education
- 4.4 Philanthropy

- 5.1 staff engagement
- 5.2 staff job satisfaction
- 5.3 safety incidents
- 5.4 administration
- 5.5 non-compliances

MONITORING

Program Monitoring

Ecological Monitoring

Socio-economic monitoring

Organisational monitoring