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## Expression of Interest Form

**Site Assessment – Lower Clarence Valley Conservation Tender**

| September 2021

# Lower Clarence Valley 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 native vegetation within eligible areas of the Clarence Valley and Richmond Valley local government areas.

EOIs must be submitted by **11:59pm on Friday 17 September 2021** 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 eligible 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. Site assessments will be delivered in line with the relevant COVID-19 requirements at that time.

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 Lower Clarence Valley 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 North Coast regional team 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.

Please **DO NOT POST** completed EOI forms to the BCT. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we may be unable to access posted EOIs by the closing date. If you are unable to submit an EOI via email, please call us for assistance

## Contact and property details

<b>Landholder<sup>1</sup>(s) full names</b>	
<b>Property owner<sup>2</sup>(s) (if different from above)</b>	
<b>ABN/ACN</b>	
<b>Property address</b>	
<b>Postal address (if different from property address)</b>	
<b>Contact phone numbers</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Local Government Area</b>	
<b>Approximate Property Size (ha)</b>	
<b>Lot and DP numbers of property (as shown on a Council Rates Notice)</b>	
<b>Property number</b> <b>You can find your property number:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on your Notice of Valuation.</li> <li>• on your land tax assessment from Revenue NSW.</li> <li>• by conducting a <a href="#">title reference enquiry</a> if you know your title reference.</li> <li>• by conducting a <a href="#">property address enquiry</a> if you know your property address.</li> </ul>	
<b>Proposed conservation area size (ha)</b>	
<b>Please attach a map of your property with the proposed conservation area marked.</b>  <b>Contact the BCT if you require assistance with this step.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>I have attached a map of my proposed conservation area</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<b>Lot and DP numbers of proposed conservation area (as shown on a Council Rates Notice)</b>	
<b>What best describes your property?</b>	<b>freehold</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>leasehold</b> <input type="checkbox"/> If leasehold please specify:
<b>Preferred method of contact? (and time)</b>	
<b>How did you hear about us?</b>	

<b>Do any of the following agreements apply to the proposed conservation area:</b>		
Conservation Agreement under <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation Agreement under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Trust Agreement under <i>Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001</i> ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Registered Property Agreement under the <i>Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997</i> ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Property Vegetation Plan or an offset or set-aside requirement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Carbon agreement or a private native forestry agreement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Catchment Management Authority or Local Land Services Management Agreement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have other covenants, caveats, agreements or restrictions on title?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If you have answered yes to any of the above, please provide <b>name of the Agreement/requirement</b> and the <b>Agreement reference number</b> :		

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

*Please describe future land use*

**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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Landholder Signature

Landholder (Print)

Date

*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:

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