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NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust Expression of Interest Form

Site Assessment – Snow Gum Woodlands and Grasslands Conservation Tender

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Snow Gum Woodlands and Grasslands Conservation Tender

The NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) 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 Snowy Monaro local government area. EOIs must be submitted by 12:00pm on Friday 8th October 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 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.

A map of your proposed conservation area is required to complete the EOI process. Instructions on how to submit a digital map will be provided once you submit this form. Alternatively, a hard copy map can be submitted. BCT staff can provide assistance in generating a map.

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 Woodlands 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. You can contact the BCT if you require assistance filling out this form.

For more information about this conservation tender you can call the South East regional team on **1300 992 688** or visit the BCT website at <http://www.bct.nsw.gov.au>.

Lodging your expression of interest form

Email a completed EOI to via info@bct.nsw.gov.au or call the BCT on **1300 992 688** to lodge your interest.

You can also submit your EOI via post to:

**NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust
PO BOX 733 QUEANBEYAN NSW 2620**

Landholder¹(s) full names	
Property owner²(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 <i>Please provide at least three Lots shown collectively on the same Council Rates Notice if you have numerous Lots.</i>	
Property number <i>You can find your property number:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>On your Council Rates Notice (shown as your Property Valuation Number)</i> • <i>on your Notice of Valuation.</i> • <i>on your land tax assessment from Revenue NSW.</i> • <i>by conducting a title reference enquiry if you know your title reference.</i> • <i>by conducting a property address enquiry if you know your property address³.</i> 	

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.

³A search for property number can be done on [the Valuer General website](#). Ensure you select your suburb and street name from the drop-down menu once you commence typing - otherwise the search will not function properly.

<p>Proposed conservation area size (ha) <i>Note: The size and location of your proposed conservation area will be considered in the assessment of your EOI. This will be derived from a map of your proposed conservation area and cross-referenced with information provided in this form. Please use the online mapping tool as per instructions that will be emailed once you have submitted this form. Alternatively, you can provide a map of your proposed conservation area with this EOI form.</i></p>	<p>I have included a map of my proposed conservation area with this EOI form</p>
<p>Lot and DP numbers of proposed conservation area (as shown on a Council Rates Notice) <i>The interactive map for this tender on the BCT website can assist you in identifying Lot and DP numbers and identifying suitable conservation areas.</i></p>	
<p><i>IMPORTANT: If a majority of your proposed conservation area is not shown as purple on the interactive map for this tender, but it is snow gum woodland and/or grassland, please contact the BCT to discuss.</i></p>	<p>A majority of my proposed conservation area is not shown as purple on the interactive tender map.</p>
<p>What best describes your property?</p>	<p>freehold leasehold</p>
<p>Preferred method of contact? (and time)</p>	
<p>How did you hear about us?</p>	

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

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

Please tick the box that best describes the abundance of the relevant weed species in the open, grassy parts of the proposed conservation area. Add other weed species if more relevant than those already listed.

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>				
<i>Serrated Tussock</i>				

How would you best describe the management history of the open, grassy parts of 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 open, grassy areas				
	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 open, grassy areas				
	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares	Hectares

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

	Don't know	Never	Occasionally	Regularly	Continuously
Have the open, grassy areas been grazed by domestic stock over the last 5 years?					

	Yes	No	Don't know
Were snow gums previously present but now absent from the proposed conservation area?			

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					
Cultivate/renovate the paddock					
Clear the land					
Manage for conservation					
Subdivide					
Sell the property					
Nothing					
Other (please specify): <hr/>					

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

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Landholder (Print)

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Date

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Landholder Signature

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Landholder (Print)

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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 on our website](#).

You can ask to access or amend your personal information held by the BCT by contacting:

NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust

Email: info@bct.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 1300 992 688

General mail:

Locked Bag 5022
Parramatta, NSW 2124

Mail for this tender (including this form):

PO Box 733
Queanbeyan, NSW 2620