

# Fact sheet

## Improved Biodiversity on the Tablelands Project 2022-23

South East Local Land Services is offering incentives to land managers for projects that protect and connect remnant patches of vegetation and/or enhance waterways and minor erosion gullies in the Boorowa and Yass Valley local areas.

### Benefits of connectivity

This project will improve health and connectivity in the landscape by planting the next generation of native trees and shrubs and protecting existing biodiversity values on private land. By building connected corridors through our region we are providing a means for our most vulnerable species to move through the landscape and increase their resilience to the changing climate.

Connected, resilient environments lead to healthy and productive farms. Planting native trees and protecting natural areas and waterways can provide numerous production benefits, including but not limited to: providing shade for stock, sheltering stock and soil from strong winds, improving water quality and encouraging native pollinators and species that provide natural insect control.

### More information and how to apply

To be eligible for assistance, complete the expression of interest (EOI) application form.

Once complete, email your EOI to [miles.pendlebury@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:miles.pendlebury@lls.nsw.gov.au) drop it into your nearest South East Local Land Services office or post to Local Land Services, PO Box 49 Boorowa NSW 2586.

For more information contact Melissa Henry - Senior NRM Advisor on [melissa.henry@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:melissa.henry@lls.nsw.gov.au) or 0438 452 109.

### Eligible projects

We are looking to partner with land managers who would like to enhance biodiversity values on their property. Eligible projects in order of priority are:

- **Protecting and enhancing** existing remnant areas by fencing to exclude stock and/or planting trees and shrubs to increase diversity.
- **Rehabilitating** creeks and minor/moderate erosion gullies by fencing and planting (earth works will not be funded in this project).
- **Connecting** existing remnant areas by fencing and planting large blocks of trees, tree lanes, clusters and/or paddock trees. This may include connecting to areas that aren't on your property such as roadside vegetation and neighboring remnants on public and private land.



*This project is funded by the NSW Government.*

# Expression of interest form

Applications close Monday 31 October 2022.

Late EOIs will not be accepted. Partial EOI forms will not be accepted. Posted EOIs must be date stamped on or before 31 October 2022 to be eligible.

Applicant details sections marked with an * must be completed			
*Applicant name:		*Date:	
*Landowners name (if different to applicant)		*Entity name (if applicable):	
		*ABN:	
*Property address:		*Postal address (if different to property)	
*Phone number:		Email:	
Mobile:		*Lot/Dp	
*Please provide your Lot/DP number or attach your council rates, this allows us to process your EOI faster.			

## Eligibility to apply for funding (Applicants must meet all criteria )

- The project site is in the Hilltops (Boorowa) or Yass Valley Local Government Areas.
- I am willing to enter into a 10 year agreement with Local Land Services.
- All on-ground works previously funded by Local Land Services and/or Catchment Management Authorities are complete. If you have a project that is complete or will be completed by September 2022 and has not yet been inspected by an LLS officer please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
- I am aware that Local Land Services will fund project materials at \$7.50/m for fencing, \$3.50/tubestock and/or as negotiated for direct seeding of trees/shrubs. \$85 for individual paddock tree mesh guards. All of the labour costs are the landholder's responsibility.
- Any new fences constructed for the project will be wildlife friendly fences with no barbed wire.
- Any new fences along waterways and erosion gullies will be 20m from the top of the bank.
- The project site is over 1ha and tree lanes are a minimum of 20m wide.

## What happens next?

Once EOIs have been received and processed a Local Land Services staff member will call you to arrange a site visit. Project proposals will be developed in consultation with South East Local Land Services staff. Final project proposals will be submitted to an assessment panel and reviewed against eligibility criteria and funding priorities. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

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