

NSW Forest Stewardship Pilot

Expressions of Interest



Would you like assistance managing your forest?

Local Land Services is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from landholders to participate in the NSW Forest Stewardship Pilot which combines expert advice and incentives to support landholders to manage their forests for long-term sustainability.

What is forest stewardship?

Forest stewardship refers to long-term and site-specific management that supports many forest values and opportunities such as biodiversity, cultural assets, tourism and recreation, timber resources and products, and soil and water conservation. Stewardship can support multiple forest uses and does not need to be complex to be beneficial.

What is the pilot?

The Pilot offers assistance to landholders to:

- improve environmental, cultural, social and productive outcomes of private forests
- diversify the productive value of land and sustainable development of the timber industry
- foster Aboriginal forest values, practices and engagement
- collaborate with forest managers and engage in partnerships with the private and public sector
- use active and adaptive management for continual improvement and long-term forest stewardship
- improve understanding of farm forests in NSW through monitoring, research and innovation.

Who can participate?

To participate, landholders with forested land will need to meet the key eligibility criteria. Any landholders who meet the criteria are encouraged to apply, including those new to farm forestry, those experiencing significant challenges in forest management, and Aboriginal forest managers.

How will it work?

The Pilot is delivered by Local Land Services over 2022-24 and overseen by a Panel of forest management experts. The Panel provides advice on a range of issues including sustainable forest management, whole-of-property planning, silviculture and biodiversity.

Findings from the Pilot will be used to guide future support for private forests managers in NSW. See more detailed information in the Forest Stewardship Guidelines.

How do I apply?

Eligible landholders are invited to submit this EOI and can seek advice from Local Land Services and the Expert Panel during the assessment process. All applications will be assessed by the Panel against the Pilot objectives.

To be eligible, landholders must have:

- a forest area that is at least 10 hectares in size
- an existing Private Native Forestry Plan (PNF Plan) or is willing to obtain a PNF Plan
- clear and achievable forest management objectives
- ability and willingness to undertake forest management for environmental, cultural, social and/or productive outcomes
- willingness to consider partnerships, collaboration, or co-contributions.

Approved applicants will co-design a Forest Stewardship Agreement with matched incentives to help achieve their objectives. Incentives can include advice, technical assistance, and funding for forest management activities.

EOIs open on Tuesday, 4 October and close **Tuesday, 15 November at 5pm.**

This EOI is listed on the [Local Land Services](#) and the [NSW Government Grants and Funding](#) websites.

Contact details (*mandatory information)

*Name	
*Address	
*Town	
*Postcode	
*Phone	
*Mobile	
*Email	

Property details

Property Address (if different from above):	
*Whole of property area (ha):	
*Approximate area of forest on property (ha):	
Forest Manager Details (if applicable):	
*Have you attached a whole of property map?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please contact Local Land Services if you need assistance in preparing the whole of property map.</i>
*Is this property Aboriginal owned, managed or co-managed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please specify:</i>
*Have you had advice from Local Land Services staff about your property or this application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please specify:</i>
*Are you partnering with any other agency, organisation or university on your property?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please specify:</i> <i>If no, please indicate if you would be willing to explore a partnership opportunity:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>*Do you have an existing PNF Plan?</p> <p>Visit the Local Land Services website if you require information on PNF.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, please specify PNF Plan Approval No:</i></p> <p><i>If no, please indicate if you would be willing to seek approval for a PNF Plan:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Conflict of interest*

<p>Are you aware of any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to this Pilot?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, please specify:</i></p>
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Landholder declaration*

I declare that I have an ongoing interest in managing the forested area, as identified in the Whole of Property Map, to support its long-term sustainability in accordance with this proposal.

I declare that the information provided within this application is true and correct at the time it is submitted and agree to contact Local Land Services if any information changes.

Name:	
Signed:	
Date:	

Forest details*

Please describe what you know about the characteristics of your forest (e.g. forest type, dominant tree species, whether it is natural forest or regrowth, and any key features (e.g. habitat, species, cultural):

Please describe what you know about the health of the forest (e.g. pests and weeds), disturbance history (e.g. past fires, flooding etc.), and condition of the forest (including any other management challenges):

Please describe what you know about how the forest has been managed to date (e.g. previous harvests, biodiversity/habitat management, management of riparian areas):

Forest stewardship overview*

Forest stewardship priorities

Please rank the topics you want to consider in your Forest Stewardship Agreement (using 1 for the most important and 10 for the least important). **Please rank at least 2 topics.**

Managing soil and water quality	
Maintaining aesthetics, a scenic forest	
Managing timber for income (to sell timber)	
Protecting Aboriginal values and practices	
Providing for research, partnerships, innovation	
Managing habitat, plants and wildlife	
Managing biodiversity, rare & endangered species	
Providing recreation – e.g. hiking, biking, horse-riding	
Maintaining a healthy forest	
Protecting cultural, historic values	
Other? Please specify:	

Forest stewardship assistance

Please rank the areas you would like advice or assistance for in your Forest Stewardship Agreement (using 1 for the most important and 10 for the least important). **Please rank at least 2 areas.**

Evaluating possible forest values & uses	
Identifying recommended management actions	
Identifying needs for training, technical assistance, resources	
Planning for risks including natural disasters & climate change	
Receiving funding to do management actions and/or training	
Developing a long-term, whole of property plan	
Understanding effective forest stewardship practices, rules and regulations	
Receiving technical assistance, expert advice	
Determining achievable actions aligned with resources, circumstances etc.	
Connecting with other forest managers, landholders and partners	
Other? Please specify:	

Proposed actions and objectives*

<p>Please describe what forest management actions you want to undertake and why:</p>
<p>When do you plan to do this? How often?</p>
<p>What support do you require to do this (e.g. advice, training, financial assistance)?</p>
<p>What is the estimated total cost (if known)?</p>
<p>Are you proposing a financial or in-kind co-contribution? If yes, please outline the proposed co-contribution:</p>
<p>Are there any other relevant details (e.g. partnerships, stakeholder or community engagement, research or monitoring)?</p>

Please attach any supporting materials, such as:

- a completed Whole of Property Map
- current or proposed Forest Management Plan prepared under the Private Native Forestry Code of Practice (where available)
- if relevant, any documents or agreements related to partnerships (e.g. agreements with research agencies, or access agreements for community)
- any photos that demonstrate the condition of the forest, values, or management challenges
- any previous surveys or other information to demonstrate forest values or management challenges.

Submitting an EOI

EOIs open Tuesday, 4 October and close on Tuesday, 15 November at 5pm.

Please submit your signed EOI to:

ffp@lls.nsw.gov.au or Local Land Services, 117 Bull Street, Newcastle West 2302

If you have any questions about the pilot, EOI process or require further assistance please contact:

E: pnf.info@lls.nsw.gov.au

P: 1300 795 299