

# On-ground Partnership Revegetation Projects



## Overview

The Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is working with State and Federal Government to invest in the long term sustainability of agricultural businesses. Funding to improve management of natural resources across the Northern Tablelands is available throughout the year. Current funding available is for large scale revegetation projects.

## Large Scale Revegetation Projects Open for 2015-16

Under the current 2015-16 Financial Year, funding is available for on ground projects to restore or protect vegetation on farm. The intent of this funding is to enable people to undertake large scale projects that they would otherwise be unable to undertake.

### Activities that are eligible for funding include projects that:

- Protect and manage vegetation along waterways
- Plant shelter belts or wind breaks with native trees or shrubs
- Improve habitat for threatened species
- Protect and manage existing native vegetation
- Protect paddock trees and encourage natural regeneration

## Who is eligible for funding?

- Individual landholders in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services region\*
- Groups of landholders (this may include Landcare groups, producer groups, neighbouring landholders working together.)

\* **The Northern Tablelands Local Land Services region is defined as within the Tenterfield, Glen Innes Severn, Guyra, Inverell, Armidale, Uralla and Walcha Shires.**

## What funding is available?

Landholders can apply for up to \$40,000 for eligible activities.

Applicants must make an equal or greater contribution for every \$ (in-kind or financial contribution) to the project.

Groups of landholders are encouraged to apply as larger scale group projects connected with each other across geographic areas are given priority. Individuals should fill in an EOI but indicate on the EOI form they are part of a group.

Please note that work completed before or at the time of project proposal is not eligible for funding.



## What is the process?

1. Fill out and complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form and submit to [eoι.northerntablelands@līs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:eoι.northerntablelands@līs.nsw.gov.au), post to EOI Officer, PO Box 411, Inverell 2360 or drop it in to your local Northern Tablelands Local Land Services office.  
**Closing date for EOIs is 16th March 2016**
2. If your EOI meets eligibility criteria we will contact you to arrange a site visit and help to develop the project with you (including working with you on project design, costing and mapping). All of this information is used to further develop your proposal. If your EOI is not eligible for funding we will contact you to let you know why and can discuss other options.
3. Your project proposal will be developed, then assessed by a panel in late April 2016. The assessment panel will consist of independent experts and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services staff. Projects will be ranked on a range of criteria. A second round assessment may occur in August 2016 for projects needing further development.

If your application is successful we will develop a management agreement with you. Project works are to be completed within a 12 month time frame.

Access to funding will be competitive. If your project proposal is not successful we will contact you to discuss your options.

4. You will be required to keep all receipts and upon completion of works submit a final report.

You may also be required to undertake ongoing monitoring to demonstrate the success of your project.

For more information refer to our grants section on the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services website.

## Who To Contact:

Please contact the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services for a project officer to give you more information.

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## Project funding sources

- **Trees on Farms** is a Northern Tablelands Local Land Services program which aims to help people restore and manage native vegetation on farms across the Tablelands. It focuses on raising awareness of the importance of native vegetation in farming systems. Funded activities can include protecting paddock trees, assisting natural regeneration of native vegetation and increasing shade and shelter belts for biodiversity and production benefits.

**This program is supported by Catchment Action NSW and the National Landcare Programme.**



Australian Government



- **20 million trees** is an Australian Government initiative under the National Landcare Programme aimed at re-establishing native vegetation, providing habitat to support threatened species and creating greener cities and towns.
- **Brigalow Nandewar Biolinks** is a community managed project supported by the Australian Government's Biodiversity Fund under the Clean Energy Future Initiative. Its primary focus is to engage and support landholders to re-establish vital native vegetation linkages within the landscape, and to build community capacity to restore and manage native vegetation and riverine health.



**Brigalow Nandewar Biolinks**  
connecting communities, cattle, crops and creatures

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