



This project works with farmers to protect, enhance and plant native vegetation on farms across the Peel-Harvey Region in two farming landscapes and three bioregions.

Farmers will be supported through:

- technical advice
- field days
- on-farm surveys
- on-ground support

to improve protection of existing vegetation & utilise innovative management techniques to increase farm biodiversity, productivity & improve soil condition.

The project includes at least 1300 ha of on-ground works or protection agreements & will directly involve over 250 farmers over the 5 years.

Attention to native vegetation that is degraded or in urgent need of protection will be one of the project's priorities.

A regional prioritisation of all on-farm vegetation and the establishment of experimental planting trials will occur in consultation with farmers to set project priorities and address long-term, landscape scale natural resource management issues including climate adaptaton.

FUNDING

Australian Government's National Landcare Program

\$857,298

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REGIONAL COVERAGE







AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OUTCOME (4 & 5)

Primary Outcome (5):

By 2023, there will be increased awareness and adoption of land management practices that improve and protect the condition of soil, biodiversity and vegetation (Vegetation and biodiversity on farms)

Secondary Outcome (4):

By 2023, the implementation of priority actions is leading to an improvement in the condition of EPBC Act listed Threatened Ecological Communities (Eucalyptus Woodlands of the Western Wheatbelt, Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain)

By 2023, there will be increased awareness and adoption of land management practices that improve and protect the condition of soil, biodiversity and vegetation (Reducing the risk of soil and nutrient loss from wind erosion and reducing the risk of soil and nutrient loss from hillslopes)

OUTCOMES (BY 2023)

Changes in Asset

- 1300 ha of on-farm vegetation will be under improved management to protect the condition of soil, vegetation and biodiversity
- 400 ha of on-farm native vegetation will be covered by agreements to protect or manage for multiple benefits
- 25 sites will have new and innovative land management practices implemented to improve and protect the condition of soil, vegetation and biodiversity

Practice & attitude change

- 6 case studies will be prepared to showcase innovative land management practices
- 250 farmers will be provided with technical information on management options for native vegetation in the Peel-Harvey catchment, including both proven and innovative approaches
- 50 farmers will have adopted improved land management practices for native vegetation and biodiversity

PROJECT ACTIONS

- 50 communication materials published
- 13 field days
- 23 on-ground works
- 47 one-on-one technical advice interactions
- 395 ha pest animal control
- 46 ha treated for weeds
- 31 agreements
- 26 farm management surveys
- 10 groups negotiated with
- 21 ha revegetated
- 10 project planning and delivery documents
- 22 km fencing
- 8 habitat structures
- 30 ha disease management

MORE INFORMATION

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EVENTS

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