



Sustaining the Future of Australian Farming

The Agriculture Stewardship Package will further strengthen the Government's commitment to sustainable development through the National Landcare Program, which is already investing \$1 billion from 2018-19 to June 2023.

Why is this important?

The four year, \$34 million **Agriculture Stewardship Package** comprises:

1 Agriculture Biodiversity Policy

- Developing a national vision, to be shared by farmers and the community.
- The aim will be to find alignment between the public and farm sector on what is biodiversity best practice.
- The policy will deliver a common understanding of agriculture's role in improving Australia's biodiversity outcomes.

2 Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship Pilot Program

- Will make grants available to incentivise the adoption of improved biodiversity practices on farms.
- Focuses on small and medium farm businesses, using tailored approaches to incentivise and support practice change.
- Invests in developing methodologies to support the pilot, and monitoring and evaluation to quantify the benefits to production and biodiversity.
- The pilot will run alongside the development of the policy and pilot of the Australian Farm Biodiversity Certification Scheme, providing an input to the policy development.

3 Australian Farm Biodiversity Certification Scheme

- The aim of the Scheme is to allow Australian farms to showcase best practice biodiversity management of natural resources – and to ensure these actions are recognisable by the community.
- The trial will be delivered for 12 months, with evaluation before consideration of next steps, including expansion.
- Provide \$4m in funding to the National Farmers' Federation to develop and trial the Scheme, with a consultative approach to be adopted.

Who will benefit?

Farmers, as stewards of the environment and as land managers are providing benefits to the wider community. Many small and medium sized farmers would like to do more and the Government is taking the lead to support further stewardship activities by farmers.

What will this cost?

Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship Pilot Program	\$30m
Australian Farm Biodiversity Certification Scheme	\$4m