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Forestry Industry - Support Plantation Establishment Round 3

Submission Reference: 5DXGSRW

Application Information

The Support Plantation Establishment Program (the program) runs over 4 years from 2023-24 to 2026-27. The funding will support the establishment of new long-rotation softwood and hardwood plantation forests and assist the sector to respond to the projected growth in demand for domestically sourced timber resources. Through focusing on long-rotation plantation forests, the program's key intended outcomes are to increase domestic timber supply, particularly construction and manufacturing timber resources, and to contribute to Australia's carbon emissions reduction commitments.

Objectives:

- increase future plantation forest resources available for processing, as well as for plantation forest management, harvesting and haulage employment
- support private industry, First Nations businesses, farm foresters and state and territory forestry bodies to expand the Australian plantation forest estate
- contribute to meeting Australia's carbon emission reduction targets, including under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Kyoto Protocol to the Climate Change Convention.

Intended outcomes:

- increase domestic timber supply, particularly construction and manufacturing timber resources, to contribute to the demands of the Australian market
- support private industry, First Nations businesses, farm foresters and state and territory forestry bodies to reduce their carbon footprint by storing the carbon in plantation trees and contribute to Australia's carbon emission reduction targets
- support the retention or creation of regional jobs and support for regional communities.

You may submit more than one application during a batch - for instance: for separate projects or for a different consortium seeking funding for different projects. A separate application form must be submitted for each additional project. If more than one application is submitted for the same project, the latest accepted application will progress.

Grant Round Administration

This grant round is being administered by the Community Grants Hub, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Closing Date/Time

Applications must be submitted by **4:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) Wednesday 5 November 2025**.

Making Sure Your Application is Saved

Upon exiting the form please ensure that you use the ‘Save and Close’ button. The ‘Continue’ button should only be used as you intend to progress through the form. For your Application to be saved when exiting, you will need to click on:

- 'Save and Close', and
- 'Confirm'.

You will know that your application is saved when you are taken from the current application form page to the ‘Form Saved’ page.

Note that the ‘Save and Close’ button will ask you to ‘Confirm’ that you wish to save the Application, which you must do to complete the save process. If this is not done, your Application will not be saved.

You can return to your Application with the data saved using the link on the 'Form Saved' page that says 'Click here to return to your form' and confirming your submission reference ID details. Optionally, you can access the saved form via the form open email received upon beginning the Application.

Grant Opportunity Documents

Read all information in the Grant Opportunity Documents before completing this Application Form. The Grant Opportunity Documents are available on the GrantConnect website. Applications will be assessed using the process outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

Note: Applicants will be notified of the grant funding outcome on completion of the assessment process.

Application Help

Information about the Application process is available on the GrantConnect and Community Grants Hub websites.

Applicants may direct any general enquiries, question relating to the Program, the Application process, and requests for technical help or support by contacting:

- Phone 1800020283
- Email to support@communitygrants.gov.au

Please note applicants may submit questions relating to the Program or Application Process up until five Business Days prior to the Closing Time and Date. A response will be provided within five business days.

Attachment Limits

This Application Form allows users to attach files to support their application. You must provide an attachment where mandatory. Use the 'Upload File' button to select your file.

Accepted file types: .bmp, .doc, .docx, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .msg, .pdf, .png, .pps, .ppt, .pptx, .txt, .xls, .xlsb, .xlsx.

Note: There is a 2mb limit per attachment. Multiple documents should be scanned into a single document. Compressed or zip files are not accepted. File names must be unique using English language/characters and MUST not include foreign characters.

Sharing this Form

More than one person should not access this form at the same time as there is risk of information being lost upon submission. Please ensure that only one user edits the form at any given time.

Submitting an application form

Upon starting the Application a 'Form Opened' email will be sent to the primary contact, which will include a link to the Application Form as well as a submission reference ID. This will enable the Applicant to access the form at any point in time.

Please note the form will no longer be accessible after two months of inactivity.

Once you have completed this Application Form, you must submit it electronically by using the submission section at the end of this form.

Following electronic submission and completion of this Application Form, a message with your Submission Reference ID will appear on your screen. An email will be sent to the primary contact provided in the Application Form. A function is also available on the submission page to allow you to send a receipt email to the address of your choosing. Please save this email receipt for future reference and use it in all correspondence about this Application.

Please note: there may be short, scheduled outages to systems as part of regular information technology maintenance that may affect submission of this form. Notification of these outages will be on the website.

National Relay Service (NRS)

The Community Grants Hub uses the NRS to ensure our contact numbers are accessible to people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. Please phone 1800555677 to access the NRS.

Australian Tax Office Reporting

The Department will need to report details of payments made to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as part of the taxable reporting obligations for government entities.

In general terms, the types of payments to be reported to the ATO are:

- Payments made for grants to entities with an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Payments made for services.

If you receive a payment from the Department that meets the ATO criteria, it will be reported to the ATO as part of the Taxable payments annual report.

Further information is available on the Australian Taxation Office website.

Privacy

This Application uses a form service made available by Services Australia.

When you complete your application, information in this form will be processed by Services Australia, the Department of Social Services, and the government agency administering the grant. Services Australia may also disclose information in the form to its contracted service providers if needed for ICT or other support services.

A reference number will be sent to the applicant's email address entered on this form, which can be used within 60 days to access a draft before submission.

By submitting this form, you acknowledge that the information provided in the Application may be shared with other Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies for the prevention and detection of fraud.

For more information including how to access or change your personal information or make a complaint, please see the Department of Social Services' Privacy Policy and the Services Australia Privacy Policy. The privacy statement in the relevant Grant Opportunity Guidelines should also be read and understood.

Use of Information

Your Submission Reference is:

5DXGSRW

Please send yourself a link to this saved form by entering your email address below. This email will detail your Submission Reference, the date and time this application process will close, and a link to access your saved form.

If you have any questions relating to this Application phone 1800020283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.

Your email address *

s. 47F(1) @deltaforestry.com.au

Confirm your email address *

s. 47F(1) @deltaforestry.com.au

Use of Information

The Community Grants Hub may use the information, other than personal information, provided in this Application Form to assist it to:

- Comply with the Australian Government requirement to publish the details of all grant recipients on the GrantConnect website
- Inform staff negotiating and establishing Grant Agreements of risks and issues that need to be addressed in the Grant Agreement for that program
- Inform future assessments for Applications.

All information including personal information collected as part of this Application may be used by the department or shared with other Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies for the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud. This includes personal information of any third party provided in this Application.

You can only apply if you agree to the use of the information you provide in this form for the purposes listed above and that you have read and acknowledged the Hub Privacy Policy, the Privacy Statement, and all relevant material (including the Grant Opportunity Guidelines) as they relate to the collection and handling of personal information.

☑ I agree *

Existing Grant Recipient

Is the Applicant an existing Grant Recipient through the Community Grants Hub? *

If you require assistance, please call 1800020283.

○ Yes ◉ No

Applicant Details

Are you applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust? *

Note: The Trustee will enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department (should the applicant be successful).

◉ Yes ○ No

Please attach a copy of the full, signed Trust Deed here. *

Wattlebird - Trust Deed - Tasmania Natural Asset Trust - Executed.pdf

Does the Trustee have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

You must respond to this question. For further details refer to http://www.abr.business.gov.au/.

◉ Yes ○ No

Enter the Trustee's ABN into the Australian Business Number (ABN) field and click the Validate ABN button to retrieve your registration details.

ABN *

29 611 839 519

Registration Number

611839519

Legal/registered entity name *

EVOLUTION TRUSTEES LIMITED

If you have Business Names registered, you can select the relevant Business Name. If you have not registered your Business Name, you can either select "Same as Legal Entity" or "Other" in the "registered business name" field. If "Other" is selected, you will be asked to provide the Trustee's registered business name in another field that will become available.

Note: If the details displayed are out of date or incorrect, please update them now via the Australian Business Register website then re-enter and validate the ABN.

Business name of the Trustee *

Same as Legal Entity

Date of Registration

13 Apr 2016

State

NSW

Postcode

2000

☑ GST Registered - Checkbox is ticked if the Trustee is GST Registered.

☐ Registered as Charity - Checkbox is ticked if the Trustee is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC).

Does the Trustee have any of the following types of Incorporation Number: Australian Company Number (ACN), Registration Number, Indigenous Corporation Number (ICN), Incorporated Association Number (IAN)? *

Note:

An ACN (Australian Company Number) is a nine-digit number issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). It is a unique identifier purely for companies incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth.

A Registration Number is a form of Incorporation Number for a Cooperative that has been established and/or registered under the relevant legislation in the State or Territory in which they were formed.

An ICN (Indigenous Corporation Number) is a number issued by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 – CATSI Act.

An IAN (Incorporated Association Number) is a number given to an Incorporated Association that has been incorporated or registered under the relevant incorporated associations legislation in the State or Territory in which they were formed.

◉ Yes ○ No

Enter the Trustee's Incorporation Number/s. *

ACN

611839519

ICN

Registration Number

IAN

Please provide the Australian Business Number (ABN) of the Trust. *

You must respond to this question. For further details refer to http://www.abr.business.gov.au/ .

Enter the Trust's ABN into the Australian Business Number (ABN) field and click the Validate ABN button to retrieve your registration details.

ABN *

30 857 445 078

Registration Number

Legal/registered entity name *

The Trustee for Tasmania Natural Asset Trust

If you have Business Names registered, you can select the relevant Business Name. If you have not registered your Business Name, you can either select "Same as Legal Entity" or "Other" in the "registered business name" field. If "Other" is selected, you will be asked to provide the Trust's registered business name in another field that will become available.

Note: If the details displayed are out of date or incorrect, please update them now via the Australian Business Register website then re-enter and validate the ABN.

Business name of the Trust *

Same as Legal Entity

Date of Registration

31 Oct 2025

State: NSW

Postcode: 2000

☑ GST Registered - Checkbox is ticked if the Trust is GST Registered.

☐ Registered as Charity - Checkbox is ticked if the Trust is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC).

What is the registered business address and main contact details of the Organisation?

The business address must be completed in full and not be a PO Box. For example: Level 1 Main Building 220 Business Street Canberra City ACT 2601.

Note: the address fields accept the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ( ) . , ' - / &, all other characters including carriage returns are not accepted.

Please note that if an Applicant selects 'Manually enter an address', the Department will use this non-validated address for correspondence.

Floor / Building; Unit; Apartment: Level 15

Street number, name and type *: 68 Pitt Street

Suburb/Town *: Sydney

State *: NSW

Postcode *: 2000

Main Telephone *: 0288665150

Main email address *: s. 47F(1) @evolutiontrustees.com.au

Web address:

What is the postal address of the Organisation?

The postal address must be completed in full. For example: Level 1 Main Building 220 Business Street Canberra City ACT 2601.

Note: *the address fields accept the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ( ) . , ' - / &, all other characters including carriage returns are not accepted.*

☑ Same as business address above

Is the registered business address and main contact details supplied above different for the Trust? *

○ Yes ◉ No

What is the Applicant's financial email address for the receipt of Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry payment advice should the Application be successful? *

The email address must be entered in a valid format without spaces (eg. example@business.com.au).

Payment advice includes Recipient Created tax invoices (RCTIs).

You must respond to this question. 350 character limit.

s. 47F(1) @deltaforestry.com.au

Does the Applicant operate as not-for-profit? *

For eligibility requirements, refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

For further details about not-for-profit organisations refer to the Australian Tax Office website .

Select 'No' if the Applicant operates for profit.

Select 'Yes' if the Applicant operates as not-for-profit.

You must respond to this question.

○ Yes ◉ No

Eligibility Requirements

What is the Applicant's entity type? *

For a list of eligible entity types, refer to the Guidelines.

If you are unsure about the Applicant's entity type, please seek professional advice (e.g. from your lawyer or accountant) or refer to the Community Grants Hub website for further information.

Please note if you are applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust you must select the Trustee's entity type.

You must respond to this question. Choose the entity type that is relevant to the Applicant from the list.

Company

Is the Applicant able to provide documentation to support the entity type? *

If yes is selected you will be required to provide documentation to support the legal entity.

NOTE: There is a maximum of two attachments for this question if the response is Yes.

You must respond to this question.

(●) Yes ( ) No

Please provide your supporting documentation. *

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National Redress Scheme *

Confirm your organisation (or your project partner organisation) is not included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'.

The National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Grant Connected Policy makes non-government institutions named in applications to the Scheme, or in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, that do not join the Scheme ineligible for future Australian Government grant funding.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Workplace Gender Equality *

Please confirm you are NOT an organisation, and if applicable, your project partner/s is/are NOT an organisation, included on the Workplace Gender Equality Agency website on the non-compliant list.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Organisation Type *

Is the Applicant an Indigenous organisation?

If **YES**, please select one definition below that best describes how your organisation is structured.

If **NO**, please select 'Non-Indigenous organisation'.

Definitions:

- **Indigenous community-controlled organisation:** an organisation that is, at least, 51% Indigenous owned and controlled, incorporated and not for profit.
- **Owned and controlled Indigenous organisation:** an organisation that is, at least, 51% Indigenous owned and controlled.
- **Other Indigenous organisation:** an organisation that is, at least, 50% Indigenous owned OR controlled.

For more information, please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option.

( ) Indigenous community-controlled organisation

( ) Owned and controlled Indigenous organisation

( ) Other Indigenous organisation

(●) Non-Indigenous organisation

Co-contribution confirmation *

Please confirm you will provide a co-contribution at least equal to the grant funding requested in this application, which can be demonstrated by:

- land the new plantation forest/s will be established on
- financial means, or
- state, territory, or local government grant funding

Note: Any activities that are undertaken prior to execution of the grant agreement cannot be part of your co-contribution.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Co-contribution type *

Please select which types of co-contributions you will provide. Multiple types can be selected.

Note: You will be required to attach evidence of the co-contribution type in the Additional Information tab.

You must respond to this question.

Please select the option/s that apply.

☑ Land the new plantation forest/s will be established on
☐ Financial means
☐ State, territory, or local government grant funding

Plantation Management Plan and Endorsement Coversheet *

Please confirm you have a Plantation Management Plan that sets out the plantation forest management actions and activities and includes all of the required details outlined in the *Guidance for meeting the requirements of the Plantation Management Plan* document.

Please also confirm that you have a signed Endorsement Coversheet approved by a suitably qualified forestry professional that demonstrates all points listed in section 2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, and that you will manage the plantation forest according to the approved plan.

Note: You will be required to attach the Plantation Management Plan and signed Endorsement Coversheet in the Attachments tab. Please use the guidance document and mandatory template provided on GrantConnect when developing these documents. Both documents are required for your application to be considered compliant. Further details are available in section 6.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Establishment activity start dates *

Please confirm that at the time of submitting your application, you have not planted the trees as part of your project activities.

Please also confirm that you will not include any activities that have or will be undertaken prior to the earliest activity start date for the relevant batch you are applying to as part of your grant funded or co-contribution activities.

The earliest activity start dates for each batch are:

- Batch 1: April 2025
- Batch 2: July 2025
- Batch 3: September 2025
- Batch 4: December 2025
- Batch 5: February 2026
- Batch 6: April 2026

Note: Any activities that are undertaken prior to execution of the grant agreement cannot be claimed for funding or be part of your co-contribution activities.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Budget *

Please confirm that you can provide a budget in the mandatory template that demonstrates how grant funding and any financial co-contributions provided by the grantee will be spent over the project's length.

Note: You will be required to attach this under the Attachments tab. Please use the mandatory template provided on GrantConnect for your application to be considered compliant.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and Fair Work Act 2009 compliance *

Please confirm you are NOT an organisation, or your project partner is NOT an organisation, currently under investigation for prohibited acts under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, *Fair Work Act 2009* or any similar state or territory legislation.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Australian Business Number (ABN) *

Please confirm you have an ABN or are willing to obtain one.

To be eligible you must have an ABN before entering into a grant agreement.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Australian Residency or Citizenship *

If you are applying as a sole trader or partnership, please confirm you are a permanent resident or citizen of Australia.

To be eligible you must be a permanent resident or citizen of Australia.

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option.

○ I confirm

◉ I am not applying as a sole trader or partnership

Australian Financial Institution *

Please confirm you have an account with an Australian financial institution.

To be eligible you must have an account with an Australian financial institution.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Governance

Relevant Persons *

Has any senior official or person to be involved in delivering the Activity been involved in any of the following events in the last 5 years?

You must tick at least one of the boxes below.

You may be contacted to provide more information and documentation in relation to these events.

☐ Governance Investigation of relevant person(s).

☐ Any business failure of relevant person(s) including business failure of entities in which they hold, or held at the time of the event, a management or board position. Examples of a business failure include a Court Ordered or a Creditors Voluntary Administration Liquidation, External Administration, or Receivership.

☐ Bankruptcies of relevant person(s).

☐ Bankruptcy proceedings, including part IX Debt Agreements or Part X Insolvency Agreements, against relevant person(s).

☐ Litigation against relevant person(s) including judgement debts.

or

☑ None of the above apply and there is no adverse information on any relevant person associate with this entity.

Reportable Events *

Select the appropriate box(es) that relate to any events to which your entity may have been subjected in the last 5 years.

You must tick at least one of the boxes below.

You may be contacted to provide more information and documentation in relation to these events.

☐ Governance Investigation of your organisation or related entities.

☐ Litigation or liquidation proceedings.

☐ A contract with your entity terminated by the other party.

☐ Contingent liabilities of a material amount.

☐ Overdue tax liabilities.

☐ Factors which might impact on your entity. For example, pending significant litigation, business commitments, collections by debt collection agencies on behalf of creditors, or potential liquidation proceedings.

☐ Any significant change in your entitys financial position not reflected in the financial statements provided.

☐ Any other particulars which are likely to adversely affect your capacity to undertake this project.

or

☑ None of the above events apply and there is no adverse information on my entity.

Does the Applicant have the following documents?

Note: You may be required to provide copies of the below documentation within 7 days upon request.

1. Documented organisational and financial policies and procedures. *

(●) Yes ( ) No

2. Business plan and/or strategic plan. *

(●) Yes ( ) No

3. Risk management plan. *

(●) Yes ( ) No

Project/Activity Details

Provide a short title of your Application for this Project/Activity. *

This field accepts the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ( ) . , ' & -/ \ @, all other characters including carriage returns are not accepted.

Tasmanian Natural Asset Trust Plantation Forest Project

(Limit: approx 38 words, 250 characters) *55 characters of 250 used*

Provide a brief description of your project or the services to be delivered and how it will contribute to the objectives outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. *

Question Instructions:

- The response should be easy to understand and written in plain English. Try not to use technical terms, acronyms, or lingo.
- Your response should be a stand-alone summary of your project, or explain how you will implement the services detailed in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.
- The description may be used as part of our application review, and may be copied or published for reporting or grant agreement purposes.

The Tasmanian Natural Asset Trust is looking to develop long-rotation plantation forests to secure future resource supply for domestic markets, sequester and abate carbon, conserve and enhance biodiversity values, improve water quality and balances, and contribute to rural socioeconomic resilience.

(Limit: approx 150 words, 1,000 characters) *299 characters of 1,000 used*

In which service area/s is the Applicant proposing to deliver the Project/Activity? *

Instructions:

- The Service Area Type field below indicates the service areas relevant to this grant opportunity.
- If applicable, choose the relevant state/territory to view the available service areas.
- Tick the applicable service area/s where you are proposing to deliver this Project/Activity.
- Untick the selected service area/s to remove selection.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
You may only select 40 service areas per form. If you wish to apply for more services areas, a separate form/s will need to be completed.

Selected service area/s *

☑ Tasmania

Long-rotation new plantation forest *

Please confirm that your project is a long-rotation new plantation forest in Australia that will be at least 20 hectares in size and will be planted on previously cleared land that has not been used as plantation or native forest for the last 7 years.

You must respond to this question.

☑ I confirm

Eligible activities *

Please select which of the eligible grant activities your project includes.

Please note grant funding can only be spent on the following activities.

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option/s.

- [x] preparation of the plantation forest site, including clearing and removal of vegetation on land
- [x] purchase and planting of seedlings
- [x] payment of labour and contract planting and site preparation fees
- [x] other working capital (including establishment fertiliser and establishment herbicide treatment)

Project/Activity Duration *

What year is your project expected to be completed?

The Project/Activity must be completed by 30 June 2027.

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option.

- ( ) 2025
- ( ) 2026
- (•) 2027

ACCU Scheme Project *

Are you undertaking an ACCU Scheme project? If yes, you must provide your ACCU Scheme project ID.

If you intend to seek Support Plantation Establishment grant funding and undertake an ACCU Scheme project in the same project area, you must supply your ACCU Scheme project ID at the time of applying for the Support Plantation Establishment program. This will enable your application to the Support Plantation Establishment program to proceed while your ACCU Scheme application is also being assessed by the Clean Energy Regulator.

The ACCU Scheme project must be declared by the Clean Energy Regulator before Support Plantation Establishment program grant funding can be released. This is to meet the ACCU Scheme's eligibility and additionality requirements.

You cannot request funding for or include in your co-contribution any activities that are undertaken prior to the activity start date in your executed Support Plantation Establishment grant agreement.

The earliest activity start dates for each batch are:

- Batch 1: April 2025
- Batch 2: July 2025
- Batch 3: September 2025
- Batch 4: December 2025
- Batch 5: February 2026
- Batch 6: April 2026

Support Plantation Establishment applicants do not need to register projects under the ACCU Scheme to meet the Support Plantation Establishment program's eligibility requirements.

Please refer to Section 2.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for further information.

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option.

This field accepts the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ( ) , . ' & - / \ @ $ %, other characters and formatting are not accepted.

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

Provide your response. *

To be advised

(Limit: approx 150 words, 1,000 characters) *13 characters of 1,000 used*

Time-stamped Satellite Imagery *

Please confirm that you can provide time-stamped satellite imagery demonstrating the land the new plantation will be established on has not been used as a plantation or native forest for the last 7 years that includes:

- a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from 7 years prior to the time of application
- a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from as recently as possible and no later than 2 years prior to the time of application

Note: You will be required to attach time-stamped satellite imagery under the Attachments tab. There is a 2 MB limit for each attachment. Both documents are required for your application to be considered compliant. Further details are available in section 6.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

You must respond to this question.

- [x] I confirm

Existing plantation expansion or establishment program *

Is your project part of an existing state or territory government plantation expansion or establishment program?

If yes, please confirm that combining its funding with the Support Plantation Establishment program will result in additional plantation establishment beyond the intent of the state or territory program.

Note: If yes, you will also be required to explain how combining its funding with the Support Plantation Establishment program will result in additional plantation establishment beyond the intent of the state or territory program in the **Plantation Management Plan - Signed Endorsement Coversheet** attachment.

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option/s.

Response

No

Confirmation

Not applicable

Financials

Provide a breakdown of the requested grant funding for each previously selected service area/s. *

Tasmania

2025-2026 (exc GST) *

$ 2,081,941.00

2026-2027 (exc GST) *

$ 7,790,091.00

Total funding

$ 9,872,032.00

Approx. % of Total

100

Summary

2025-2026 Total

$ 2,081,941.00

2026-2027 Total

$ 7,790,091.00

Total funding

$ 9,872,032.00

Provide bank account details for receipt of grant payments should the Application be successful.

You must respond to this question.

Bank account details for the receipt of payments:

- BSB Number: Enter the BSB number for the Applicant's nominated bank account. Must be 6 digits only. Do not enter spaces or other characters.
- Account Number: Enter the account number for the Applicant's nominated bank account. Must be 2 to 9 digits only. Do not enter spaces or other characters.
- Account Name: Enter the account name for the Applicant's nominated bank account. The account name should be as it appears on the bank statement. 60 character limit. The character count includes letters, numbers, spaces, paragraph marks, bullet points etc.

NOTE: This field accepts the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ( ) . , ' & -/ \ @, all other characters including carriage returns are not accepted.

BSB number * s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Account number * s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Account Name * s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

You must attach verification documentation to verify bank account details. *

Bank verification must accompany all applications. The following information is required in order to verify the bank account details provided.

Acceptable verification documentation is a recent bank statement, issued in the last 6 months, in a pdf file type. The bank account must be in the name of the organisation applying for funding. The transaction details and balances can be hidden but the BSB, Account Number and Account Name must be visible.

You may be contacted by the Community Grants Hub seeking additional information to support the verification of your bank account details.

BankVerificationDocuments.pdf

Financial Ratio Analysis

Is the Applicant able to provide the following financial information?

Note: You may be required to provide your two most recent sets of year-end statements to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in order to verify the information provided in this application is accurate.

These questions are Mandatory.

If 'No' is selected for any of these questions, you will be asked to provide a brief explanation in the field provided (2000 character limit, approximately 300 words).

This field accepts the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ( ) . , ' & -/ \ @ $ %. No other special characters are accepted.

1. Can the Applicant provide the two most recent sets of year-end statements? *

- ○ Yes - two recent
- ○ Yes - one recent
- ◉ No

If No, please provide a brief explanation. *

The trust a new entity established to specifically purchase the property and establish plantations.

(Limit: approx 300 words, 2,000 characters) *99 characters of 2,000 used*

Additional Information

Consortium Arrangements *

Will the Applicant deliver the Project/Activity as part of the lead Agency of a consortium?

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option.

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

If the Application is successful, the Applicant will be offered a Grant Agreement as the lead agency and held liable for all obligations contained in the Grant Agreement's Terms and Conditions. This includes monitoring, management, financial performance, service outcomes and insurance coverage.

The panel of consortium members does not enter into a Grant Agreement. The Applicant should obtain agreement prior to submitting this Application.

Further evidence of the consortium arrangements may be sought from successful Applicants prior to the signing of the Grant Agreement.

Letters of support from all consortium members *

Will the Applicant deliver the Project/Activity as the lead Agency of a consortium?

If yes, you must attach your Letter(s) of Support from all members of the proposed group (consolidated into one document).

For more details, refer to section 6.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option.

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- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Land Valuation *

Will any of the co-contribution be provided by demonstrating the value of the land the new plantation forest/s will be established on?

If yes, you must attach a valuation of the land that will be used to establish the plantation forest. This land valuation must have been received within 5 years of the application's submission date and must include the land size in hectares.

Note: To demonstrate the value of the land as a per hectare unit cost in the indicative project budget, the total valuation of the land parcel/s should be divided by the total area of the land parcel/s.

You must respond to this question.

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- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

Provide attachment. *

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Other Funding *

Are you receiving funding from state, territory or local government for this project?

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option.

○ Yes ◉ No

Evidence of state-based grant funding *

Are you receiving funding from state, territory or local government for this project?

If yes, you must attach evidence of a state-based grant funding arrangement (for example, a letter of grant offer outlining the funding amount or a grant agreement outlining the funding amount).

You must respond to this question.

Please select the relevant option.

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○ Yes

◉ No

Attachments

Plantation Management Plan *

Please attach your Plantation Plan that has been approved by a suitably qualified forestry professional.

A guidance template is provided on GrantConnect.

If you do not attach your Plantation Management Plan you will be deemed ineligible.

You must respond to this question.

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Plantation Management Plan - Signed Endorsement Coversheet *

Please attach a signed declaration by the suitably qualified forestry professional declaring the Plantation Management Plan's requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines have been met.

Please use the mandatory template provided on GrantConnect.

If you do not use the mandatory template you will be deemed ineligible.

You must respond to this question.

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TasmanianNaturalAssetTrustPlantationManagementPlanEndorsementCoversheet .pdf

Project Budget *

Please attach an indicative Project Budget.

Please use the mandatory template provided on GrantConnect.

If you do not use the mandatory template you will be deemed ineligible.

You must respond to this question.

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TasmanianNaturalAssetTrustIndicativeBudget.xlsx

Time-stamped Satellite Imagery - 7 Years Prior *

Please provide a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from 7 years prior to the time of application.

If you do not attach a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from 7 years prior to the time of application, you will be deemed ineligible.

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Time-stamped Satellite Imagery - Recent *

Please provide a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from as recently as possible and no later than 2 years prior to the time of application.

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You must respond to this question.

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RecentTimeStampedImagery.pdf

Applicant Contacts

Who is the Applicant's preferred authorised contact person for this Application?

The person must have authority to act on behalf of the Applicant in relation to this Application.

Title *

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First Name *

s. 47F(1)

Last Name *

s. 47F(1)

Position *

Manager

Telephone *

s. 47F(1)

Mobile

Email address *

s. 47F(1) @deltaforestry.com.au

Provide an alternate authorised contact for this Application.

This person must also have authority to act on behalf of the Applicant in relation to this Application.

Title *

s. 22(1

First Name *

s. 47F(1)

Last Name *

s. 47F(1)

Position *

Manager

Telephone *

s. 47F(1)

Mobile

Email address *

s. 47F(1) @greshamhouse.com.au

Declaration

Do you have any conflicts of interest that may occur related to or from submitting this application? *

○ Yes ◉ No

Please read and complete the following declaration.

This Declaration must be signed by an authorised representative of the Applicant (or, if this Application is a joint/consortium Application, an authorised representative of the lead organisation). The authorised representative should be a person who is legally empowered to enter into contracts and commitments on behalf of the Applicant.

I declare that:

- The information contained in this form is true and correct.
- I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.
- I have read, understood and agree to the Grant Terms and Conditions, should this Application be successful.
- I agree to receive a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for this funding, should this Application be successful.
- I have read, understood and agree to information provided in this Application as detailed in the Use of Information.
- If and where any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for those details to appear in this Application and for their personal information to be shared as detailed in the Use of Information.
- I give consent to the Community Grants Hub to make public the details of the Applicant and the funding received, should this Application be successful.
- I consent to receive correspondence, legal notices, grant agreements and any subsequent letters of variations to the agreement electronically. I understand and agree that my electronic correspondences constitute a valid and legally binding method for interacting under the grant agreement and the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999 (Cth)*.

☑ I understand and agree to the declaration above. *

☑ I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information to the Community Grants Hub is a serious offence under Section 137.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)*. *

Full name of Authorised Officer *	Position of Authorised Officer *	Date
s. 47F(1)	Manager	05/11/2025

Program Feedback

How did you hear about the grant opportunity? *

Industry group

Did you read the grant opportunity guidelines? *

Before starting your application

We welcome any additional feedback on the guidelines.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

(Limit: approx 113 words, 750 characters) *0 characters of 750 used*

How satisfied were you with the process of applying for a grant? *

Satisfied

We welcome any additional feedback on the application process.

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Please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this Application Form, including:

- Actual time spent reading the guidelines, instructions and questions
- Time spent by all employees in collecting and providing the information
- Time spent completing all questions in the Application Form.

Hours	Minutes
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A copy of the receipt will be sent to: **kusal.perera@evolutiontrustees.com.au**

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2 The Trust

2.1 Name of Trust

The Trust is called the Tasmania Natural Asset Trust or such other name as the Trustee determines from time to time.

2.2 Trustee

The Trustee is and agrees to act as the trustee of the Trust on the terms and conditions of this trust deed.

2.3 Declaration of Trust

(a) The Trustee must hold the Assets on trust for Unitholders in accordance with this trust deed.

(b) The Trust commences on the date Units are first issued to the Unitholders.

2.4 Wholesale Trust

It is acknowledged that the Trust has been established with the intention that an offer of Units will only be made by the Trustee to wholesale clients (as that term is defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act) or persons who are sophisticated investors in respect of whom the requirements of section 761GA of the Corporations Act are satisfied and the Units will only be issued to such persons.

2.5 Primary Purpose and Prohibitions

(a) The primary purpose of the Trust is to acquire, establish and manage timberland and afforestation (including associated carbon credits) assets in Tasmania, Australia and pursue any natural capital and value add initiatives which may be identified by the Manager (and any other assets agreed to comprise the Investment Objective from time to time), in each case in accordance with the Investment Objective (the **Primary Purpose**).

(b) Notwithstanding any clause of this trust deed to the contrary, the Trustee must not exercise its powers in contravention of the Primary Purpose.

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Certificate of the Registration of a Company

Corporations Act 2001 Paragraph 1274 (2) (b)

This is to certify that

EVOLUTION TRUSTEES LIMITED

Australian Company Number 611 839 519

is taken to be registered as a company under the Corporations Act 2001 in New South Wales.

The company is **limited by shares**.

The company is a **public** company.

The day of commencement of registration is **the thirteenth day of April 2016**.

Issued by the
Australian Securities and Investments Commission
on this fourth day of November 2025.

Joseph Longo
Chair

CERTIFICATE

NAB CONNECT

TRANSACTION HISTORY

ETL-Escrow No 38
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AUD 0.00 CR
Opening balance as at 04/11/2025

AUD 0.00 CR
Closing balance as at 04/11/2025

Date	Narrative Type	Debit	Credit	Running balance
0 of 0 transactions found for the period 04/11/2025 to 04/11/2025 as at 09:23 AM AEST, Wednesday 5 November 2025. Transaction history is provisional until confirmed in a statement of account.				

National Australia Bank Limited
ABN 12 004 044 937

395 Bourke Street
Melbourne Vic 3000
Australia

30th Sept 2025

To whom it may concern,

In respect of EVOLUTION TRUSTEES LIMITED we confirm that the following is a Bank Account of that company, held with National Australia Bank Limited;

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Yours sincerely,

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s. 47F(1)
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Account Name	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Account Number	
Currency	
Swift Code	
Bank Branch (BSB)	
Bank Name	
Beneficiary Address	

Contact person to arrange call back	
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Kind Regards

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Senior Custody Manager

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Custody Manager

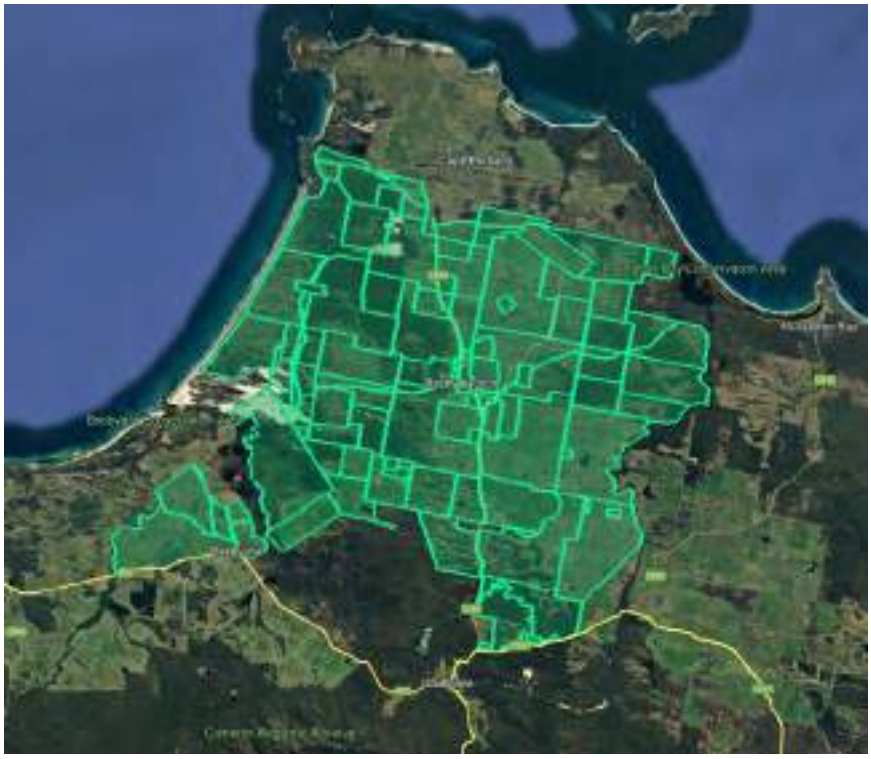
Retrospective Valuation Report

Rushy Lagoon Aggregation

Rushy Lagoon and East Wyambi, Tasmania, Australia

Valuation Date	7 May 2025
Reliant Party(s)	Gresham House Asset Management Limited Gresham House Limited Clean Energy Finance Corporation Aviva Investors Sustainable Outcomes SCSp SICAV-RAIF- Aviva Investors Carbon Removal Fund, represented by its General Partner, Aviva Investors Carbon Removal (GP) SARL

"Rushy Lagoon"



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1 Executive Summary

INSTRUCTIONS / RELIANCE

Instructing Party	s. 47F(1) (Associate Director) of Gresham House.
Instruction Date	26 September 2025.
Reliant Partys/Purpose	Gresham House Asset Management Limited for Pre-Purchase Due Diligence purposes only. Gresham House Limited for Pre-Purchase Due Diligence purposes only. Clean Energy Finance Corporation for Pre-Purchase Due Diligence purposes only. Aviva Investors Sustainable Outcomes SCSp SICAV-RAIF- Aviva Investors Carbon Removal Fund, represented by its General Partner, Aviva Investors Carbon Removal (GP) SARL for Pre-Purchase Due Diligence purposes only.
Limitation of Liability (Condition of Reliance)	To the fullest extent permitted by law, the total aggregate liability of CBRE under or in relation to this valuation, however caused, and whether arising under contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, is limited to the prescribed liability caps in the APIV Limited Liability Scheme (applicable as at the date of valuation).
Reliance Period	We do not assume any responsibility or accept any liability in circumstances where this valuation is relied upon after the expiration of 90 days from the date of issue, (given the retrospective nature of the assessment), or such earlier date if the Reliant Party becomes aware of any factors that may have an effect on the valuation (refer to the Valuation Synopsis for further qualifications).
Interest Valued	Freehold (100%).
Basis of Valuation	Market Value - As Is - Vacant Possession.
	We would draw your attention to the fact that where our appointment is from an entity ('Appointing Entity') to which the European Parliament and Council Directive 2011/61/EU concerning Alternative Investment Fund Managers, as implemented in the jurisdiction of the Appointing Entity ('the Directive') applies, we are acting only in the capacity of a 'valuation adviser/appraiser' to the Appointing Entity and in no event as an 'external valuer' within the meaning of article 19.4 (a) of the Directive. Our role is limited solely to providing valuation and appraisal support in respect of individual property assets or liabilities (based on the assumptions to be set out within our report) and does not include any tailor-made valuations for individual assets, specifically for those requiring subjective judgement on the value of the assets or the determination of the net asset value of an AIF (as defined in the Directive). The Appointing Entity hereby represents and warrants that in accordance with article 19.4 (b) of the Directive the designated AIFM (as defined in the Directive) is responsible for the valuation of the assets of the AIF. Details of any limitations to our liability in respect of the valuation support we provide you with are as set out within our report and our terms of engagement.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Brief Description	Rushy Lagoon Aggregation is a large-scale livestock grazing and dairy property situated on Tasmania's north-east coast, approximately 130 radial kilometres north-east of Launceston and 60 radial kilometres east of Bridport. Access is available from Cape Portland Road to the centre of the property with the southern boundary bordered in two sections by Waterhouse Road and North Ansons Road. The property is contained within 79 contiguous freehold titles, ranging in area from 8.16 hectares to 1,301.00 hectares, with a total land area of approximately 21,744.46 hectares. The property has been developed to 21 centre pivot circles totalling approximately 1,171 hectares of improved irrigation land, 8,311 hectares of arable grazing land and 5,881 hectares of remnant vegetation plus other land including wetlands, conservation land and native grazing areas. Structural improvements across the aggregation include, 19 dwellings, 3 dairies, a 20 stand shearing shed, various machinery and hay storage sheds and livestock handling yards. The aggregation benefits from a substantial water licence which equate to a combined water entitlement of 12,147.50 megalitres of irrigation water.

ASSESSMENT

Date of Issue: 7 October 2025

Valuation Methods	Comparable Transactions Method - Summation, Comparable Transactions Method - Sum-of-Money/Rate Per Hectare
Date of Inspection	7 May 2025
Date of Valuation	7 May 2025

ADOPTED VALUE **Rushy Lagoon Aggregation (Whole) - Market Value - As Is - Vacant Possession**

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Hypothetical Apportionment

Land: s. 47G(1)(a)

Buildings:

Water (in-situ):

All valuations above are exclusive of GST.

Principal Valuer

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s. 47F(1) AAPI

Registered Valuer No. 64381 | Certified Practising Valuer

Head of Agribusiness | Agribusiness

Property Inspection - Yes | Job Involvement - Valuation & Analysis

Counter-signatory

s. 47F(1) | AAPI, B.Com (Prop)

National Director, Agribusiness | Quality & Risk Management

Property Inspection - No | Job Involvement - Counter-signatory in capacity of Quality Assurance** | The opinion of value has been arrived at by the Principal Valuer/s.

** The counter-signatory (acting as a supervising member) has reviewed the Valuation Report (and questioned the Principal Valuer where appropriate); and is satisfied there is a reasonable basis for the valuation process and methodology adopted.

Conditional Terms (Important)

This summary must not be acted on in isolation and must not be read independently of the valuation report in its entirety. This valuation and summary are subject to all content, assumptions, disclaimers, qualifications and recommendations in the report. The report is prepared for the use of and reliance by the Reliant Party only and limited only to the Purpose specifically stated. No responsibility is accepted or assumed to any third party for the whole or any part of the report.

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1. DETAILS

Forest Management Plan Details			
Name:	Rushy Lagoon and East Wyambi		
Address	Cape Portland Road		
Locality:	Rushy Lagoon	Nearest town:	Gladstone
Local Government Authority:		Dorset Council	
Local Fire Brigade:		Gladstone	
Adjoining Shire (Nannup) Brigade		Scott River	

Owner's Details			
Name:	Tasmania Natural Asset Trust		
Primary Contact Number:	s. 47F(1)		
Email:	s. 47F(1) @greshamhouse.com		
Address:	Level 15, 68 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW		
Postcode:	2000	Country:	Australia

Agent's Details			
Organisation:	Delta Forestry Pty Ltd		
Primary Contact Number:	(08) 9778 9995		
Email:	admin@deltaforestry.com.au		
Address:	33 Headstay Cove, Geographe		
Postcode:	6280	Country:	Australia

2. PREFACE

The Rushy Lagoon and East Wyambi aggregation is subject to obtaining an approved forest practice plan under the Forest Practices Act 1985 for the establishment of a *Pinus radiata* plantation on the property. This forest management plan (**Plan**) is provided in support of the forest practice plan approval, noting fire management is addressed in a separate Fire Management Plan.

The subject land is in the Agriculture and Environmental Management Zone in the Dorset Council and surrounds the Flood Plain Lower Ringaroom River Ramsar Site. The plantation has been designed to minimise the risk of any adverse impact to surrounding land uses and the sensitive environment, and at the same time, realise a commercially viable tree crop.

Exclusion buffers will be implemented within the plantation where required to minimise the risk of off target impacts for certain activities such as broadcast fertiliser or chemical application. The Plan has also considered options such as the replanting of native vegetation in some areas especially around degraded waterways.

As per usual plantation practice, the farm will establish trees in managed compartments that are separated by firebreaks. Harvest will occur as per an approved Harvest Management Plan. A rotation will take 25-30 years, and a commercial plantation for harvest is not a permanent land use change and can also improve soil quality and allow native vegetation and waterways to regenerate over the life of the plantation, including where degradation has occurred as a result of grazing and cropping practices.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Plan is to outline the key features and characteristics of the property and document the sustainable forest management practices to be utilised in undertaking the resource development and ongoing management.

4. SCOPE

The Plan has been developed in accordance with the Tasmanian Forest Practices Code 2020. The Plan is specific for the property and any surrounding areas detailed within. The scope of use shall include but not limited to site preparation, plantation establishment, ongoing management, thinning and clear fell harvest of a *P. radiata* softwood plantation.

5. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Planning	
Title Information:	See Appendix 1
Address:	Cape Portland and Waterhouse Roads Rushy Lagoon
Planning Scheme:	Tasmanian Planning Scheme including Dorset Local Provisions Schedule
Planning Zone:	Agriculture and Environmental Management
Planning Overlays:	Bushfire prone area, Waterway and coastal protection area
Existing Land Use:	Grazing livestock and dairy production
Proposed Use:	Resource Development Agriculture (Plantation Forestry)

The plantation is surrounded by other extensive primary production land uses and conservation reserves. In determining the setbacks in this Plan, we have considered the risk of bushfire, off-site movement in the use of establishment chemicals and fertilisers, plantation water use and encroachment of machinery into sensitive areas (refer Attachment 1).

Furthermore, there are additional measures which can be taken to minimise the risk of bushfire and any adverse impacts to surrounding land uses such as operational planning, standard operating procedures, training and competency assessments, supervision, and buffers.

Plantation Design Setbacks	
Public Roads:	s. 47(1)(b)
Title Boundary:	
Compartment Boundary:	
Remnant Vegetation:	
Watercourses:	
Drainage lines:	
Drainage depression:	
Dwellings	
Ramsar site	
Buildings	
Powerlines	

Note:
s. 47(1)(b)

6. SITE DESCRIPTION

The property lies within a moderate rainfall area. The slopes are generally flat to gentle (0-5%) and represent a moderate to high erodibility class. However, there are areas of gentle to moderate slopes (5-20%) which have a high to very high erodibility class. Planting and cultivation including spot and mound will be aligned off contour to slow the rate of fall and accumulation of water where required to minimise the risk of erosion.

Site Features	
Mean Annual Rainfall:	716 mm
Geology:	Sandstone, granitoids, dolerite and marine sediments
Land Units:	Undulating plains, low hills and coastal dunes and beaches
Soils:	Deep sands and sandy duplexes
Topography:	Generally flat to moderate (0-15%)
Catchments:	Boobyalla River, Great Musselroe River, Little Musselroe River

Biodiversity and Conservation Values

The Rushy Lagoon property contains a substantial portion mapped as modified land, primarily agricultural land. In addition to these modified areas, the property contains an extensive native vegetation estate.

The East Wyambi property supports a landscape dominated by modified vegetation communities, with extensive areas classified as agricultural land, along with occurrences of regenerating cleared land.

Three vegetation communities listed as threatened under the Tasmanian *Nature Conservation Act 2002* are known to occur:

• *Allocasuarina littoralis* forest – small patches on East Wyambi.

• *Melaleuca ericifolia* forest – widespread on Rushy Lagoon, including some of the best examples of this swamp forest community in Tasmania within the Ramsar site.

• Wetlands– widespread across both properties, ranging from small and highly degraded depressions in paddocks to large intact wetlands, amongst the best in Tasmania.

One ecological community listed as a threatened ecological community under the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBCA) is present:

• Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh – small occurrence in the northwest corner of Rushy Lagoon (~1 ha).

Remnant native vegetation occurs near southern boundary of East Wyambi adjacent to Waterhouse Road. This area has been partially cleared, with tracks throughout and access by cattle. The least disturbed parts are coastal dry *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest and woodland in fair condition. Removal or dieback of eucalypt trees in some areas has shifted the eucalypt forest to scrub or she-oak forest or grassy sedgeland. This includes patches of a threatened vegetation community, *Allocasuarina littoralis* forest. The condition of the remnant is fair in the central areas, becoming more degraded as edge effects impinge on the

vegetation margins. Cattle grazing impacts and pugging around wet areas was noted.

Degraded wetlands occur across the property. Most of these former wetlands appear to have been modified to the point that they are now pasture with few or no native species.

Native vegetation and watercourses areas are demarcated on maps, and on the ground by a minimum 6 m setback/firebreak for vegetation and 5 m setback for watercourses. Machinery operators can clearly identify plantation from native vegetation and are not permitted to enter native vegetation nor within 5 m of a watercourse. Harvest machinery is fitted with GPS and directional felling heads, however where there is a risk of machinery encroachment or felling of trees into native vegetation areas further demarcation materials such as flagging, warning signs will be deployed. No clearing of native vegetation is required to undertake the development.

Biodiversity and Conservation Features	
Vegetation Types:	*E. amygdalina* forest and woodland, *A. littoralis* forest, *Melaleuca ericifolia forest and wetlands.*
Potential Occurrence of Threatened Species[1] (CR[2],VU[3],EN[4]):	Shiny grasstree, tapered leek orchid, sand grasstree, Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle, chaostola skipper, ruddy turnstone, giant freshwater crayfish, Australasian bitter, red knot, curlew sandpiper, great knot, greater sand plover, lesser sand plover,hooded plover, spotted-tail quoll, eastern quoll, eastern dwarf galaxias, lathams snipe, western alaskan bar-taled godwit, green and gold frog, blue-winged parrot, eastern curlew, eastern barred bandicoot, grey plover, Australian grayling, new holland mouse, Tasmanian devil, fairy tern, hooded plover, common greenshank.
TEC[5]:	Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh
Vegetation Condition:	Pristine to poor

[1] May or may not be found on or near the property (5km radius from property).
[2] Critical
[3] Vulnerable
[4] Endangered
[5] Threatened ecological community.

Water Management

Surface water interception and water usage by a deep-rooted, thinned, multi-rotation plantation forest (including firebreaks, buffers and setbacks) will be commensurate with the native vegetation which previously occupied the site. The clearing of the land for agriculture has increased the level of surface water that reaches the waterways. While there are some benefits of increased flow rates with land clearing, it comes with trade-offs such as elevation of water tables, salinisation, erosion and the runoff of sediment, nutrients and other pollutants into waterways and rivers. Carefully prepared and managed, the plantation will moderate surface water flow towards waterway systems via drainage or cultivation which will fall at 1:100 or 1%. There are several existing crossings on the property and no new crossings are required. Existing crossings will continue to be utilised noting outside of temporary harvest, traffic within the plantation is low.

The property falls within the Boobyalla, Little Musselroe and Greater Musselroe Rivers. The waterways of these river systems are sensitive to nitrogen and phosphorus runoff from agricultural fertiliser inputs and effluent. The establishment of a plantation on the property will improve water quality of these rivers, through nutrient stripping and the reduction in water turbidity because of upstream dairy effluent and intensive fertiliser inputs on centre pivot sites entering waterways that run through the property.

Chemical and Nutrient Management

The use of chemicals on the property are regulated by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. Chemical use is in accordance with the label rates and applied by licenced and appropriately qualified contractors.

Our chemical use within the plantation is generally limited to the first 18 months of the plantation and targeted to the planting strip. For example, for commonly used chemicals in forestry plantations and canola cropping, the plantation use is less than 1% when compared to canola over a full rotation. The setbacks and buffers in the Plan take into consideration the low level of chemical input and the ground-based, targeted nature of their application.

The short rooted annual pasture species on the property are subject to annual

inputs of phosphorus and nitrogenous fertilisers. Trees have developed mechanisms quite different to short-rooted annuals to deal with pulses of nutrient availability (e.g., deep roots, internal storage processes for nutrient uptake over and above their requirements, mycorrhizal associations) and nutrient cycling in plantation forests is highly conserved unlike short-rooted annual species found in cropping and pasture systems (i.e., limited export of nutrients off site).

Soil and foliar tests will be undertaken to determine the requirement for any fertiliser applications to remediate any nutrient deficiencies or imbalances. The plantation industry in conjunction with leading forest scientists have developed decision support tools to guide nutrition management in plantations. Given the property's recent history, it is expected there will be no requirement to use any fertiliser at establishment or during maintenance of the plantation. Nonetheless, whilst remote, the Plan assumes fertiliser may be applied during the plantation's life cycle, and such the buffers and setbacks set out in Attachment 1 are designed to minimise the risk of any potential offsite movement, especially to the local waterways and native vegetation. No chemicals or fertilisers will be stored at the property.

Cultural Heritage

Cultural Heritage Features	
Language Group:	Trawlwoolway
Country:	Tebrakunna
Regional Corporation:	Melaythenner Teeackana Warrana (Heart of Country) Aboriginal Corporation

Cultural Heritage Sites	
PID 7147806	Musselroe Bay Conservation Area
PID 7429766	Cameron Regional Reserve

Forest Description

Forest Area Statement (ha)	
Plantation (PY2026):	1,999
Plantation (PY2027):	3,196
Plantation (>PY2027):	5,151
Revegetation (>PY2026):	1,137
Native Vegetation:	8,597
Ramsar:	359
Buffers and Water Courses:	478
Firebreaks and Tracks:	579
Dams:	120
Total:	**21,616**

7. SILVICULTURE AND MANAGEMENT REGIME

Regime		
Measure	Un-thinned	Thinned
Type:	Pulp/house frame	House frame
Species:	P. radiata	*P. radiata*
Initial Stocking:	800 stems/ha	1,100 stems/ha
Thinning Year:	None.	10-14
Clear Fell Year:	25-30	20-30

Many management activities are reactive and therefore not determined by a prescriptive schedule in a long-term forest management plan (as described in the following management plan). To cope with the reactive nature of forest operations, planning is broken down into the following categories which are reviewed annually:

- long-term or strategic plans (20+ years horizon);
- tactical plans (3-5 year horizon); and
- operational plans (1 year horizon).

The level of detail in forest planning increases as the planning horizon becomes

less. The Plan is considered a long-term or strategic plan, does not have the specificity of an operational plan and does not consider estate level objectives and constraints.

Management schedule		
Activity	Year	Description
Road Infrastructure:	<1	Where possible, existing access points and roads will be used to minimise disturbance. Where required, new access points and roads will be established to allow for the safe access and egress through the plantation.
Weed Management:	<2	Generally, occurs in the first 18 months of plantation establishment, weeds will be managed to minimise competition within the tree crop using appropriately qualified organisations and operators and will comply with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority regulations. Firebreaks may be sprayed annually using the same techniques.
Site Preparation:	<1	Planting lines will be designed to prevent water logging and will generally run North to South connecting to internal drainage lines and will be at 4 m intervals using either rip/mound or straight rip soil amelioration techniques. Site preparation is required to optimise tree growth.
Planting:	<1	Seedlings will be planted by hand using spades or planting tubes during the winter period.
Pest Management:	As required	Undertaken where plantation damage is occurring that will lead to economic loss. Applications will be ground based.
Monitoring:	<6 months weekly and at least quarterly thereafter	Access, hazards, weeds, pests and diseases, survival, firebreaks, and water points.
Nutrition:	As required	Based on precision forestry principles the nutrition status will be monitored and any economic imbalances remedied by the application of fertiliser.
Road Maintenance:	As required	Roads will be inspected and maintained to ensure access and to minimise any adverse impacts (e.g., erosion, poor drainage).
Firebreak Maintenance:	Annual	Firebreaks will be maintained in accordance with this Plan and the relevant firebreak and fuel reduction notice published by the Local Government Authority.
Fire Management:	As required	Provided separately

Declared Plants and Animals:	As required	Declared plants and animals will be identified through monitoring and declarations and control will be in accordance with the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007 and coordinated with local community management groups. Farm Biosecurity information signage will be erected at the two major entry points to the property.
Wildling Control	As required	Volunteer pine seedlings will be monitored and controlled outside of the plantation area.
Pruning and Thinning Regimes:	As required	There are no scheduled pruning regimes. The only potential pruning operation will be for fire control purposes and confined to firebreak limb intrusion, internal track intersections to maintain safe access and egress and strategically positioned fuel reduced buffers. Specifications for pruning will be incorporated into the Fire Management Plan. There is one scheduled thinning at age 10-14 years. Stocking will be reduced from initial establishment stocking of 1100 spha to 800 spha. Clear fell is anticipated between ages 25-30 years.
Inventory:	>10	Undertaken to monitor plantation performance and forward planning.

Standard Prescriptions

Standard Prescriptions	
Pre-Plant Broad Spray:	s. 47(1)(b)
Site Preparation:	
Pre-Plant Strip Spray:	
Post-Plant Spray:	
Establishment Fertiliser:	
Maintenance Fertiliser:	
Firebreaks:	
Vermin Control	
Grazing:	
Fencing:	
Access and Security:	

Harvest

The intent is to deploy a cut-to-length harvest system to produce logs for delivery to local and export markets. Prior to any harvest operations a harvest management plan will be developed for submission to the local government authority and communication to stakeholders. The harvest management plan shall include appropriate traffic, water, dust and noise management plans to adequately manage potential adverse impacts to the environment and stakeholders.

Around the final clear-felling of the plantation an assessment will be made on the future use of the property including the appropriate management of harvest residue.

8. HAULAGE AND MARKET INFORMATION

The property has direct access to Cape Portland and Waterhouse Roads allowing for the efficient haulage of logs to key markets in Scottdale, Bell Bay and Branxholm via the preferred haulage route. No new haul roads are required for the development. Prior to any haulage operations a haulage and traffic management plan will be developed for submission to the Local Government Authority and communication to stakeholders.

Appendix 1 – Title Details

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124991	1	202588	1	248297	1
124992	1	206232	1	251387	1
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200373	1	206239	1	248297	2
200374	1	206480	1	251387	2
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200443	1	213296	1	124991	3
200888	1	225276	1	127534	3
200922	1	225420	1	137919	3
200992	1	226066	1	248297	3
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200994	1	234932	1	124991	4
201002	1	237254	1	127535	4
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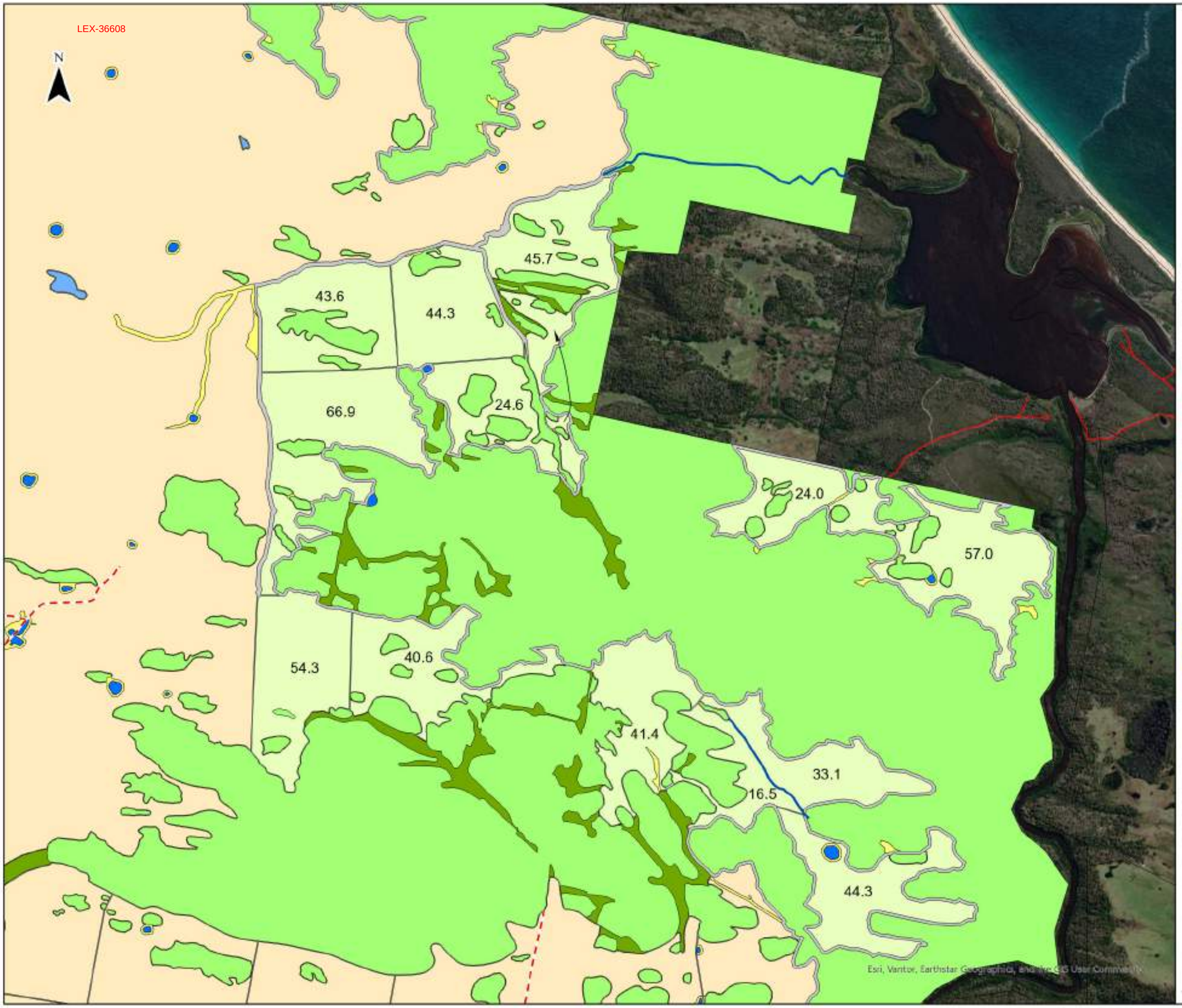
Attachments:

1. Plantation Maps



FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON NORTH EAST PROPOSED PLANTING P2027

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council
LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

1/127533, 1/201002, 1/206232, 1/206233, 1/206234, 1/206235, 1/206236, 1/206237 and 1/206238

Area Statement

P2027 P. radiata.....536.8 ha

Total P2027 P. radiata.....3195.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
- Powerline
- Track
- Drain
- Stream
- P2027 Proposed P. radiata
- Environmental Planting
- Fallow/Other Planting
- Firebreak/Compartment Break
- Buffer/Non Plant
- Retained Vegetation
- Dam
- Wet/Non Plant
- RAMSAR Wetland

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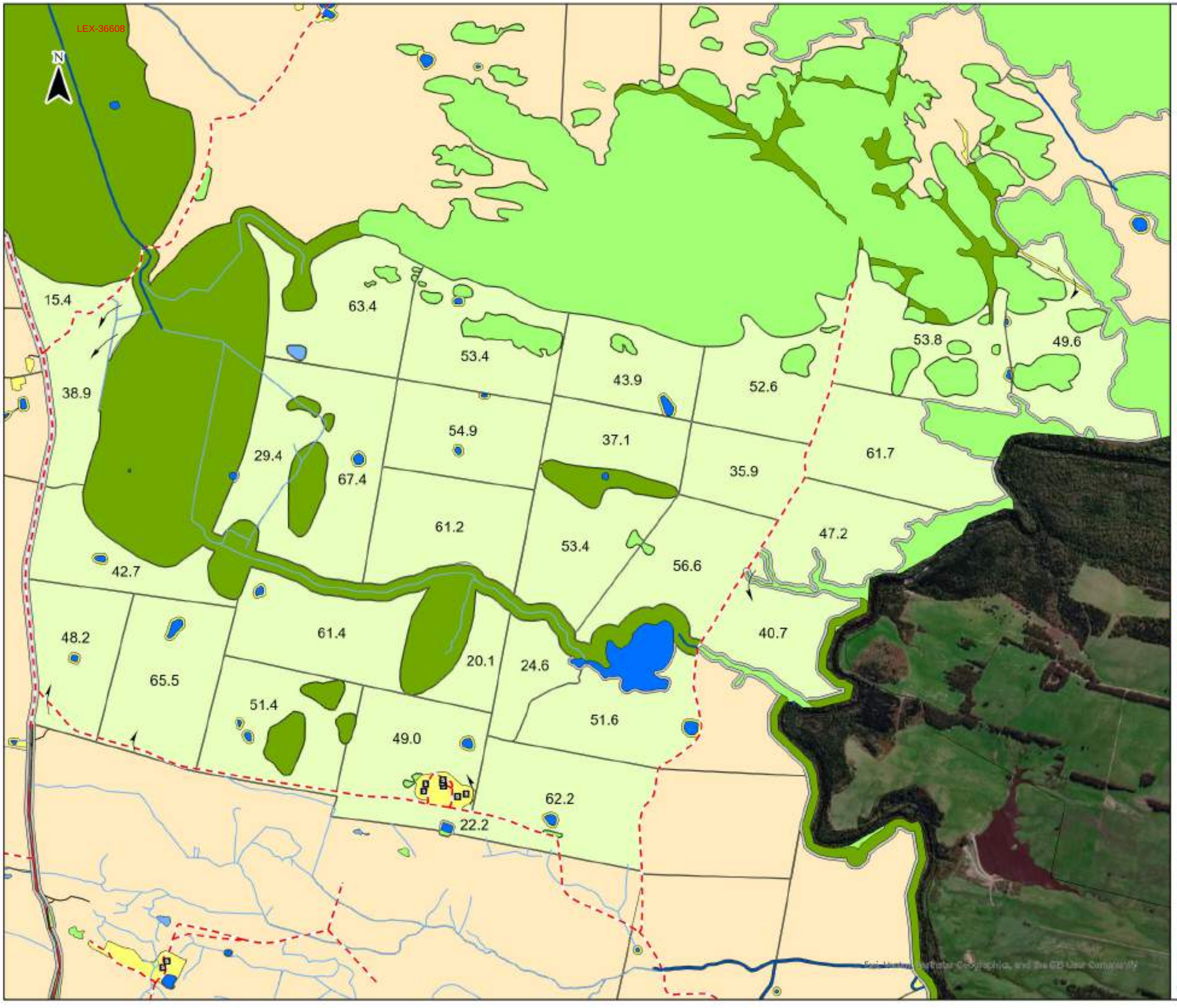

FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON SOUTH CENTRAL PROPOSED PLANTING P2027

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council
LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

2/124991, 1/124992, 2/137919, 1/201002, 1/202449, 1/208239 and 1/206480

Area Statement

P2027 P. radiata.....1416.2 ha

Total P2027 P. radiata.....3195.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
- Powerline
- Track
- Drain
- Stream
- P2027 Proposed P. radiata
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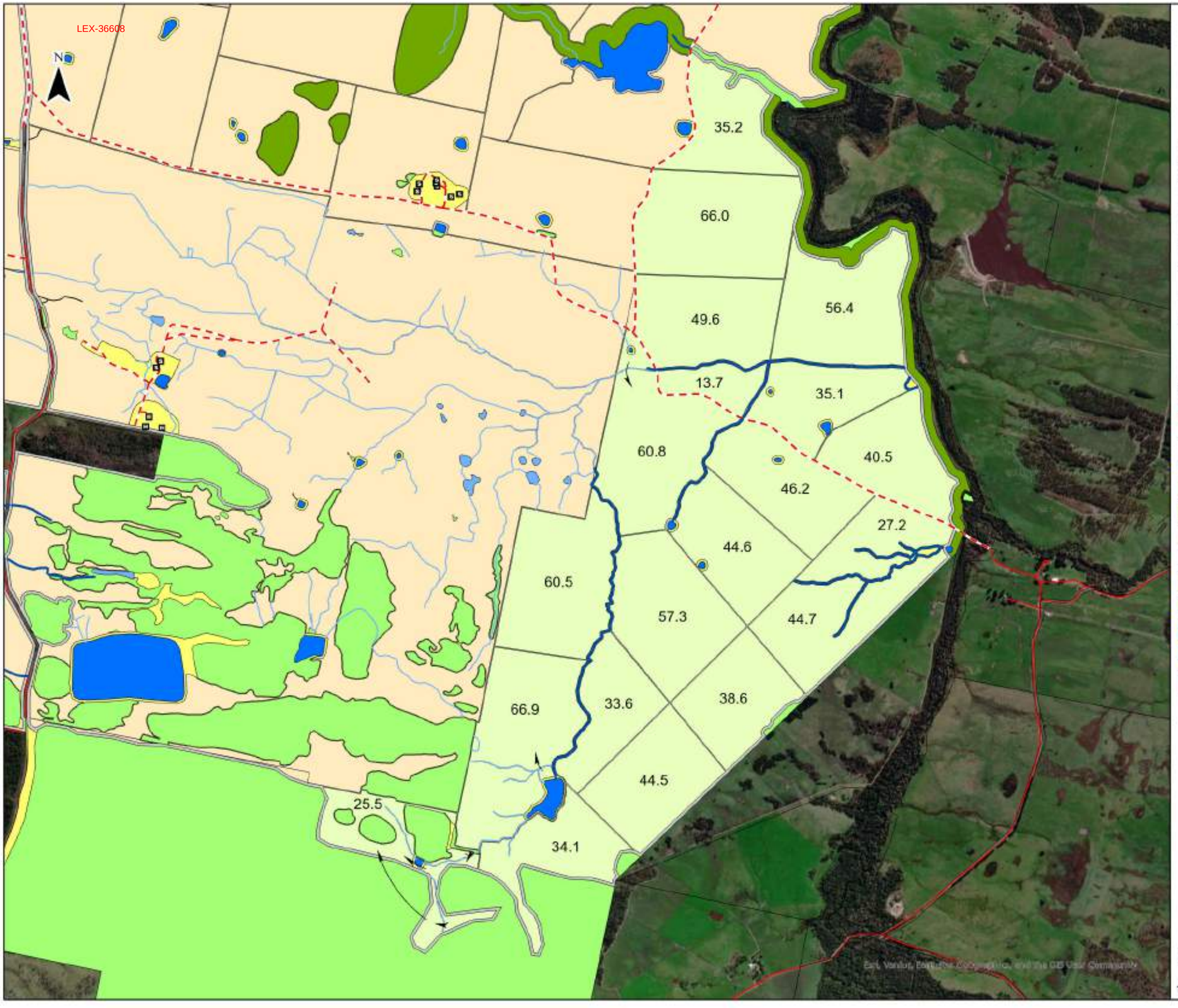

FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON SOUTH EAST PROPOSED PLANTING P2027

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council
LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

1/200373, 1/202388, 1/202449, 1/202521 and 1/239251

Area Statement

P2027 P. radiata.....881.0 ha

Total P2027 P. radiata.....3195.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
- Powerline
- Track
- Drain
- Stream
- P2027 Proposed P. radiata
- Environmental Planting
- Fallow/Other Planting
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FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON SOUTH WEST PROPOSED PLANTING P2026

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council
LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

1/107442 , 1/107450, 1/107451, 2/124991, 3/124991, 4/124991, 1/128358, 2/128358, 1/128373, 2/128173, 1/201037, 1/226183 and 3/248297

Area Statement

P2026 P. radiata ..... 1012.5 ha

Total P2026 P. radiata ..... 2000.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
- Powerline
- Track
- Drain
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FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON SOUTH WEST PROPOSED PLANTING P2027

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council
LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

3/124991, 4/124991 and 1/201037

Area Statement

P2027 P. radiata.....361.5 ha

Total P 2027 P. radiata.....3195.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
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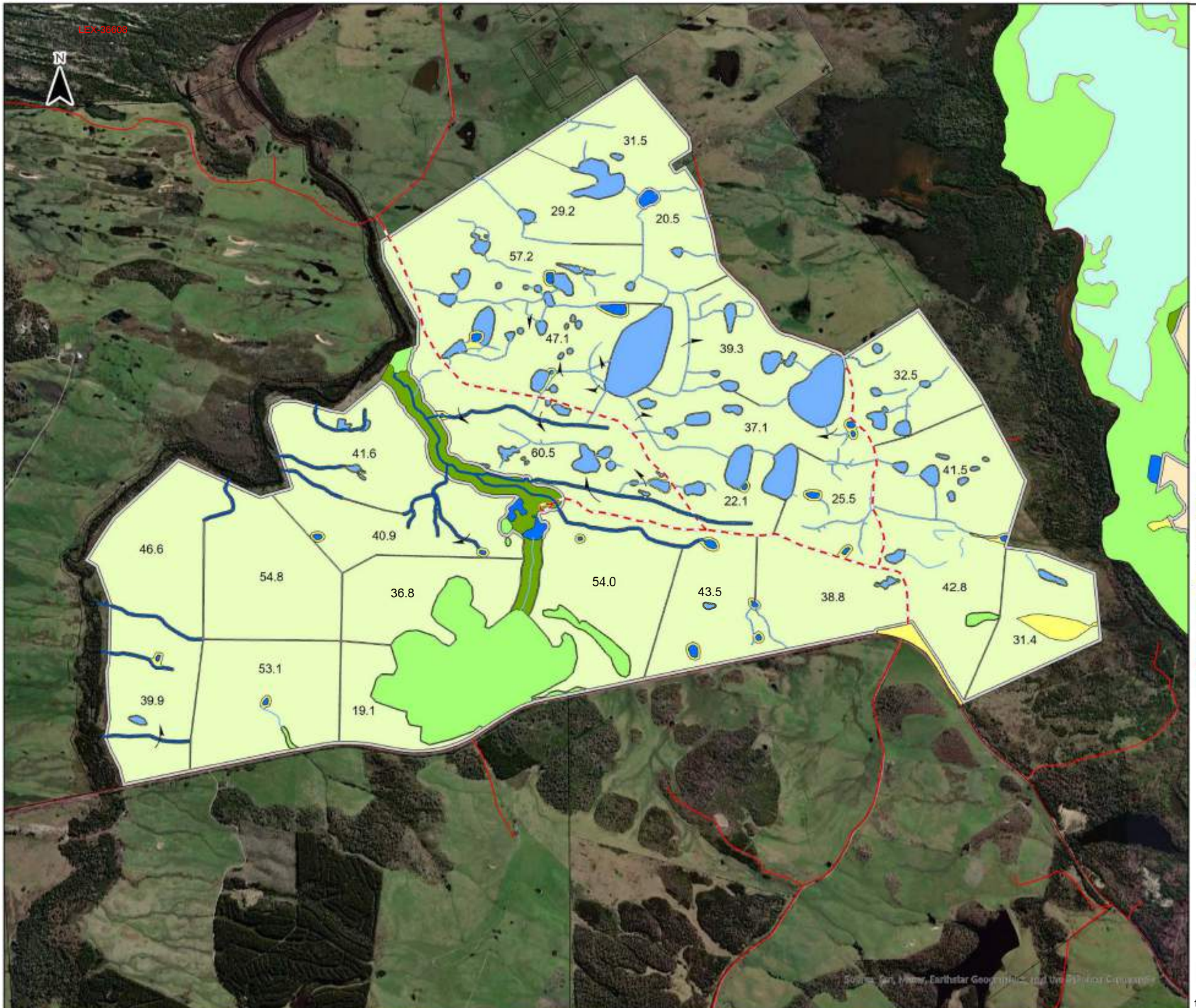

FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON EAST WYAMBIE PROPOSED PLANTING P2026

Details

SHIRE: Dorset

LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

1/237877, 1/241893 and 2/251387

Area Statement

P2026 P. radiata.....987.5 ha

Total P2026 P. radiata.....2000.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
- Powerline
- Track
- Drain
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- P2026 Proposed P. radiata
- Environmental Planting
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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Plantation Management Plan endorsement coversheet

Support Plantation Establishment program

Grant requirements	Response
The proposed plantation forest sites are in an economically viable location for wood production, timber harvesting and processing	The plantation forest sites are located within the Tasmania Nation Plantation Inventory region and the Tasmania Forestry Hub. The plantation sites are generally gentle to moderate slopes, and all can be conventionally harvested (i.e., ground-based and untethered). The plantation forest sites have direct access to public road network and within 150 km of the key markets in Bell Bay, Scottsdale and Branxholm.
The location, size and dimensions of the proposed plantation forest that will be established, including if the trees will be planted across multiple sites, is site-suitable	The plantation forest sites will be planted with Pinus radiata. All plantation forest sites are in the high rainfall zone (>650 mm) and individual sites are no less than 60 ha.

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<tr><th>Grant requirements</th><th>Response</th></tr>
<tr><td>The plantation tree species is site-suitable and planted at a suitable stocking for successful growth</td><td>P. radiata is commonly grown in the region and a key feedstock for local processors and exporters. The stocking rate is suitable for successful growth.</td></tr>
<tr><td>When the plantation forest will be established and will likely be harvested, including the scheduling of the plantation establishment activities that grant funding is being sought for</td><td>Guiding questions, delete as appropriate.
The plantation forest will be established during the winter and spring of the 2026 and 2027 calendar years. We are seeking grant funding from April 2026. Funding is being sought for pre-plant activities, planting, seedlings and subsequent activities including weed control and fertiliser application. Some project establishment activities will have likely occurred at some plantation forest sites due to the planting season commencing prior to the Activity Start Date. However, early establishment maintenance (post plant) activities are yest to occur. Planting activities are expected to occur over 2 years and maintenance activities 3 years. The likely regime can be found in the following table.

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<tr><td>Regime:</td><td>House frame</td></tr>
<tr><td>Species:</td><td>P. radiata</td></tr>
<tr><td>Initial Stocking:</td><td>1,100 stems/ha</td></tr>
<tr><td>Harvest</td><td>Cut-to-length</td></tr>
<tr><td>Thinning Year:</td><td>10-14</td></tr>
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Soils and topography are suitable for conventional ground-based harvest systems.</td></tr>
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<tr><th>Activity</th><th>Description</th></tr>
<tr><td>Road Infrastructure:</td><td>Where possible, existing access points and roads will be used to minimise disturbance. Where required, new access points and roads will be established to allow for the safe access and egress through the plantation.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Inventory:</td><td>Undertaken to monitor plantation performance and forward planning.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>The long-term access to the land, and that the plantation forest complies with relevant planning and environmental approvals and regulations.</td><td>The plantation forest sites are all located on freehold title owned or under contract by the applicant. All planning and regulatory consents have been or likely be obtained prior to the Activity Start Date.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Existing state or territory government plantation expansion or establishment program (only if applicable)</td><td>Not applicable.</td></tr>
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Suitably qualified forestry professional declaration

Considering all of the grant requirements and responses above, does the proposed plantation and associated plantation management plan meet the requirements of the Support Plantation Establishment program?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, the grant application will be deemed ineligible.

I declare that the information I have provided in this form and any annexures is true and correct. I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*. This offence carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 12 months.

I have read and understood the privacy notice and Privacy Policy.

Full name: s. 47F(1)

Signature: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Date (dd/mm/yyyy): 4/11/2025

Qualifications and experience of suitably qualified forestry professional:

Bachelor of Science (1st Hon), Plant Biology, and Soil Science and Plant Nutrition double major.
s. 47F(1)

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Indicative project budget template

Support Plantation Establishment program

Directions: Provide an indicative budget for the project period using the table below.
Each budget item must be provided exclusive of GST.
It is mandatory that this budget template is completed and uploaded electronically to your application form.

Applicant name/organisation:	Evolution Trustees Limited as trustee for the Tasmania Natural Asset Trust
Application Submission Reference:	5DXGSRW
Australian Government funding requested:	9,872,032
Co-contribution/other funding amount:	24,725,905

	2024–25	2025–26	2026–27	Total
Planned hectares for planting		1,999	3,196	5,195

Support Plantation Establishment grant

Activity	Cost per ha	2024–25	2025–26	2026–27
Mechanical site preparation	s. 47G(1)(a)		s. 47G(1)(a)	
Site preparation weed control				
Value of trees				
Planting				
Establishment fertiliser				
Total		-		

Grant applicant co-contribution

Activity	Cost per ha	2024–25	2025–26	2026–27
Value of land	s. 47G(1)		s. 47G(1)(a)	s. 47G(1)(a)
Mechanical site preparation				
Site preparation weed control				
Value of trees				
Planting				
Establishment fertiliser				
(Other line item)				
(Other line item)				
(Other line item)				
(Other line item)				
(Other line item)				
(Other line item)				
Total	s. 47G(1)	-	s. 47G(1)(a)	s. 47G(1)(a)
Total project cost	s. 47G(1)	-	s. 47G(1)(a)	s. 47G(1)(a)

Value of trees calculator		
Quantity of trees	s. 47G(1)(a)	trees
Unit cost per tree		$ per tree
Pick-up/delivery costs		$
Initial target stocking		stems per hectare
Value of trees		per ha

Further information against budget items above (max 300 words)

Establishment activities spread across FY26 and FY 27. Land values have been calculated on title area. Values on a productive area basis (net plantatble area) are higher.

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Description	P2026 Rushy Lagoon South West		

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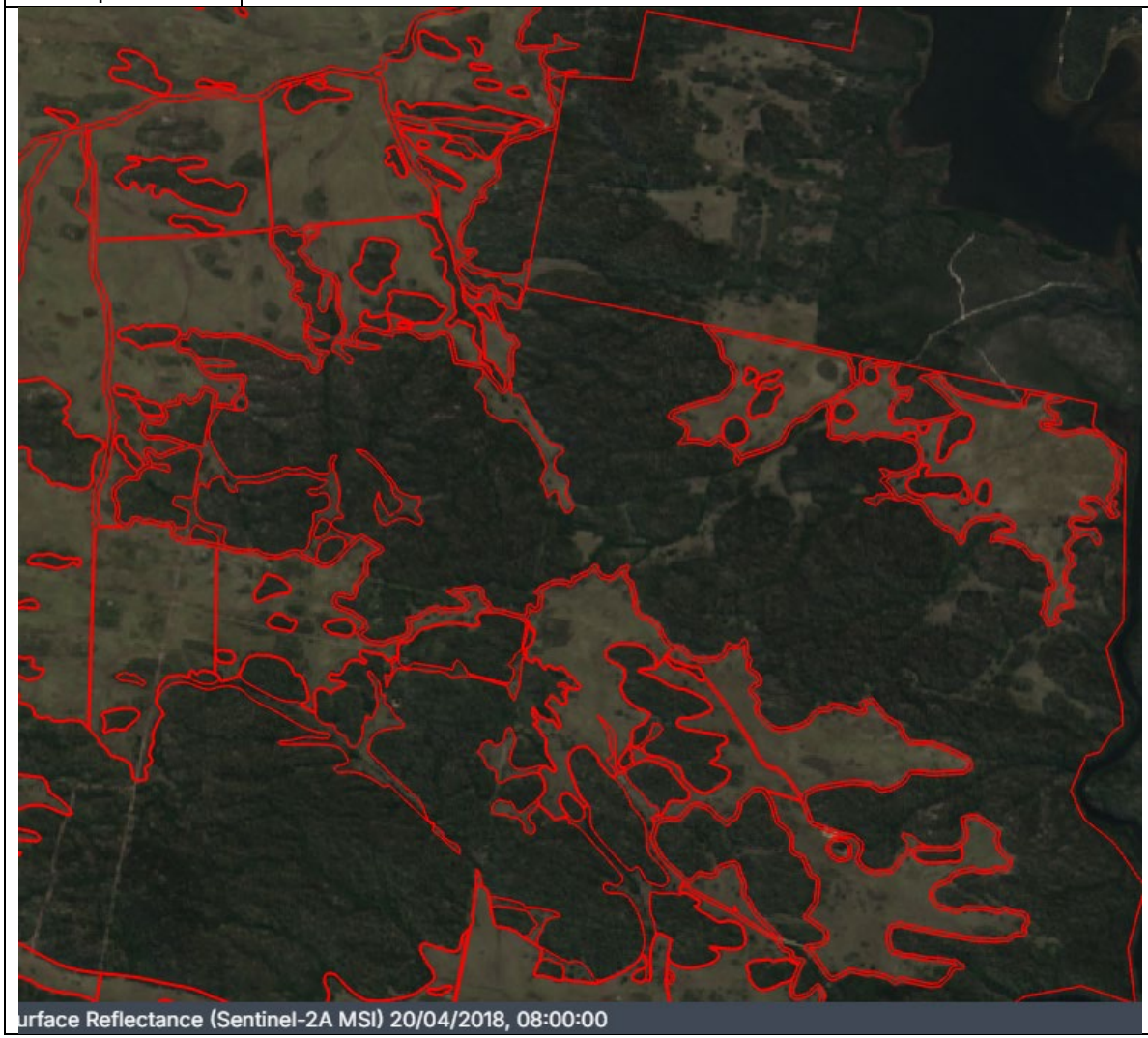

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Date: Friday, 28 November 2025 10:26:31 AM
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Dear s. 47F(1)

Thank you for your email. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has received the information and attachments.

The provision of an ACCU Scheme project ID at the time of applying for the Support Plantation Establishment program is administrative and informs the grant agreement development processes (for successful applicants). Support Plantation Establishment applicants do not need to register projects under the ACCU Scheme to meet the Support Plantation Establishment program's eligibility requirements.

We note that you will be undertaking an ACCU Scheme project in the same project and will continue with the evaluation of the application. We will request further information by email if required.

Kind regards

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Cc: s. 47F(1) @greshamhouse.com>
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Hi Folks,

1. To confirm, we will be undertaking an ACCU Scheme project in the same project area. We submitted the grant application on the basis that the grant funding was conditional on the ACCU Scheme project being declared. Our understanding was that providing an ACCU Scheme project ID with the application was merely an administrative, not eligibility, matter with the critical requirement (for additionality and eligibility) being the ACCU Scheme project declaration - this is why we inserted "to be advised" in the grant application. We were unaware that, per your email, "to meet the ACCU Scheme's eligibility requirements" applicants had to submit their project for registration before applying for the grant. We obviously do not want to do anything that may cause our ACCU Scheme Project to be ineligible.

2. Please find updated forest management plan with a more detailed activity plan included.

3. We are not undertaking broad land clearing as part of the project.

4. Please find higher resolution imagery. If you wish it to be higher resolution, I can break the project area down into smaller pieces or make it A3.

Regards,
s. 47F(1)

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Dear S. 47F(1)

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is reviewing your application to the Support Plantation Establishment program (Round 3, Batch 6). Please provide the following by return email to ForestryPrograms@aff.gov.au by **5:00pm AEDT Friday 28 November 2025**:

- Clarification on whether you will be undertaking an ACCU Scheme project. If yes, please provide your ACCU Scheme project ID.
  - In your application, you indicated that you would be undertaking an ACCU Scheme project but the submission reference was '*to be advised*'.
  - If you intend to seek Support Plantation Establishment grant funding and undertake an ACCU Scheme project in the same project area, you must supply your ACCU Scheme project ID at the time of applying for the Support Plantation Establishment program. This will enable your application to the Support Plantation Establishment program to proceed while your ACCU Scheme application is also being assessed by the Clean Energy Regulator.
  - If applicants intend to register their project under the ACCU Scheme, they will need to do so before applying to the Support Plantation Establishment program in order to meet the ACCU Scheme's eligibility requirements.
  - The ACCU Scheme project must be declared by the Clean Energy Regulator before Support Plantation Establishment program grant funding can be released. This is to meet the ACCU Scheme's eligibility and additionality requirements.

- An updated version of the Management Schedule table in your Plantation Management Plan that outlines the estimated timing in calendar months and years (not year 0, year 1 etc) for all plantation establishment activities that grant funding is being sought for and that are being claimed as part of your co-contribution activities for all project areas.
  - The Grant Opportunity Guidelines outline the following:
    - You must incur the expenditure on your project between the start date and end/completion date of your grant agreement for it to be eligible.
  - The latest end/completion date for the grant activity is 30 June 2027 but you may have grant activities listed that will occur after this date.

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- Confirmation that your project is not seeking to remove remnant native vegetation.
  - The Grant Opportunity Guidelines outline the following:
    - Eligible grant activities do not include broad land clearing.

- Higher resolution time-stamped satellite imagery that demonstrates that the project area has not been used as a plantation or native forest for the last 7 years.
  - Satellite imagery for the last 7 years is likely to be available for most areas of Australia where plantation forests can be grown. There are free satellite imagery products such as Google Earth Pro which can be downloaded and used to identify the year and month for which imagery is available for an area of interest.
  - Other national products such as the Digital Earth Australia (DEA) Maps platform provide satellite imagery coverage. A user can choose their location of interest by entering a nearby town and then panning to the actual area of interest, selecting DEA Surface Reflectance (Landsat and Sentinel-2), and then selecting the year of interest using the sliding date scale at the bottom of the screen.
  - Some states and territories also have free data portals with satellite and/or air photo imagery which applicants could consider using.
  - In the unlikely event that satellite imagery is unavailable, time-stamped and geo-referenced time-series ground-based photographs may be utilised to demonstrate that the land has not been used as a plantation or native forest for the last 7 years.

- The email attachment size limit for files is 25MB. Please send the attachments through in as many separate emails as required. We appreciate the challenges associated with the file size limits at the time of application.

The request for clarification or additional information requested will not change the nature of your application. However, we can refuse to accept any additional information from you which would change your application after the closing time.

Kind regards

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1. DETAILS

Forest Management Plan Details			
Name:	Rushy Lagoon and East Wyambi		
Address	Cape Portland Road		
Locality:	Rushy Lagoon	Nearest town:	Gladstone
Local Government Authority:		Dorset Council	
Local Fire Brigade:		Gladstone	
Adjoining Shire (Nannup) Brigade		Scott River	

Owner's Details			
Name:	Tasmania Natural Asset Trust		
Primary Contact Number:		s. 47F(1)	
Email:	s. 47F(1) @greshamhouse.com		
Address:	Level 15, 68 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW		
Postcode:	2000	Country:	Australia

Agent's Details			
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Primary Contact Number:		(08) 9778 9995	
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Address:	33 Headstay Cove, Geographe		
Postcode:	6280	Country:	Australia

2. PREFACE

The Rushy Lagoon and East Wyambi aggregation is subject to obtaining an approved forest practice plan under the Forest Practices Act 1985 for the establishment of a *Pinus radiata* plantation on the property. This forest management plan (**Plan**) is provided in support of the forest practice plan approval, noting fire management is addressed in a separate Fire Management Plan.

The subject land is in the Agriculture and Environmental Management Zone in the Dorset Council and surrounds the Flood Plain Lower Ringaroom River Ramsar Site. The plantation has been designed to minimise the risk of any adverse impact to surrounding land uses and the sensitive environment, and at the same time, realise a commercially viable tree crop.

Exclusion buffers will be implemented within the plantation where required to minimise the risk of off target impacts for certain activities such as broadcast fertiliser or chemical application. The Plan has also considered options such as the replanting of native vegetation in some areas especially around degraded waterways.

As per usual plantation practice, the farm will establish trees in managed compartments that are separated by firebreaks. Harvest will occur as per an approved Harvest Management Plan. A rotation will take 25-30 years, and a commercial plantation for harvest is not a permanent land use change and can also improve soil quality and allow native vegetation and waterways to regenerate over the life of the plantation, including where degradation has occurred as a result of grazing and cropping practices.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Plan is to outline the key features and characteristics of the property and document the sustainable forest management practices to be utilised in undertaking the resource development and ongoing management.

4. SCOPE

The Plan has been developed in accordance with the Tasmanian Forest Practices Code 2020. The Plan is specific for the property and any surrounding areas detailed within. The scope of use shall include but not limited to site preparation, plantation establishment, ongoing management, thinning and clear fell harvest of a *P. radiata* softwood plantation.

5. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Planning	
Title Information:	See Appendix 1
Address:	Cape Portland and Waterhouse Roads Rushy Lagoon
Planning Scheme:	Tasmanian Planning Scheme including Dorset Local Provisions Schedule
Planning Zone:	Agriculture and Environmental Management
Planning Overlays:	Bushfire prone area, Waterway and coastal protection area
Existing Land Use:	Grazing livestock and dairy production
Proposed Use:	Resource Development Agriculture (Plantation Forestry)

The plantation is surrounded by other extensive primary production land uses and conservation reserves. In determining the setbacks in this Plan, we have considered the risk of bushfire, off-site movement in the use of establishment chemicals and fertilisers, plantation water use and encroachment of machinery into sensitive areas (refer Attachment 1).

Furthermore, there are additional measures which can be taken to minimise the risk of bushfire and any adverse impacts to surrounding land uses such as operational planning, standard operating procedures, training and competency assessments, supervision, and buffers.

Plantation Design Setbacks	
Public Roads:	s. 47(1)(b)
Title Boundary:	
Compartment Boundary:	
Remnant Vegetation:	
Watercourses:	
Drainage lines:	
Drainage depression:	
Dwellings	
Ramsar site	
Buildings	
Powerlines	

Note:
s. 47(1)(b)

6. SITE DESCRIPTION

The property lies within a moderate rainfall area. The slopes are generally flat to gentle (0-5%) and represent a moderate to high erodibility class. However, there are areas of gentle to moderate slopes (5-20%) which have a high to very high erodibility class. Planting and cultivation including spot and mound will be aligned off contour to slow the rate of fall and accumulation of water where required to minimise the risk of erosion.

Site Features	
Mean Annual Rainfall:	716 mm
Geology:	Sandstone, granitoids, dolerite and marine sediments
Land Units:	Undulating plains, low hills and coastal dunes and beaches
Soils:	Deep sands and sandy duplexes
Topography:	Generally flat to moderate (0-15%)
Catchments:	Boobyalla River, Great Musselroe River, Little Musselroe River

Biodiversity and Conservation Values

The Rushy Lagoon property contains a substantial portion mapped as modified land, primarily agricultural land. In addition to these modified areas, the property contains an extensive native vegetation estate.

The East Wyambi property supports a landscape dominated by modified vegetation communities, with extensive areas classified as agricultural land, along with occurrences of regenerating cleared land.

Three vegetation communities listed as threatened under the Tasmanian *Nature Conservation Act 2002* are known to occur:

• *Allocasuarina littoralis* forest – small patches on East Wyambi.

• *Melaleuca ericifolia* forest – widespread on Rushy Lagoon, including some of the best examples of this swamp forest community in Tasmania within the Ramsar site.

• Wetlands– widespread across both properties, ranging from small and highly degraded depressions in paddocks to large intact wetlands, amongst the best in Tasmania.

One ecological community listed as a threatened ecological community under the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBCA) is present:

• Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh – small occurrence in the northwest corner of Rushy Lagoon (~1 ha).

Remnant native vegetation occurs near southern boundary of East Wyambi adjacent to Waterhouse Road. This area has been partially cleared, with tracks throughout and access by cattle. The least disturbed parts are coastal dry *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest and woodland in fair condition. Removal or dieback of eucalypt trees in some areas has shifted the eucalypt forest to scrub or she-oak forest or grassy sedgeland. This includes patches of a threatened vegetation community, *Allocasuarina littoralis* forest. The condition of the remnant is fair in the central areas, becoming more degraded as edge effects impinge on the

vegetation margins. Cattle grazing impacts and pugging around wet areas was noted.

Degraded wetlands occur across the property. Most of these former wetlands appear to have been modified to the point that they are now pasture with few or no native species.

Native vegetation and watercourses areas are demarcated on maps, and on the ground by a minimum 6 m setback/firebreak for vegetation and 5 m setback for watercourses. Machinery operators can clearly identify plantation from native vegetation and are not permitted to enter native vegetation nor within 5 m of a watercourse. Harvest machinery is fitted with GPS and directional felling heads, however where there is a risk of machinery encroachment or felling of trees into native vegetation areas further demarcation materials such as flagging, warning signs will be deployed. No clearing of native vegetation is required to undertake the development.

Biodiversity and Conservation Features	
Vegetation Types:	*E. amygdalina* forest and woodland, *A. littoralis* forest, *Melaleuca ericifolia forest and wetlands.*
Potential Occurrence of Threatened Species[1] (CR[2],VU[3],EN[4]):	Shiny grasstree, tapered leek orchid, sand grasstree, Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle, chaostola skipper, ruddy turnstone, giant freshwater crayfish, Australasian bitter, red knot, curlew sandpiper, great knot, greater sand plover, lesser sand plover,hooded plover, spotted-tail quoll, eastern quoll, eastern dwarf galaxias, lathams snipe, western alaskan bar-taled godwit, green and gold frog, blue-winged parrot, eastern curlew, eastern barred bandicoot, grey plover, Australian grayling, new holland mouse, Tasmanian devil, fairy tern, hooded plover, common greenshank.
TEC[5]:	Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh
Vegetation Condition:	Pristine to poor

[1] May or may not be found on or near the property (5km radius from property).
[2] Critical
[3] Vulnerable
[4] Endangered
[5] Threatened ecological community.

Water Management

Surface water interception and water usage by a deep-rooted, thinned, multi-rotation plantation forest (including firebreaks, buffers and setbacks) will be commensurate with the native vegetation which previously occupied the site. The clearing of the land for agriculture has increased the level of surface water that reaches the waterways. While there are some benefits of increased flow rates with land clearing, it comes with trade-offs such as elevation of water tables, salinisation, erosion and the runoff of sediment, nutrients and other pollutants into waterways and rivers. Carefully prepared and managed, the plantation will moderate surface water flow towards waterway systems via drainage or cultivation which will fall at 1:100 or 1%. There are several existing crossings on the property and no new crossings are required. Existing crossings will continue to be utilised noting outside of temporary harvest, traffic within the plantation is low.

The property falls within the Boobyalla, Little Musselroe and Greater Musselroe Rivers. The waterways of these river systems are sensitive to nitrogen and phosphorus runoff from agricultural fertiliser inputs and effluent. The establishment of a plantation on the property will improve water quality of these rivers, through nutrient stripping and the reduction in water turbidity because of upstream dairy effluent and intensive fertiliser inputs on centre pivot sites entering waterways that run through the property.

Chemical and Nutrient Management

The use of chemicals on the property are regulated by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. Chemical use is in accordance with the label rates and applied by licenced and appropriately qualified contractors.

Our chemical use within the plantation is generally limited to the first 18 months of the plantation and targeted to the planting strip. For example, for commonly used chemicals in forestry plantations and canola cropping, the plantation use is less than 1% when compared to canola over a full rotation. The setbacks and buffers in the Plan take into consideration the low level of chemical input and the ground-based, targeted nature of their application.

The short rooted annual pasture species on the property are subject to annual

inputs of phosphorus and nitrogenous fertilisers. Trees have developed mechanisms quite different to short-rooted annuals to deal with pulses of nutrient availability (e.g., deep roots, internal storage processes for nutrient uptake over and above their requirements, mycorrhizal associations) and nutrient cycling in plantation forests is highly conserved unlike short-rooted annual species found in cropping and pasture systems (i.e., limited export of nutrients off site).

Soil and foliar tests will be undertaken to determine the requirement for any fertiliser applications to remediate any nutrient deficiencies or imbalances. The plantation industry in conjunction with leading forest scientists have developed decision support tools to guide nutrition management in plantations. Given the property's recent history, it is expected there will be no requirement to use any fertiliser at establishment or during maintenance of the plantation. Nonetheless, whilst remote, the Plan assumes fertiliser may be applied during the plantation's life cycle, and such the buffers and setbacks set out in Attachment 1 are designed to minimise the risk of any potential offsite movement, especially to the local waterways and native vegetation. No chemicals or fertilisers will be stored at the property.

Cultural Heritage

Cultural Heritage Features	
Language Group:	Trawlwoolway
Country:	Tebrakunna
Regional Corporation:	Melaythenner Teeackana Warrana (Heart of Country) Aboriginal Corporation

Cultural Heritage Sites	
PID 7147806	Musselroe Bay Conservation Area
PID 7429766	Cameron Regional Reserve

Forest Description

Forest Area Statement (ha)	
Plantation (PY2026):	1,999
Plantation (PY2027):	3,196
Plantation (>PY2027):	5,151
Revegetation (>PY2026):	1,137
Native Vegetation:	8,597
Ramsar:	359
Buffers and Water Courses:	478
Firebreaks and Tracks:	579
Dams:	120
Total:	**21,616**

7. SILVICULTURE AND MANAGEMENT REGIME

Regime		
Measure	Un-thinned	Thinned
Type:	Pulp/house frame	House frame
Species:	P. radiata	*P. radiata*
Initial Stocking:	800 stems/ha	1,100 stems/ha
Thinning Year:	None.	10-14
Clear Fell Year:	25-30	20-30

Many management activities are reactive and therefore not determined by a prescriptive schedule in a long-term forest management plan (as described in the following management plan). To cope with the reactive nature of forest operations, planning is broken down into the following categories which are reviewed annually:

- long-term or strategic plans (20+ years horizon);
- tactical plans (3-5 year horizon); and
- operational plans (1 year horizon).

The level of detail in forest planning increases as the planning horizon becomes

less. The Plan is considered a long-term or strategic plan, does not have the specificity of an operational plan and does not consider estate level objectives and constraints. A more detailed activity plan can be found in Attachment 2.

Management schedule		
Activity	Year	Description
Road Infrastructure:	<1	Where possible, existing access points and roads will be used to minimise disturbance. Where required, new access points and roads will be established to allow for the safe access and egress through the plantation.
Weed Management:	<2	Generally, occurs in the first 18 months of plantation establishment, weeds will be managed to minimise competition within the tree crop using appropriately qualified organisations and operators and will comply with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority regulations. Firebreaks may be sprayed annually using the same techniques.
Site Preparation:	<1	Planting lines will be designed to prevent water logging and will generally run North to South connecting to internal drainage lines and will be at 4 m intervals using either rip/mound or straight rip soil amelioration techniques. Site preparation is required to optimise tree growth.
Planting:	<1	Seedlings will be planted by hand using spades or planting tubes during the winter period.
Pest Management:	As required	Undertaken where plantation damage is occurring that will lead to economic loss. Applications will be ground based.
Monitoring:	<6 months weekly and at least quarterly thereafter	Access, hazards, weeds, pests and diseases, survival, firebreaks, and water points.
Nutrition:	As required	Based on precision forestry principles the nutrition status will be monitored and any economic imbalances remedied by the application of fertiliser.
Road Maintenance:	As required	Roads will be inspected and maintained to ensure access and to minimise any adverse impacts (e.g., erosion, poor drainage).
Firebreak Maintenance:	Annual	Firebreaks will be maintained in accordance with this Plan and the relevant firebreak and fuel reduction notice published by the Local Government Authority.
Fire Management:	As required	Provided separately

Declared Plants and Animals:	As required	Declared plants and animals will be identified through monitoring and declarations and control will be in accordance with the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007 and coordinated with local community management groups. Farm Biosecurity information signage will be erected at the two major entry points to the property.
Wildling Control	As required	Volunteer pine seedlings will be monitored and controlled outside of the plantation area.
Pruning and Thinning Regimes:	As required	There are no scheduled pruning regimes. The only potential pruning operation will be for fire control purposes and confined to firebreak limb intrusion, internal track intersections to maintain safe access and egress and strategically positioned fuel reduced buffers. Specifications for pruning will be incorporated into the Fire Management Plan. There is one scheduled thinning at age 10-14 years. Stocking will be reduced from initial establishment stocking of 1100 spha to 800 spha. Clear fell is anticipated between ages 25-30 years.
Inventory:	>10	Undertaken to monitor plantation performance and forward planning.

Standard Prescriptions

Standard Prescriptions	
Pre-Plant Broad Spray:	s. 47(1)(b)
Site Preparation:	
Pre-Plant Strip Spray:	
Post-Plant Spray:	
Establishment Fertiliser:	
Maintenance Fertiliser:	
Firebreaks:	
Vermin Control	
Grazing:	
Fencing:	
Access and Security:	

Harvest

The intent is to deploy a cut-to-length harvest system to produce logs for delivery to local and export markets. Prior to any harvest operations a harvest management plan will be developed for submission to the local government authority and communication to stakeholders. The harvest management plan shall include appropriate traffic, water, dust and noise management plans to adequately manage potential adverse impacts to the environment and stakeholders.

Around the final clear-felling of the plantation an assessment will be made on the future use of the property including the appropriate management of harvest residue.

8. HAULAGE AND MARKET INFORMATION

The property has direct access to Cape Portland and Waterhouse Roads allowing for the efficient haulage of logs to key markets in Scottdale, Bell Bay and Branxholm via the preferred haulage route. No new haul roads are required for the development. Prior to any haulage operations a haulage and traffic management plan will be developed for submission to the Local Government Authority and communication to stakeholders.

Appendix 1 – Title Details

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Attachments:

1. Plantation Maps

2. Activity Plan

FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON NORTH EAST PROPOSED PLANTING P2027

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council

LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

1/127533, 1/201002, 1/206232, 1/206233, 1/206234, 1/206235, 1/206236, 1/206237 and 1/206238

Area Statement

P2027 P. radiata.....536.8 ha

Total P2027 P. radiata.....3195.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
- Powerline
- Track
- Drain
- Stream
- P2027 Proposed P. radiata
- Environmental Planting
- Fallow/Other Planting
- Firebreak/Compartment Break
- Buffer/Non Plant
- Retained Vegetation
- Dam
- Wet/Non Plant
- RAMSAR Wetland

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FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON SOUTH CENTRAL PROPOSED PLANTING P2027

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council

LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

2/124991, 1/124992, 2/137919, 1/201002, 1/202449, 1/206239 and 1/206480

Area Statement

P2027 P. radiata.....1416.2 ha

Total P2027 P. radiata.....3195.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
- Powerline
- Track
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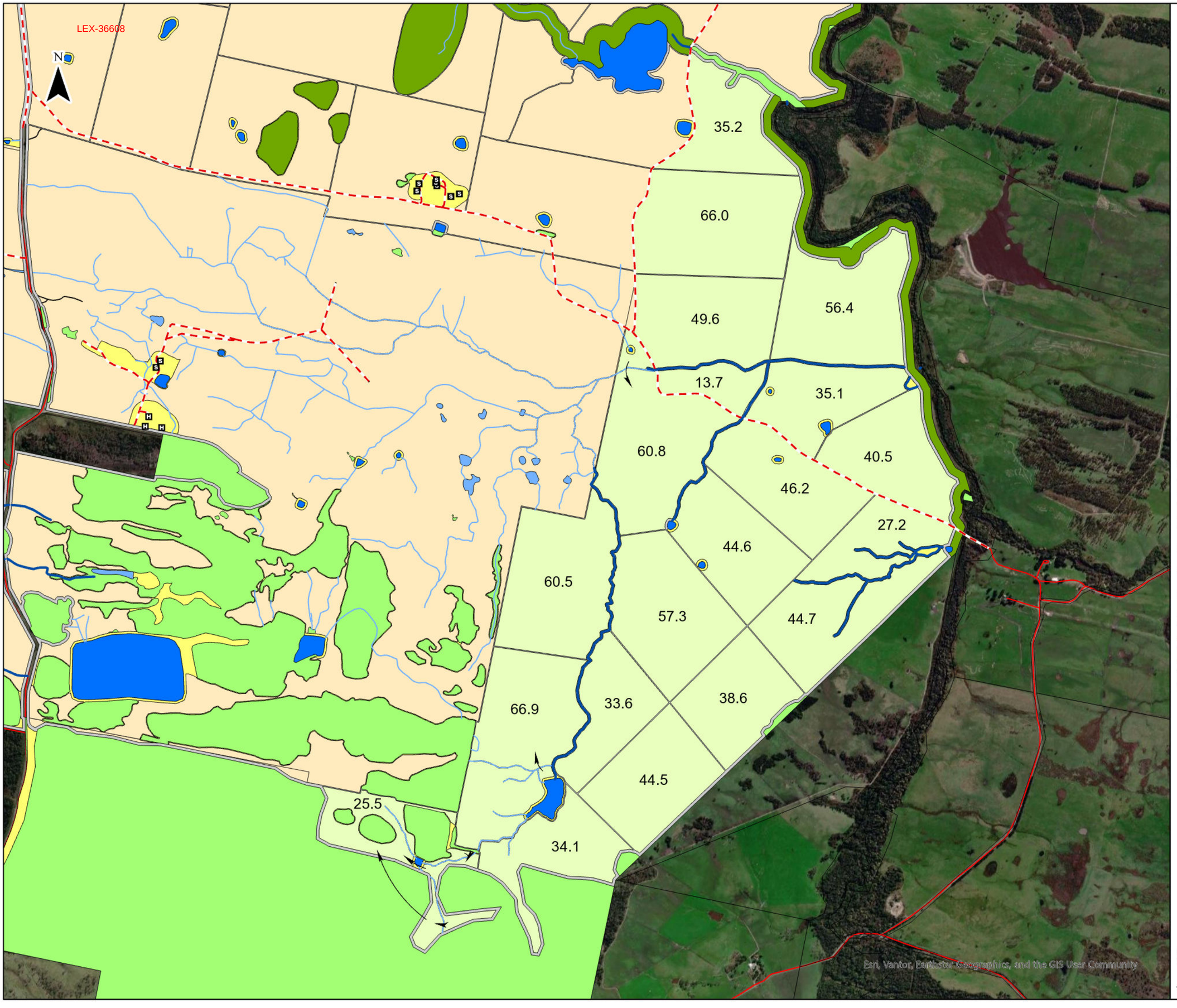

FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON SOUTH EAST PROPOSED PLANTING P2027

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council

LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

1/200373, 1/202388, 1/202449, 1/202521 and 1/239251

Area Statement

P2027 P. radiata.....881.0 ha

Total P2027 P. radiata.....3195.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
- Powerline
- Track
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FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON SOUTH WEST PROPOSED PLANTING P2026

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council
LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

1/107442 , 1/107450, 1/107451, 2/124991, 3/124991, 4/124991, 1/128358, 2/128358, 1/128373, 2/128173, 1/201037, 1/226183 and 3/248297

Area Statement

P2026 P. radiata.....1012.5 ha

Total P2026 P. radiata.....2000.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
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- P2026 Proposed P. radiata
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Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community

FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON SOUTH WEST PROPOSED PLANTING P2027

Details

SHIRE: Dorset Council
LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

3/124991, 4/124991 and 1/201037

Area Statement

P2027 P. radiata.....361.5 ha

Total P 2027 P. radiata.....3195.0 ha

Legend

- House
- Shed
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- P2027 Proposed P. radiata
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- Firebreak/Compartment Break
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- RAMSAR Wetland

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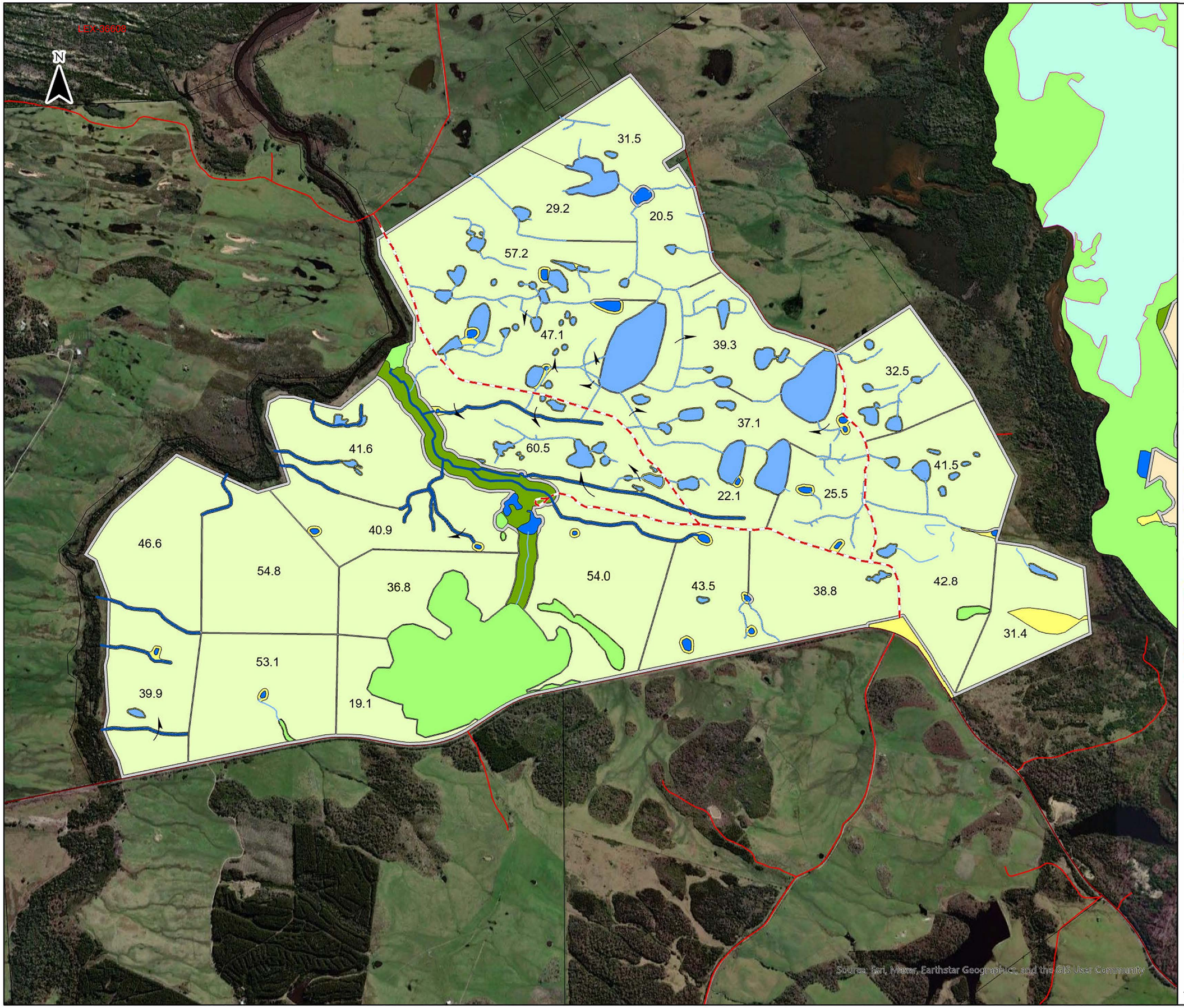

FORESTRY

RUSHY LAGOON EAST WYAMBIE PROPOSED PLANTING P2026

Details

SHIRE: Dorset

LAND OWNER: Cultura Australia Pty Ltd

Land Parcels

1/237877, 1/241893 and 2/251387

Area Statement

P2026 P. radiata.....987.5 ha

Total P2026 P. radiata.....2000.0 ha

Legend

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- P2026 Proposed P. radiata
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Activity Plan

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

MS25-000467

To: Minister Collins (For Decision)

APPROVAL OF GRANTS FOR THE SUPPORT PLANTATION ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM ROUND 3, BATCH 6 (GO7209: 2024-3514)

Timing: 16 February 2026 – to enable the Community Grants Hub to finalise grant arrangements in March 2026.

Recommendations:

1. That you **approve** funding of up to $18,593,392.37 (GST inclusive) for 16 projects including one partial project under Round 3, Batch 6 GO7209: 2024-3514 of the Support Plantation Establishment program, as recommended by the eligibility evaluation panel and detailed in **Attachment A(i)**, which commits all remaining funding available for this grant opportunity.

Approved / Not approved

2. That you **note** the remaining funding available for this grant opportunity is currently $18,593,392.37 (GST inclusive), which is less than the $21,003,465.00 (GST inclusive) requested by eligible projects within this final batch. This means the grant opportunity's demand driven nature (order of eligible applications received) has been utilised to recommend which projects are funded, partially funded or placed on a reserve funding list.

Noted / Please discuss

3. That you **approve** funding of up to $2,410.072.63 (GST inclusive) for a reserve funding list consisting of 2 projects, one project being the remainder of the partially funded project and one whole project under Round 3, Batch 6 GO7209: 2024-3514 of the Support Plantation Establishment program, as recommended by the eligibility evaluation panel and detailed in **Attachment A(ii)**. These reserve projects will only be offered funding if it becomes available, typically through grantees reducing their funding amount or terminating their agreements.

please discuss with my office.

Approved / Not approved

4. That you **agree**, in giving this approval, you are satisfied the expenditure is a proper use of relevant money in accordance with section 71 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act).

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Agreed / Not agreed

Minister Collins:

Date: 23.2.26

Comments:			
Clearing Officer:	Sarah-Jane McCormack	FAS, Agvet Chemicals, Fisheries, Forestry and Strategy Division	Ph: 02 6272 2287 Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Key Points:

1. The Support Plantation Establishment program (the program) provides funding of up to $81.14 million (GST inclusive) for grants to support the establishment of new long-rotation softwood and hardwood plantation forests in Australia.

2. On 20 August 2024, you approved the Round 3 Grant Opportunity Guidelines (the guidelines) and the release of the grant round (**MS24-000431**).

3. The program's third round opened on 24 October 2024 and closed on 5 November 2025.

4. As set out in the guidelines (**Attachment B**), the assessment of applications and notification of outcomes within round 3 is divided into 6 batches. At the time of this submission, the remaining funding available for this grant opportunity is $18,593,392.37 (GST inclusive).

5. The sixth and final batch closed on 5 November 2025, and 20 applications were received. This submission recommends the following:

    a. You approve 16 of these projects to receive funding now including one project to be partially funded and

    b. You approve 2 of these projects to be placed on to a reserve funding list (one being the remainder of the partially funded project above).

6. A departmental eligibility evaluation panel (the panel) has reviewed applications in line with the process outlined in the guidelines.

    a. The panel met 4 times and reached a unanimous decision on the recommended projects. Applications were reviewed through a demand driven, eligibility-based process.

    b. A copy of the panel's Grant Eligibility Evaluation Report, which also outlines the panel's membership is provided at **Attachment C**.

    c. No probity risks were identified. A Probity Certificate for the eligibility evaluation process is at **Attachment D**.

7. The total requested funding for eligible projects within this batch exceeds the amount available for this grant opportunity.

    a. If you approve the recommended grants, all available funding for the program will be allocated.

    b. If you approve these 16 projects (includes the one to be partially funded), it will result in the establishment of around 9,400 hectares of long-rotation plantations across Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

8. Details of the projects recommended for funding, including the eligibility evaluation recommendations, are at **Attachment A(i)**. If you approve the recommended projects, the total grant amounts will be confirmed after negotiations with successful applicants are finalised.

    a. **Attachment A(i)** lists applications in the order they were received, in line with the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

        i. If the full list at **Attachment A (i)** is approved, the 16th application received will be partially funded as the grant opportunity's funding allocation will be fully allocated at that point.

        ii. The partially funded application will be offered $9,687,162.57 (GST inclusive) rather than the $10,859,235.20 (GST inclusive) applied for.

9. As there are eligible applications that cannot be funded (or fully funded), we recommend that you approve a reserve funding list. Funding will be allocated to reserve projects should it become available (due to, for example, the withdrawal of other projects). A recommended reserve list is at **Attachment A(ii)**.

    a. If the reserve funding list is utilised, the department will continue to award grants to eligible applicants in the order in which applications were received, in line with the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

    b. In practice, this will result in the remainder of the partially funded project being the first reserve (until fully funded), and then the one fully unfunded project being the next reserve.

10. The panel deemed one application ineligible, and 2 applications as non-compliant. Details of these projects and the panel's recommendations are at **Attachment A(iii)**.

    a. One application was deemed ineligible as it did not identify all project locations, sizes and dimensions of the proposed plantation in line with section 2.1 of the guidelines. The department will notify the unsuccessful applicant via an outcome notification letter.

    b. Two applications were deemed non-compliant. One application sat outside the program's intent and scope, and the other application did not provide the required attachments in the mandatory templates.

11. This spending proposal has been defined as a grant, in line with the definition found in the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs) sections 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6. Therefore, this proposal is bound by the requirements of the CGRPs. In making your decision to approve this commitment of relevant funding, you must consider the 'Requirements for Ministers' extracted from the CGRPs (**Attachment E**).

12. None of the recommended projects are within your electorate, therefore it is not a requirement for you to write to the Minister for Finance advising details of your decision.

13. Before approving this proposed expenditure subsection 71(1) of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) requires that you be satisfied, after reasonable inquiries, that the proposed expenditure would be a proper use of relevant money. In considering this, you should be satisfied the expenditure is an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of relevant money.

    a. In the development of the program guidelines (**Attachment B**), consideration was given to expenditure being an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of relevant money. The guidelines, including detail on what grant funding can be used for, have been reviewed and supported by the Community Grants Hub, the Department of Finance and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

    b. The eligibility evaluation panel's process for reviewing applications, outlined in the Grant Eligibility Evaluation Report (**Attachment C**), also follows best practice for grant management. This has been supported by the program's independent probity advisor and the Community Grants Hub.

    c. On this basis, we consider that it is open to you to be satisfied that the recommended expenditure is an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of relevant money.

14. If your approval is not given or is made conditional on the applicant meeting additional obligations, please advise the reasons for your decision and any conditions placed on the approval, for follow-up by the department.

15. The department will notify all applicants of the outcomes of their application and liaise with your office regarding the announcement of the successful projects. Subject to your approval, we will then provide embargoed notifications to successful grantees.

16. If you approve the recommended grants for round 3, batch 6, the department will update its program webpage communicating how much total grant funding has been awarded.

    a. To date, the program has 67 projects and has awarded $56.47 million (GST exclusive).

    b. If you approve the recommended grants for round 3, batch 6, the total funding awarded would amount to $73.54 million (GST exclusive), and all available funding for the program would be allocated.

    c. Additionally, if approved, the program will have a total of 83 projects and is currently projected to establish approximately 39,400 hectares of long-rotation plantations.

Public Sensitivities:

17. Criticism of the grant round outcomes is possible from the applicants that did not receive funding as requested. The department provides feedback to all unsuccessful applicants via outcome notification letters.

    a. The Round 3 grant opportunity closed on 5 November 2025, so there will no opportunity for the unsuccessful applicants to undertake another application.

18. The recommended list includes partial funding for a 5,194.7 hectare softwood plantation project with the Tasmanian Natural Asset Trust is on the recently sold 21,744.46 hectare livestock grazing and dairy property known as Rushy Lagoon.

19. We understand the Tasmanian National Asset Trust is changing the land use of Rushy Lagoon to a mix of plantation and carbon and renewable energy projects. The project has (or potentially has) interactions with other Australian Government agencies as part of ACCU method, foreign investment and clean energy finance processes.

20. The sale of Rushy Lagoon resulted in local media interest and the president of TasFarmers met with you recently in your capacity as Agriculture Minister to discuss this among other matters (**MB25-000343**).

    a. TasFarmers have suggested that the change of land use could result in a loss of jobs within the local economy.

    b. The department understands the landowner's current plan for the property is to plant around 10,400 hectares with plantation forest, revegetate 1,100 hectares, and use 1,000 hectares for buffers, water courses, firebreaks and tracks. A further 8,600 hectares already contain native vegetation, and 500 hectares will be used for wetland conservation and dams.

21. As the Minister for Agriculture, you have the power to "veto" projects under the Plantation Forestry ACCU method if adverse impacts are found to exist.

    a. The assessment of potential adverse impact is established under the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Regulations 2011 and the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Rule 2015 and has been delegated to the department.

    b. The Rushy Lagoon plantation project was assessed by the department, and an adverse impact was not found.

22. Local media has also suggested the Tasmania Natural Asset Trust, is majority foreign owned, which has been portrayed as a negative.

    a. Responsibility for decisions about foreign investment proposals and the administration of Australia's Foreign Investment Policy rests with the Treasurer and is informed by advice from the Foreign Investment Review Board.

    b. Foreign investment proposals are reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure they are not contrary to the national interest, and Treasury consults with other government agencies when assessing proposals, including the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry when relevant.

23. We understand from public reporting that the Clean Energy Finance Corporation may be considering providing finance for a clean energy project that includes Rushy Lagoon.

24. In line with the program's objectives, the proposed plantation will support the retention or creation of regional jobs, and support for regional communities, through plantation forest management, harvesting and haulage employment, as well as future plantation resources available for processing. As a result, the project has been found as eligible.

Consultation: YES

25. The CFMEU Manufacturing Division, the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA), the National Farmers' Federation, Forestry Australia, the Clean Energy Regulator and state and territory government officials were consulted on the development of the program's guidelines.

Legal advice / Legislative impacts:

26. The Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) has assessed the constitutional risk of the proposed expenditure under the Support Plantation Establishment Program as **medium**.

27. AGS advised that legislative authority for the proposed expenditure could be provided by prescribing the Support Plantation Establishment Program through an instrument made under subsection 33(1) of the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

28. The Industry Research and Development (Support Plantation Establishment Program) Instrument 2023 was made to provide legislative authority for the Support Plantation Establishment program.

29. The information set out in paragraphs 26-28 above is subject to legal professional privilege. Due to the sensitivity of matters contained in these paragraphs, it is recommended that the contents not be disclosed in whole or in part to preserve legal professional privilege.

Financial impacts:

30. Funding of $73.76 million (GST exclusive) for the Support Plantation Establishment program, is available for the four-year period 2023-24 to 2026-27. The grant funds requested by applicants fit within the program's funding profile.

31. To date, the program has 67 projects and has awarded $56.47 million (GST exclusive) in grant funding. A total of $17.07 million (GST exclusive) remains available.

    a. If you approve the recommended grants for round 3, batch 6, all available funding for the program would be allocated.

    b. In line with the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, GST will be paid to grantees registered for it.

32. The Finance Division were consulted on the financial information within this submission.

Farmer/Stakeholder Implications:

33. The grants were open to applicants who met the eligibility criteria outlined in the guidelines and farmers were one of the main target audiences for the program.

34. The department undertook communications promoting applications from farmers and several farm forestry applications were made.

Opportunities for First Nations Australians and their communities:

35. Grants were open to organisations run by First Nations Australians and their communities (such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*).

a. Funding totalling $12,247,400.00 (GST inclusive) has been approved for 3 applications made by Tiwi Plantations Pty Ltd, an owned and controlled Indigenous organisation.

36. First Nations organisations including Supply Nation, the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, and the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation were consulted during the design of communications materials targeted at First Nations businesses, which have been circulated.

37. Further engagement was undertaken with First Nations organisations to promote the program. This includes with the Northern Land Council, Central Land Council, Cape York Land Council, Cape York Partnership and the National Native Title Council.

Climate Change and Environmental Considerations:

38. One of the objectives of the program is to contribute to meeting Australia's carbon emission reduction targets, including under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Kyoto Protocol to the Climate Change Convention.

39. If you approve the recommended grants for round 3, batch 6, a total of 71 of the 83 grants would have associated ACCU Scheme projects on the site. These grantees can therefore earn carbon credits as well as receive grant funds for the site.

Attachments:

A Application Summaries

i. Applications recommended for funding

ii. Applications recommended for funding on a reserve basis

iii. Applications not recommended for funding

B Round 3 Grant Opportunity Guidelines

C Support Plantation Establishment program Grant Eligibility Evaluation Report

D Probity Certificate

E Extract of CGRPs – mandatory requirements

APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

ATTACHMENT A(i)

STATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	SUBMISSION REFERENCE NUMBER	APPLICANT	PLANTATION TYPE	PROEJCT SIZE (HECTARES)	FUNDING REQUESTED (GST EXCL)	FUNDING RECOMMENDED (GST EXCL)	GST PAYABLE (IF APPLICABLE)	FUNDING RECOMMENDED (GST INCL)	RECOMM-ENDATION REASON
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Tas	Dorset Council	5DXGSRW	Tasmania Natural Asset Trust	Softwood	5194.7	$9,872,032.00	$8,806,511.43**	$880,651.14	$9,687,162.57	Meets eligibility criteria

*Recommended funding amount is calculated on $2,000 (GST exclusive) being provided per 1 hectare of new plantation forest established.

†State government owned corporations not paid GST

‡Entity not registered for GST

**If the total requested funding exceeds the funding available for this grant opportunity, the department will award grants to eligible applicants on a first come first serve basis (in the order in which they were received per batch). Relevant to section 7 of the Guidelines.

APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING ON A RESERVE BASIS **ATTACHMENT A(ii)**

STATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	SUBMISSION REFERENCE NUMBER	APPLICANT	PLANTATION TYPE	PROEJCT SIZE (HECTARES)	FUNDING REQUESTED (GST EXCL)	FUNDING RECOMMENDED (GST EXCL)	GST PAYABLE (IF APPLICABLE)	FUNDING RECOMMENDED (GST INCL)	RECOMM-ENDATION REASON
Tas	Dorset Council	5DXGSRW	Tasmania Natural Asset Trust	Softwood	5194.7	$9,872,032.00	$1,065,520.57*	$106,552.06	$1,172,072.63	Meets eligibility criteria
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										

*Recommended funding amount is the remaining funding that applicant was found eligible for after program's funding allocation was exhausted

†State government owned corporations not paid GST

APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

ATTACHMENT A(iii)

STATE	SUBMISSION REFERENCE NUMBER	APPLICANT	PLANTATION TYPE	PROJECT SIZE (HECTARES)	FUNDING REQUESTED (GST EXCL)	REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)						

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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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Forestry Industry Support Plantation Establishment Round 3 Grant Opportunity Guidelines

Opening date:	**11 October 2024**
Batch 1 closing date and time:	**4:00 pm AEDT on 13 November 2024**
Batch 2 closing date and time:	**4:00 pm AEDT on 11 February 2025**
Batch 3 closing date and time:	**4:00 pm AEST on 8 May 2025**
Batch 4 closing date and time:	**4:00 pm AEST on 17 July 2025**
Batch 5 closing date and time:	**4:00 pm AEST on 24 September 2025**
Batch 6 closing date and time:	**4:00 pm AEDT on 5 November 2025**
Commonwealth policy entity:	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Administering entity:	Community Grants Hub
Enquiries:	If you have any questions, contact Community Grants Hub Phone: 1800 020 283 (option 1) Email: support@communitygrants.gov.au Questions should be sent no later **than 5:00 pm AEDT on 29 October 2025**
Date guidelines released:	11 October 2024
Type of grant opportunity:	Demand Driven (eligibility-based)

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1. Forestry Industry: Support Plantation Establishment Program – processes

The Support Plantation Establishment Program is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant program, which contributes to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's Program 1.3 Forestry Industry. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024* (CGRPs)[1].

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The grant opportunity opens

We publish the Grant Opportunity Guidelines on GrantConnect[2].

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You complete and submit a grant application

You complete the application form and address all eligibility criteria to be considered for a Support Plantation Establishment funding grant. If you intend to seek Support Plantation Establishment grant funding and undertake an ACCU Scheme project in the same project area, you must supply your ACCU Scheme project ID when applying for the Support Plantation Establishment program.

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We review all grant applications

We review the applications against eligibility criteria and notify you if you are not eligible.

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We make grant recommendations

We provide advice to the decision maker.

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Grant decisions are made

The decision maker, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (or their delegate), makes a decision about the grants.

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We notify you of the outcome

We advise you of the outcome of your application.

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We enter into a grant agreement

We enter into a grant agreement with you if eligible. The type of grant agreement is based on the nature or complexity of the grant and will be proportional to the risks involved.

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[1] https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-principles-2024

[2] https://help.grants.gov.au/

Delivery of grant

You undertake the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. We manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress and making payments.

Evaluation of the Support Plantation Establishment grant opportunity

We evaluate your specific grant activity and the Support Plantation Establishment grant opportunity as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

1.1 Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the Support Plantation Establishment grants.

This grant opportunity was announced as part of the Australian Government's Budget, October 2022–23.

You must read this document before applying for a grant.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant opportunity
- the eligibility criteria
- how grant applications are considered and selected
- how grantees are notified and receive grant payments
- how grantees will be monitored and evaluated
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

This grant opportunity and process will be administered by the Community Grants Hub on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department).

2. About the grant program

2.1 Program details

The Support Plantation Establishment Program (the program) was announced in the October 2022-23 budget and provides $73.76 million (GST exclusive) in grant funding over 4 years from 2023–24 to 2026–27. The funding will support the establishment of new long-rotation softwood and hardwood plantation forests and assist the sector to respond to the projected growth in demand for domestically sourced timber resources. Through focusing on long-rotation plantation forests[3], the program's key intended outcomes are to increase domestic timber supply, particularly construction and manufacturing timber resources, and to contribute to Australia's carbon emissions reduction commitments.

Current estimates predict a shortfall of 3.4 million m^3 in 2050 between domestic production and demand for softwood sawlogs if domestic production remains constant at 2015–16 levels. This need for growth comes at a time when Australia's plantation forest estate has been in decline for over a decade. Action now will increase Australia's future timber supply and mitigate against our future dependence on import timber markets.

[3] See glossary

The program requires grantees to:

- establish a new long-rotation plantation forest in Australia of at least 20 hectares:
  - if the proposed plantation forest is spread across multiple sites, the collective total of the sites must total at least 20 hectares and all the sites, individually and collectively must be within an economically viable[4] distance to each other
- provide a Plantation Management Plan that sets out the plantation forest management actions and activities and includes all of the required details outlined in the *Guidance for meeting the requirements of the Plantation Management Plan* document (guidance document provided)
- provide a Plantation Management Plan Endorsement Coversheet (mandatory template provided), endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional[5], that endorses:
  - all the proposed plantation forest sites are in an economically viable location for wood production, and timber harvesting and processing
  - the proposed plantation tree species is site-suitable and planted at a suitable stocking for successful growth
  - the location, size and dimensions of the proposed plantation forest that will be established, including if the trees will be planted across multiple sites, is site-suitable
  - when the proposed plantation forest will be established and will likely be harvested, including the scheduling of any thinning activities
  - the applicant's long-term access to the land, and that the proposed plantation forest complies with relevant planning and environmental regulations
- manage the proposed plantation forest according to the Plantation Management Plan once endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional
- provide a co-contribution at least equal to the grant amount awarded, which can be demonstrated by the land the new plantation forest/s will be established on, financial means, or state, territory, or local government grant funding:
  - if co-contributing land, grantees must provide a land valuation received within 5 years of the application's submission date that includes the land size in hectares
- demonstrate that the land the proposed new plantation will be established on has not been used as a plantation or native forest for the last 7 years by providing:
  - a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from 7 years prior to the time of application
  - a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from as recently as possible and no later than 2 years prior to the time of application
- provide a budget that demonstrates how grant funding and any financial co-contributions provided by the grantee will be spent over the project's length.

[4] See glossary

[5] See glossary

The objectives of the program are to:

- increase future plantation forest resources available for processing, as well as for plantation forest management, harvesting and haulage employment
- support private industry, First Nations businesses, farm foresters and state and territory forestry bodies to expand the Australian plantation forest estate
- contribute to meeting Australia's carbon emission reduction targets, including under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Kyoto Protocol to the Climate Change Convention.

The intended outcomes of the program are to:

- increase domestic timber supply, particularly construction and manufacturing timber resources, to contribute to the demands of the Australian market
- support private industry, First Nations businesses, farm foresters and state and territory forestry bodies to reduce their carbon footprint by storing carbon in plantation trees and contribute to Australia's carbon emission reduction targets
- support the retention or creation of regional jobs and support for regional communities.

Grant recipients are required to provide the Commonwealth with data on project outcomes, including the area of plantation established, species planted, stocking, and year planted, which will be outlined in the Activity Work Plan described in section 11.2. Aggregated data will allow increased monitoring of outcomes from this granting program, as well as regional and national monitoring of changes in the overall plantation resource.

The Community Grants Hub administers the program according to the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles (CGRPs)*[6].

2.2 Interaction with the ACCU Scheme

Support Plantation Establishment applicants do not need to register projects under the ACCU Scheme to meet the Support Plantation Establishment program's eligibility requirements.

If you intend to seek Support Plantation Establishment grant funding and undertake an ACCU Scheme project in the same project area, you must supply your ACCU Scheme project ID at the time of applying for the Support Plantation Establishment program. This will enable your application to the Support Plantation Establishment to proceed while your ACCU Scheme application is also being assessed by the Clean Energy Regulator.

The ACCU Scheme project must be declared by the Clean Energy Regulator before Support Plantation Establishment program grant funding can be released[7]. This is to meet the ACCU Scheme's eligibility and additionality requirements. Assessment of new ACCU Scheme project applications to the Clean Energy Regulator may take up to 90 days (or longer if additional information requirements are requested from applicants) for a project to be declared. In the event your Support Plantation Establishment application is approved before the Clean Energy Regulator

[6] https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-principles-2024

[7] If your ACCU Scheme project application is not declared or you do not wish to proceed with it, but your Support Plantation Establishment program application has been found eligible, you may choose to still proceed with your Support Plantation Establishment grant project. The Commonwealth accepts no liability to fund any eligible activities already undertaken unless you elect to proceed with your Support Plantation Establishment grant project. Further details will be provided if your application is found eligible.

has declared your project, you will receive a Support Plantation Establishment grant offer conditional upon your ACCU Scheme project being declared by the Clean Energy Regulator.

If you are waiting for your ACCU Scheme project to be declared by the Clean Energy Regulator, your plantation project will need to meet the ACCU Scheme's newness requirements, as outlined in the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*, where the project has not yet begun to be implemented. Exceptions to this include the preparation of any forest management plan or plantation management plan before management actions commence and the following:

- site preparation
- planting
- leasing or purchasing a tangible asset for the purposes of site preparation or planting

when undertaken:

- after the date of a section 22 application to declare an eligible offset project or a section 29 application to vary the declaration of an eligible offset project in relation to the project area or project areas; but
- before the project is declared an eligible offsets project by the Clean Energy Regulator.

3. Grant amount and grant period

3.1 Grants available

The Australian Government is providing up to $73.76 million (GST exclusive) in grants over 4 years from 2023–24 to 2026–27 for the Support Plantation Establishment Program and funding is available through the function of a grant round.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's website outlines the total amount of funding still available and committed to projects. The webpage is updated following any funding approvals.

The third round opens on 11 October 2024 and closes on 5 November 2025. The third round is comprised of 6 funding opportunities, called batches.

- Batch 1 opens on 11 October 2024 and closes on 13 November 2024.
- Batch 2 opens on 13 November 2024 and closes on 11 February 2025.
- Batch 3 opens on 11 February 2025 and closes on 8 May 2025.
- Batch 4 opens on 8 May 2025 and closes on 17 July 2025.
- Batch 5 opens on 17 July 2025 and closes on 24 September 2025.
- Batch 6 opens on 24 September 2025 and closes on 5 November 2025.

These batches and their associated Activity Start Dates have been designed to align with seasonal planting windows around Australia.

Details on the dates of any future rounds or batches will be made available when possible.

The Australian Government will provide funding of up to $2,000 (GST exclusive) per 1 hectare of new long-rotation plantation forest established.

- The minimum grant amount is $40,000 (GST exclusive).
- There is no maximum grant amount, provided grant funding is available.

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Grantees are required to provide a co-contribution at least equal to the grant amount awarded. See section 2 for further details on how this can be demonstrated.

3.2 Grant period

Grants will range from 12 months to a maximum of 3 years. You must complete your project by the date stipulated in your grant agreement, which can be no later than 30 June 2027. The department will monitor, review and evaluate the program during and following the grant period.

4. Eligibility criteria

4.1 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible, you must be one of the following entity types:

- Company[8]
- Cooperative
- Corporate State or Territory Entity
- Incorporated Association
- Indigenous Corporation
- Partnership[9]
- Sole Trader.

If you are applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust[10], the Trustee must have an eligible entity type as listed above.

Applications from consortia are acceptable, as long as you have a lead applicant who is solely accountable to the Commonwealth for the delivery of grant activities and is an eligible entity as per the list above[11]. Eligible organisations can form a consortium with ineligible organisations.

4.2 Additional eligibility requirements

We can only accept applications from entities that:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- are permanent residents or citizens of Australia[12]
- have an account with an Australian financial institution

Additionally, your project must:

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[8] Company is a company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

[9] Partnership – a Partnership is unincorporated or a non-legal entity and as such, does not have the capacity to enter into a legally binding agreement with the Commonwealth. An individual entity within a partnership must have its own ABN to apply in their own right and be responsible for the terms of the grant agreement, but only if that entity has an eligible entity type as listed above.

[10] Trusts are not legal entities in their own right – to be eligible, only the Trustee for the Trust can apply by providing the signed Trust Deed and any subsequent variations with the application form. Trustees must be an eligible entity type as stated in section 4.1. Both the Trust's and Trustee's details will be collected in the application form.

[11] The Australian Government recognises that some organisations may seek to form consortia in order to apply for a grant under the program. Consortia are eligible to apply and the relevant conditions applicable to consortia are in section 6.2.

[12] Only applies to applicants that are considered sole traders or partnerships.

- be a long-rotation new plantation forest on previously cleared land that has not been used as plantation or native forest for the last 7 years
- provide a co-contribution at least equal to the grant amount awarded, which can be demonstrated by the land the new plantation forests will be established on, financial means, or state, territory, or local grant funding
- have a Plantation Management Plan endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional (refer to section 2 and the attached guidance material for further details)
- not have undertaken planting activities for the project before submitting your application to GrantConnect.

If part of an existing state or territory government plantation expansion or establishment program, you must demonstrate how combining with the Support Plantation Establishment program brings about additional plantation establishment beyond the intent of the state or territory program.

If you do not meet these additional requirements, you will not be eligible.

4.3 Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- an organisation or individual, or your project partner is an organisation or individual, currently under investigation for prohibited acts under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* or any similar state or territory legislation
- an organisation or individual, or your project partner is an organisation or individual, currently under investigation for prohibited acts under the *Fair Work Act 2009* or any similar state or territory legislation
- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website[13] on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'
- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the Workplace Gender Equality Agency website[14] non-compliant list
- Corporate Commonwealth Entity
- International Entity
- Local Government[15].
- Non-corporate Commonwealth Entity
- Non-corporate Commonwealth Statutory Authority
- Non-corporate State or Territory Entity
- Non-corporate State or Territory Statutory Authority
- Person[16]

[13] https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/

[14] https://www.wgea.gov.au/

[15] Local Government Entity is an entity established under state or territory local government legislation, for the purposes of governing local areas within state or territory. In the states, they are generally referred to as local councils.

[16] A person is a natural person, an individual, a human being.

- Statutory Entity
- Unincorporated Association.

4.3.1 Unincorporated Associations

Non-legal entities such as an Unincorporated Association may be able to receive funding as part of a consortium. An Unincorporated Association is not eligible to lead the consortium for this grant opportunity. See section 6.2 *Joint (consortia) applications* for further information.

4.4 What qualifications, skills or checks are required?

If you are successful, relevant personnel working on the grant activity or assets purchased via the grant activity, must:

- obtain and maintain all required training or certificates. This may include training in appropriate use of the assets or similar
- ensure all relevant Workplace Health and Safety documentation is created and maintained
- if appropriate, maintain compliance with working with vulnerable people legislation in the relevant jurisdiction.

4.5 Can the eligibility criteria be waived?

The decision maker may choose to waive the eligibility criteria; however, they must be made aware of the risks. The waiver may be used to ensure that applicants are not excluded solely on the basis of entity type, particularly if they are applicants that may otherwise be considered suitable. Clear evidence will be provided to the delegate to enable a decision on whether eligibility criteria should be waived.

5. What the grant money can be used for

5.1 Eligible grant activities

You can only spend grant funding on eligible activities agreed through the Activity Work Plan. Further information on the activity work plan is provided in section 11.2.

Eligible grant activities can include:

- preparation of the plantation forest site, including clearing and removal of vegetation on land (not including broad land clearing)
- purchase and planting of seedlings
- payment of labour and contract planting and site preparation fees
- other working capital (including establishment fertiliser and herbicide treatment).

5.2 Eligible expenditure

You can only spend grant funding on eligible expenditure you have incurred on agreed and eligible grant activities. Eligible expenditure items this program will fund include the activities listed in section 5.1 and any other activities agreed through the Activity Work Plan (section 11.2).

We may update the guidelines on eligible and ineligible expenditure from time to time. If your application is successful, the version in place when you submitted your application applies to your project.

You must incur the expenditure on your project between the start date and end or completion date of your executed grant agreement for it to be eligible. Any activities that are undertaken prior to execution of the grant agreement cannot be claimed for funding or be part of your co-contribution.

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Any eligible activities that are undertaken for projects also seeking ACCU Scheme registration between the start date and end or completion date can be claimed for funding if

- the ACCU Scheme project has been declared by the Clean Energy Regulator; or
- you have elected to proceed with your Support Plantation Establishment grant project without receiving an ACCU Scheme declaration.

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry or their delegate makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

5.3 What the grant money cannot be used for

You cannot use the grant for the following activities:

- purchase of land
- major capital expenditure
- the covering of retrospective costs
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation
- subsidy of general ongoing administration of an organisation such as electricity, phone and rent
- construction/capital works
- domestic or overseas travel
- replanting forests within 7 years of harvesting or within 7 years of bushfire
- fencing and roading
- installation of an irrigation or drainage system.

You may apply for funding for your project under multiple Commonwealth grants programs, but if more than one of your applications are successful, you must choose either this grant or the other Commonwealth grant.

6. How to apply

Before applying, you must read and understand these guidelines, the sample application form, and the questions and answers.

These documents may be found at GrantConnect[17]. Any alterations and addenda[18] will be published on GrantConnect and by registering on this website you will be automatically notified of any changes. GrantConnect is the authoritative source for grants information.

An example of Commonwealth grant agreement terms and conditions are available on the Department of Finance website[19].

You may submit more than one application during a batch – for instance: for separate projects or for a different consortium seeking funding for different projects. A separate application form must

[17] https://help.grants.gov.au/

[18] Addenda can include changes to existing grant opportunity documentation and/or publishing additional documents. Changes include but are not limited to corrections to currently published documents, changes to close times for applications and system outage notices.

[19] https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/tools-and-templates#types-of-agreements-and-their-templates

be submitted for each additional project. If more than one application is submitted for the same project, the latest accepted application will progress.

To apply you must:

- complete the online application form on GrantConnect[20]
- provide all the information requested
- meet all eligibility criteria
- include all necessary attachments
- submit your application to the Community Grants Hub by:
  - 4:00 pm AEDT on or before 13 November 2024 if applying for funding in Batch 1
  - 4:00 pm AEDT on or before 11 February 2025 if applying for funding in Batch 2
  - 4:00 pm AEST on or before 8 May 2025 if applying for funding in Batch 3
  - 4:00 pm AEST on or before 17 July 2025 if applying for funding in Batch 4
  - 4:00 pm AEST on or before 24 September 2025 if applying for funding in Batch 5
  - 4:00 pm AEDT on or before 5 November 2025 if applying for funding in Batch 6.

We will not provide application forms or accept applications for this grant opportunity by fax or mail.

You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*[21] and we will investigate any false or misleading information and may exclude your application from further consideration.

If you need more help about the application process, submitting an application online, have any technical difficulties or find an error in your application after submission, but before the closing date and time, you should contact the Community Grants Hub immediately on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or email support@communitygrants.gov.au. The Community Grants Hub does not have to accept any additional information, or requests from you to correct your application after the closing time.

You cannot change your application after the closing date and time.

If we find an error or something missing, we may ask you for clarification or additional information. This will not change the nature of your application. However, we can refuse to accept any additional information from you which would change your application after the closing time.

You should keep a copy of your application and any supporting documents.

You will receive an automated notification acknowledging the receipt of your application.

6.1 Attachments to the application

The following documents or information must be attached to your application, where applicable, for it to be considered compliant. Where applicable, templates are provided for your use with the grant opportunity documents as specified:

- A Plantation Management Plan – **guidance document provided**.

[20] https://help.grants.gov.au/

[21] http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/legis/cth/consol_act/cca1995115/sch1.html

- A Plantation Management Plan Endorsement Coversheet endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional that outlines how the Plantation Management Plan's requirements in section 2 have been met – **mandatory template provided**.
- A clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from 7 years prior to the time of application.
- A clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from as recently as possible and no later than 2 years prior to the time of application.
- An indicative budget that demonstrates how grant funding and any financial co-contributions provided by the grantee will be spent over the project's length – **mandatory template provided**.
- If applicable, a valuation of the land that will be used to establish the plantation forest. This land valuation must have been received within 5 years of the application's submission date and must include the land size in hectares.
- If applicable, a letter of support signed by each of the consortium partners (required for joint [consortium] applicants only – refer to section 6.2 for details). All letters of support must be consolidated into one document before attaching to your application.
- If applicable, evidence of a state-based grant funding arrangement (for example, a letter of grant offer outlining the funding amount or a grant agreement).

Your application will be deemed non-compliant and will not be considered if the required attachments are not provided and/or the mandatory templates are not used.

You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. We may not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

Please note: There is a 2 MB limit for each attachment.

6.2 Joint (consortia) applications

We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a consortium to deliver a project.

In these circumstances, you must appoint a 'lead organisation'. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The lead organisation must also be an eligible entity type as outlined in section 4.1. The application must identify all other members of the consortium and include a letter of support from each of the partners (consolidated into one document).

Each letter of support should include:

- details of the partner organisation
- an overview of how the partner organisation will work with the lead organisation and any other partner organisations in the group to successfully complete the project
- an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise the partner organisation will bring to the group
- the roles/responsibilities of the partner organisation and the resources they will contribute (if any)
- details of a nominated management level contact officer.

You must have a formal arrangement in place with all parties.

Organisations will not be eligible to be members of a consortium arrangement if they are included on the:

- National Redress Scheme's website[22] on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'
- Workplace Gender Equality Agency website[23] on the non-compliant list.

Eligible organisations can form consortia with ineligible organisations.

6.3 Timing of grant opportunity processes

You must submit an application between each funding round's published opening and closing dates.

Expected timing for this grant opportunity

Assessment and notification of outcomes will be divided into 6 batches during the submission period. Each batch will contain applications that have been submitted to the grant opportunity over the preceding period. Applications submitted after 4:00 pm on the batch closing day will be moved to the next batch. Late application requests will not be accepted for any of the batches listed below.

Table 2: Cut-off dates for the 6 batches.

Batch	Applications included in batch
1	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 4:00 pm AEDT on 13 November 2024.
2	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 4:00 pm AEDT on 11 February 2025.
3	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 4:00 pm AEST on 8 May 2025.
4	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 4:00 pm AEST on 17 July 2025.
5	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 4:00 pm AEST on 24 September 2025.
6	All applications submitted to the grant opportunity by 4:00 pm AEDT on 5 November 2025.

Table 3: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

Activity	Timeframe
Assessment of applications	Within 5 weeks from the closing date.
Notification of outcomes	Within 9 weeks from the closing date.
Negotiations and award of grant agreements	Within 13 weeks from the closing date.

[22] https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/

[23] https://www.wgea.gov.au/

Activity	Timeframe
Earliest start date of grant activity	Batch 1: April 2025 Batch 2: July 2025 Batch 3: September 2025 Batch 4: December 2025 Batch 5: February 2026 Batch 6: April 2026
End date of grant activity	As stated in your grant agreement, if successful.

6.4 Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, please contact the Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.

The Community Grants Hub will respond to emailed questions within 5 working days. The Questions and Answers document will be updated to include answers to questions and addenda will be published on GrantConnect[24].

The question period for the third funding round will close at 5:00 pm AEDT on 29 October 2025. Following this time, only questions about using and/or submitting the application form will be answered.

7. The grant selection process

7.1 Review of grant applications

Your application will be considered through a demand driven grant process based on the eligibility criteria as set out in these Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

We will check your application to ensure it meets the eligibility criteria. Eligible applications will be considered successful provided sufficient grant funding is available. If the total requested funding exceeds the funding available for this grant opportunity, the department will award grants to eligible applicants on a first come first serve basis (in the order in which they were received per batch).

If the selection process identifies unintentional errors in your application, you may be contacted to correct or explain the information.

7.2 Financial viability

Applicants may be subject to a financial viability assessment. The financial viability assessment forms part of the risk mitigation strategy and can include:

- establishing whether relevant persons in your organisation have any adverse business history (for example, current or past bankruptcy)
- assessing the financial health of an entity.

[24] https://help.grants.gov.au/

7.3 Who will approve grants?

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will be the decision maker for this program. The decision maker decides which grants to approve based on the recommendations from the department, taking into consideration any further information that may become known, including the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the program.

The decision maker's decision is final in all matters, including all of the following:

- the approval of the grant
- the grant funding amount to be awarded
- the terms and conditions of the grant.

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

8. Notification of application outcomes

We will write to you about the outcome of your application. If you are successful, you will be advised of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

You can submit a new application for the same, or similar, grant in future grant opportunities related to this program if you are unsuccessful. You may like to consider providing new information that addresses any eligibility issues that prevented your previous application from being successful.

9. Successful grant applications

9.1 The grant agreement

You must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth. We will offer successful applicants a Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement for this grant opportunity.

Each agreement has standard grant conditions which cannot be changed. The grant agreement terms and conditions are available on the GrantConnect[25] website as part of the grant documentation. Specific grant requirements will be outlined in the grant details.

We must execute a grant agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any of your expenditure until a grant agreement is executed. If you choose to start your project before you have an executed grant agreement, you do so at your own risk.

Your grant agreement may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the decision maker. These are identified in the agreement.

We may manage the grant agreement through the Community Grants Hub's Grant Recipient Portal. Accepting the agreement through the Grant Recipient Portal is the equivalent of signing a grant agreement. After you have accepted it, we will execute the agreement. Execute means both you and the Commonwealth have entered into the grant agreement. We will notify you when this happens and a copy of the executed agreement will be available through the portal. The agreement will not become binding until it is executed.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

[25] https://help.grants.gov.au/

Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement

We will use a Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement.

You will have 20 business days from the date of a written offer to sign and return this grant agreement. The grant agreement is not considered to be executed until both you and the Commonwealth have signed the agreement. During this time, we will work with you to finalise details.

The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within this time. Under certain circumstances, we may extend this period. We base the approval of your grant on the information you provide in your application.

You may request changes to the grant agreement. However, we will review any changes to make sure they do not affect the grant as approved by the decision maker.

9.2 Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012

The Australian Government has a commitment to effectively support cultural change in Australian workplaces and drive improved gender equality outcomes. Requirements have been implemented for fairer and more consistent measures to ensure the Government deals with organisations who comply with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012* (the WGE Act).

Applicants may need to satisfy a requirement to be compliant with the WGE Act.

- Applicants with 100 or more employees who are registered with the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) and have been issued with a compliance letter are eligible to apply for a grant.
- Applicants with 100 or more employees who are **not** registered with WGEA will need to register to be issued with a compliance letter prior to applying for a grant.
- Applicants with less than 100 employees across their entire structure are not required to submit a report to WGEA; however, you are required to complete the registration form on the login page of the WGEA Portal[26]. WGEA will use the details provided in the registration form to issue your organisation with a tender letter, which must be attained prior to applying for a grant.

For your grant application to be deemed compliant:

- your organisation must not be included on the WGEA website on the non-compliant list or
- you must be able to provide your compliance or tender letter to the Community Grants Hub when requested.

If you are unable to provide your compliance or tender letter and appear on the non-compliant list, you will be deemed non-compliant and withdrawn from the grant process.

More information regarding reporting requirements can be found at the Workplace Gender Equality Agency website[27].

[26] https://client-portal.wgea.gov.au/s/

[27] https://www.wgea.gov.au/reporting-guide

9.3 Indigenous organisation type classifications

All Australian governments are working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their communities, organisations and businesses to implement the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (National Agreement) at the national, state and territory, and local levels. The National Agreement identifies 4 priority areas for reform within government. One of these is Priority Reform 2, building the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled sector to deliver services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

To assist government with improving and reporting on the level of community grant funding going to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, changes have been made to the way organisation data is collected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations will now be classified into 3 groups and asked to self-identify which group they fall under. The 3 groups and their definitions are:

Organisation	Definition
Group 1: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled organisation	These are organisations that are incorporated, not for profit, at least 51% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned and at least 51% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled (Board members or equivalent).
Group 2: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Operated and Controlled organisation	These are organisations that are at least 51% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned and at least 51% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled (Board members or equivalent).
Group 3: Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation	These are organisations that are at least 50% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned OR at least 50% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled (Board members or equivalent).

9.4 Specific legislation, policies and industry standards

Whilst you are required to be compliant with all relevant state, territory and federal laws and regulations, you may be requested to demonstrate compliance with the following legislation/policies/industry standards:

- *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012* reporting requirements
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*
- *Fair Work Act 2009*
- Australian Industry Participation requirements (where applicable)
- *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.*

To be eligible for a grant, you must declare in your application that you comply with these requirements. You will need to declare you can meet these requirements in your grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

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9.5 How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state the:

- maximum grant amount to be paid, made up of the Commonwealth Contribution of up to $2,000 per hectare of new long-rotation plantation forest established
- grantee contribution that is at least equal to the grant amount awarded, which can be demonstrated via assets or financial means, or through state, territory or local government funding
- any additional in-kind contributions you will make
- any financial contribution provided by a third party.

We will not exceed the maximum grant amount under any circumstances. If you incur extra costs, you must meet them yourself.

We will make payments annually according to an agreed schedule set out in the grant agreement. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the project.

If your application requests conditional approval due to you also lodging an ACCU Scheme project application with the Clean Energy Regulator for the same project area, the ACCU Scheme project must be declared before Support Plantation Establishment program grant funding can be released[28]. This is to meet the ACCU Scheme's eligibility and additionality requirements.

9.6 Grant payments and GST

GST will be paid for this grant. If you are registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST)[29], where applicable, we will add GST to your grant payment and issue you with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice[30].

If a government related entity is deemed successful, GST will not apply.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the Australian Taxation Office[31]. We do not provide advice on your particular taxation circumstances.

10. Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website within 21 days after the date of effect[32] as required by section 5.3 of the CGRPs.

[28] If your ACCU Scheme project is not declared or you do not wish to proceed with it, but your Support Plantation Establishment program application has been found eligible, you may choose to still proceed with your Support Plantation Establishment grant project. The Commonwealth accepts no liability to fund any eligible activities already undertaken unless you elect to proceed with your Support Plantation Establishment grant project. Further details will be provided if your application is found eligible.

[29] https://www.ato.gov.au/businesses-and-organisations/gst-excise-and-indirect-taxes/gst/registering-for-gst

[30] https://www.ato.gov.au/forms-and-instructions/recipient-created-tax-invoices

[31] https://www.ato.gov.au/

[32] See glossary for definition of date of effect

11. How we monitor your grant activity

You must submit reports in line with the timeframes in the grant agreement. We will provide sample templates for these reports in the grant agreement. We will expect you to report on:

- progress against agreed grant activity work plan and outcomes
- data on project outcomes
- contributions of participants directly related to the grant
- expenditure of grant.

11.1 Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your project or organisation.

We need to know of any changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your grant, carry on business and pay debts due because of these changes.

You must also inform your Funding Arrangement Manager at the Community Grants Hub of any changes to your:

- organisation name
- ABN
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details.

The details of your Funding Arrangement Manager will be included in your grant agreement.

If you become aware of a breach of the terms and conditions under the grant agreement, you must contact us immediately.

You must notify us of events relating to your grant and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend.

11.2 Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the grant agreement. We will provide sample templates for these reports. We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due.

Activity Work Plan

You must submit a completed Activity Work Plan on the template provided with your grant agreement after execution of the grant agreement. An Activity Work Plan will be used to outline the specific grant requirements. The Activity Work Plan documents the planned deliverables, milestones, budget and outputs for the funded project. The Activity Work Plan also documents risk management and community engagement relevant to the funded project.

Grantees' progress and outcomes against the Activity Work Plan will be monitored throughout the grant through regular Activity Work Plan reports, as outlined below.

An initial Activity Work Plan will be required one month after signing your grant agreement and reviewed annually.

We will only make the initial grant payment when we receive a satisfactory Activity Work Plan.

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Activity Work Plan reports

Activity Work Plan reports must:

- include evidence of your progress toward completion of agreed activities and outcomes
- show the total eligible expenditure incurred to date
- include evidence of expenditure
- include risk and issue monitoring
- be submitted by the report due date (you can submit reports ahead of time if you have completed relevant activities).

Where the grant activity includes minor capital works, photographic evidence of progress must be provided when submitting the Activity Work Plan reports.

Activity Work Plan reports will be required on a 6 monthly basis against the Activity Work Plan.

You must tell us of any reporting delays as soon as you become aware of them.

Ad-hoc reports

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your grant. This may be to provide an update on progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the project.

Final report

When you complete the project, you must submit a final report.

Final reports must:

- identify if and how outcomes have been achieved
- provide quantitative data on project outcomes, including the area of plantation established, species planted, stocking, and year planted
- include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement
- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred
- be submitted by the due date and in the format provided in the grant agreement.

In all final reports we request photographic evidence of the completed works to ensure all works have actually been fully completed.

We will only make the final grant payment if we receive satisfactory Activity Work Plan reports on a 6 monthly basis and a satisfactory final report in accordance with the approved Activity Work Plan.

11.3 Acquitting your grant

Financial declaration

We will ask you to provide a financial declaration for each financial year funded. A financial declaration is a certification from the grant recipient stating that funds were spent for the purpose provided as outlined in the grant agreement and in-which the grant recipient is required to declare unspent funds. The financial declaration must be certified by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or an officer, with authority to do so, verifying that the funding has been spent in accordance with the grant agreement.

Underspent funding must be returned to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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11.4 Evaluation

We will evaluate the grant program to see how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and reports for this purpose. We may also ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you up to 5 years after you finish your grant for more information to assist with this evaluation.

11.5 Acknowledgement

If you make a public statement about a project funded under the program, we require you to acknowledge the grant by using the following:

- 'This Support Plantation Establishment project received grant funding from the Australian Government.'

12. Probity

The Australian Government will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRPs.

These guidelines may be changed by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. When this happens, the revised guidelines are be published on the GrantConnect website.

12.1 Enquiries and feedback

Complaints about the grant process

Complaints about this grant process or the Community Grants Hub's service/s must be made in writing using the online complaints form[33] on the Department of Social Services[34] website, or by contacting the Department of Social Services complaints line.

Phone: 1800 634 035

Email: complaints@dss.gov.au

Mail: Complaints
GPO Box 9820
Canberra ACT 2601

[33] https://www.dss.gov.au/contact/feedback-compliments-complaints-and-enquiries/feedback-form

[34] https://www.dss.gov.au/contact/feedback-compliments-complaints-and-enquiries/complaints-page

Complaints about the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry grant opportunity, selection process or grant decisions

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's complaints procedure[35] applies to the grant program, selection process and grant decisions.

This grant opportunity will be administered by the Community Grants Hub on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. All complaints not specific to this grant opportunity or the Community Grants Hub's service/s (including the selection process and grant decisions) should be addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in writing.

Complaints to the Ombudsman

If you do not agree with the way the Community Grants Hub or Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has handled your complaint, you may complain to the Commonwealth Ombudsman[36]. The Ombudsman will not usually look into a complaint unless the matter has first been raised directly with the Community Grants Hub or Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman can be contacted on:

Phone (toll free): 1300 362 072
Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au
Website: www.ombudsman.gov.au/

12.2 Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Community Grants Hub staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel has a:

- professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer
- relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently
- relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity.

You will be asked to declare, as part of your application, any perceived or existing conflicts of interest or that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later think there is an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Community Grants Hub in writing immediately.

[35] https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/contact/client-feedback/form

[36] https://www.ombudsman.gov.au/

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff will be handled as set out in the Australian Public Service Code of Conduct (section 13(7))[37] of the *Public Service Act 1999*[38]. Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our conflict of interest policy on the Community Grants Hub[39] website.

12.3 Privacy

We treat your personal information according to the *Privacy Act 1988*[40] and the Australian Privacy Principles[41]. This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- who we give your personal information to.

Your personal information can only be disclosed to someone else for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless an exemption applies.

The Australian Government may also use and give out information about grant applicants and grant recipients under this grant opportunity in any other Australian Government business or function. This includes disclosing grant information on GrantConnect as required for reporting purposes and giving information to the Australian Taxation Office for compliance purposes.

We may share the information you give us with other Commonwealth entities for purposes including government administration, research or service delivery, according to Australian laws.

As part of your application, you declare your ability to comply with the Privacy Act and the Australian Privacy Principles and impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity. Accordingly, you must not do anything, which if done by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Privacy Act.

12.4 Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to give out to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

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[37] http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/legis/cth/consol_act/psa1999152/s13.html

[38] https://www.legislation.gov.au/C2004A00538/latest/versions

[39] https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/conflict-intrest-policy

[40] https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2022C00361

[41] https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/australian-privacy-principles

We will keep any information in connection with the grant agreement confidential to the extent that it meets all of the 3 conditions below:

1. You clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential.
2. The information is commercially sensitive.
3. Revealing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else.

We will not be in breach of any confidentiality agreement if the information is disclosed to:

- Commonwealth employees and contractors to help us manage the program effectively
- employees and contractors of our department so we can research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities
- employees and contractors of other Commonwealth agencies for any purposes, including government administration, research or service delivery
- other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agencies in program reports and consultations
- the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- the responsible Minister or Parliamentary Secretary
- a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

The grant agreement may also include any specific requirements about special categories of information collected, created or held under the grant agreement.

12.5 Freedom of information

All documents that the Australian Government has, including those about this grant opportunity, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act)[42].

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give people the ability to get information held by the Australian Government and its organisations. Under the FOI Act, people can ask for documents the Australian Government has. People may not be able to get these documents if these documents need to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons who the information relates to.

All Freedom of Information requests must be referred to the Freedom of Information Coordinator in writing.

By mail: Freedom of Information Team
Government and Executive Services Branch
Department of Social Services
GPO Box 9820
Canberra ACT 2601

By email: foi@dss.gov.au

[42] https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562

13. Glossary

Term	Definition
accountable authority	see subsection 12(2) of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act)[43].
administering entity	when an entity that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes.
commencement date	the expected start date for the grant activity.
Commonwealth entity	a department of state, or a parliamentary department, or a listed entity or a body corporate established by a law of the Commonwealth. See subsections 10(1) and (2) of the PGPA Act.
Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles (CGRPs)[44]	establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.
completion date	the expected date that the grant activity must be completed and the grant spent by.
conditional approval	conditional approval for Support Plantation Establishment grant funding will be awarded if: • your project meets the program's eligibility requirements and; • you have applied to undertake an ACCU Scheme project application in the same project area but; • the project has not yet been declared (registered) by the Clean Energy Regulator. The ACCU Scheme project must be declared before Support Plantation Establishment program grant funding can be released.
Co-sponsoring entity	when 2 or more entities are responsible for the policy and the appropriation for outcomes associated with it.
date of effect	can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.

[43] https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562

[44] https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-principles-2024

Term	Definition
decision maker	the person who makes a decision to award a grant.
economically viable	able to be managed and harvested efficiently because of proximity to processing facilities and similar plantation forests, and likely to generate more benefits than costs.
eligibility criteria	refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant.
grant	for the purposes of the CGRPs, a 'grant' is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth: a. under which relevant money[45] or other Consolidated Revenue Fund[46] (CRF) money[47] is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth b. which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.
grant activity/activities	refers to the project/tasks/services that the grantee is required to undertake.
grant agreement	sets out the relationship between the parties to the agreement, and specifies the details of the grant.
grant opportunity	refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted, and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.
grant program	a 'program' carries its natural meaning and is intended to cover a potentially wide range of related activities aimed at achieving government policy outcomes. A grant program is a group of one or more grant opportunities under a single Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio Budget Statement program.
GrantConnect[48]	is the Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRPs.
grantee	the individual/organisation which has been selected to receive a grant.

[45] Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary.

[46] https://www.finance.gov.au/about-us/glossary/pgpa/term-consolidated-revenue-fund-crf

[47] Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money.

[48] https://help.grants.gov.au/

Term	Definition
Long-rotation plantation forest	a plantation forest grown and managed to predominantly produce logs that will be processed into construction and manufacturing timber resources. The required number of years to achieve this will vary depending on the species, site and management regime, but commonly falls between 25 and 40 years.
National Redress legislation	means the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018*[49].
Plantation	an intensively managed stand of trees of native or exotic (that is introduced) species established by the regular placement of seedlings or seeds, usually to produce timber.
Portfolio Budget Statement (PBS) program	described within the entity's Portfolio Budget Statement[50], PBS programs each link to a single outcome and provide transparency for funding decisions. These high-level PBS programs often comprise a number of lower level, more publicly recognised programs, some of which will be grant programs. A PBS program may have more than one grant program associated with it, and each of these may have one or more grant opportunities.
selection process	the method used to select potential grantees. This process involves review of applications against the eligibility criteria.
suitably qualified forestry professional	must be either a professional forester working for a forestry organisation, or an active Registered Forestry Professional on Forestry Australia's 'registered forestry professional accreditation' scheme.

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[49] https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2021C00567

[50] https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/reporting/budget

Term	Definition
value with money	refers to 'value with relevant money' which is a judgement based on the grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations. When administering a grant opportunity, an official should consider the relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits of each proposal including, but not limited to the: ▪ quality of the project proposal and activities ▪ fit for purpose of the proposal in contributing to government objectives ▪ absence of a grant is likely to prevent the grantee and government's outcomes being achieved ▪ potential grantee's relevant experience and performance history.

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Support Plantation Establishment program

Grant eligibility evaluation report

Round 3, Batch 6

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1. Introduction and Background

The purpose of this eligibility evaluation report is to:

- document the evaluation process undertaken for applications submitted for the Support Plantation Establishment program (the Program) grant round 3, batch 6 (GO7209: 2024-3514)
- set out the findings of the Eligibility Evaluation Panel (the Panel)
- provide recommendations to the Delegate.

The Program will provide funding for projects to be delivered over 4 financial years from 2023–24 to 2026–27. The Australian Government will provide funding of up to $2,000 (GST exclusive) per 1 hectare of new long-rotation plantation forest established.

- The minimum grant amount is $40,000 (GST exclusive), which equates to 20 hectares (when the maximum $2,000 per hectare is requested).
- There is no maximum grant amount, provided grant funding is available.
- Applications will be considered through a demand driven grant process based on the eligibility criteria set out in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines (11 October 2024).
- Grantees are required to provide a co-contribution at least equal to the grant amount awarded. See section 9 for further details on how this can be demonstrated.

The objectives of the Program are to:

- increase future plantation forest resources available for processing, as well as for plantation forest management, harvesting and haulage employment
- support private industry, First Nations businesses, farm foresters and state and territory forestry bodies to expand the Australian plantation forest estate
- contribute to meeting Australia's carbon emission reduction targets.

The intended outcomes of the program are to:

- increase domestic timber supply, particularly construction and manufacturing timber resources and to contribute to the demands of the Australian market
- support private industry, First Nations businesses, farm foresters and state and territory forestry bodies to reduce their carbon footprint by storing carbon in plantation trees and contribute to Australia's carbon emission reduction targets
- support the retention or creation of regional jobs and support for regional communities.

2. Applications invited

The third round opened on 11 October 2024 and closed on 5 November 2025. The third round was comprised of 6 funding opportunities, called batches.

The sixth batch opened on 24 September 2025 and closed on 5 November 2025.

Applications received had their eligibility to apply checked by the Community Grants Hub after the batch shut.

3. Lodgement process and summary of applications received

Batch 6 received 20 applications. Consistent with the requirements of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines (the Guidelines), the Panel found 17 applications eligible. 2 applications were identified as non-compliant, and 1 application was found ineligible.

4. Details of applicants and applications and order of receipt

The following applications were received for the program:

Order of receipt	Applicant Submission Reference Number	Date and time application received	Applicant's Name	Proposed project size (hectares)
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5. Membership of Eligibility Evaluation Panel and Advisors

Role	Name and position
Chair of Panel	Luke Bulkeley A/g Assistant Secretary, Plantations and Strategy Section, DAFF
Member of Panel	s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Assistant Director, Plantations and Strategy Section, DAFF
Member of Panel	s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Senior Policy Officer, Plantations and Strategy Section, DAFF
Member of Panel	s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Scientist, Fish and Forest Economics, ABARES
Secretariat	s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Policy Officer, Plantations and Strategy Section, DAFF

The panel were supported by Probity Advisor, Sean Galbraith of Galent Management Consulting, including probity briefings conducted by Alan, Sean and Matthew Galbraith of Galent Management Consulting.

6. Conflicts of Interest

All members of the Panel as well as the Secretariat, in accordance with the Guidelines and Probity and Eligibility Evaluation Plan, signed a form to declare any actual or potential conflict of interest and acknowledge their confidentiality obligations. At the beginning of each Panel meeting the Chair also reminded the Panel members (and Secretariat) to raise any new conflicts of interest or during a Panel meeting if a conflict of interest was to raise itself.

No actual conflicts of interest were declared when evaluating the round 3, batch 6 applications:

Name	Conflict of Interest
Luke Bulkeley	Nil
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Nil
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Nil
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Nil
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Secretariat)	Nil

7. Screening and eligibility evaluation process

The screening and eligibility evaluation of applications was undertaken in accordance with the Program's Probity and Eligibility Evaluation Plan.

A multifaceted approach for the eligibility evaluation was adopted as follows:

- The Community Grants Hub screened each application to:
  - confirm each application was complete and all required attachments were provided in accordance with the Guidelines
  - each applicant was an eligible applicant by applying the 'Applicant related' eligibility criteria set out in section 4 of the Guidelines

- The Panel received the applications at the same time to commence their eligibility evaluation, while the Community Grants Hub conducted viability checks of the applicants in parallel.
- The Panel reviewed the applications against the Program's eligibility criteria outlined in the Probity and Eligibility Evaluation Plan.
- The Panel worked on a consensus basis, reaching a unanimous decision on the eligibility evaluation of applications.
- Where the Panel sought additional information, applicants were given sufficient time to provide the requested information.

8. Probity

Panel members and the Secretariat were supported by probity advisors from Galent Management Consulting which ensured appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct. Probity advice also ensured the consideration of each application was conducted in a way that was consistent with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles.

9. Eligibility criteria

The Guidelines set out eligibility criteria for both the applicant and the parameters for which funding can be used. The Community Grants Hub assessed the applications against the applicant related criteria, while the Panel reviewed the applications against the 'project related' eligibility criteria as part of their evaluation. The below table provides a direct extract from the Guidelines on the relevant eligibility criteria.

Guideline reference	Criteria
Eligibility Criteria – applicant related:	
2.1	The program requires grantees to: • establish a new long rotation plantation forest in Australia of at least 20 hectares: – if the proposed plantation forest is spread across multiple sites, the collective total of the sites must total at least 20 hectares and all the sites, individually and collectively must be within an economically viable[1] distance to each other

[1] See glossary

Guideline reference	Criteria
	• provide a Plantation Management Plan that sets out the plantation forest management actions and activities and includes all of the required details outlined in the *Guidance for meeting the requirements of the Plantation Management Plan* document (guidance document provided) • provide a Plantation Management Plan Endorsement Coversheet (mandatory template provided), endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional[2], that endorses: – all the proposed plantation forest sites are in an economically viable location for wood production, and timber harvesting and processing – the proposed plantation tree species is site-suitable and planted at a suitable stocking for successful growth – the location, size and dimensions of the proposed plantation forest that will be established, including if the trees will be planted across multiple sites, is site-suitable – when the proposed plantation forest will be established and will likely be harvested, including the scheduling of any thinning activities – the applicant's long-term access to the land, and that the proposed plantation forest complies with relevant planning and environmental regulations • manage the proposed plantation forest according to the Plantation Management Plan once endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional • provide a co-contribution at least equal to the grant amount awarded, which can be demonstrated by the land the new plantation forest/s will be established on, financial means, or state, territory, or local government grant funding: – if co-contributing land, grantees must provide a land valuation received within 5 years of the application's submission date that includes the land size in hectares • demonstrate that the land the proposed new plantation will be established on has not been used as a plantation or native forest for the last 7 years by providing: – a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from 7 years prior to the time of application – a clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from as recently as possible and no later than 2 years prior to the time of application • provide a budget that demonstrates how grant funding and any financial co-contributions provided by the grantee will be spent over the project's length.
2.2	Support Plantation Establishment applicants do not need to register projects under the ACCU Scheme to meet the Support Plantation Establishment program's eligibility requirements. If you intend to seek Support Plantation Establishment grant funding and undertake an ACCU Scheme project in the same project area, you must supply your ACCU Scheme project ID at the time of applying for the Support Plantation Establishment program. This

[2] See glossary

Guideline reference	Criteria
	will enable your application to the Support Plantation Establishment to proceed while your ACCU Scheme application is also being assessed by the Clean Energy Regulator. The ACCU Scheme project must be declared by the Clean Energy Regulator before Support Plantation Establishment program grant funding can be released[3]. This is to meet the ACCU Scheme's eligibility and additionality requirements. Assessment of new ACCU Scheme project applications to the Clean Energy Regulator may take up to 90 days (or longer if additional information requirements are requested from applicants) for a project to be declared. In the event your Support Plantation Establishment application is approved before the Clean Energy Regulator has declared your project, you will receive a Support Plantation Establishment grant offer conditional upon your ACCU Scheme project being declared by the Clean Energy Regulator. If you are waiting for your ACCU Scheme project to be declared by the Clean Energy Regulator, your plantation project will need to meet the ACCU Scheme's newness requirements, as outlined in the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*, where the project has not yet begun to be implemented. Exceptions to this include the preparation of any forest management plan or plantation management plan before management actions commence and the following: • site preparation • planting • leasing or purchasing a tangible asset for the purposes of site preparation or planting when undertaken: • after the date of a section 22 application to declare an eligible offset project or a section 29 application to vary the declaration of an eligible offset project in relation to the project area or project areas; but • before the project is declared an eligible offsets project by the Clean Energy Regulator.
4.1	To be eligible, you must be one of the following entity types: • Company[4] • Corporate State or Territory Entity • Incorporated Association • Indigenous Corporation • Sole Trader • Cooperative • Partnership[5].

[3] If your ACCU Scheme project application is not declared or you do not wish to proceed with it, but your Support Plantation Establishment program application has been found eligible, you may choose to still proceed with your Support Plantation Establishment grant project. The Commonwealth accepts no liability to fund any eligible activities already undertaken unless you elect to proceed with your Support Plantation Establishment grant project. Further details will be provided if your application is found eligible.

[4] Company is a company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

[5] Partnership – a Partnership is unincorporated or a non-legal entity and as such, does not have the capacity to enter into a legally binding agreement with the Commonwealth. An individual entity within a partnership must have its own ABN to apply in

Guideline reference	Criteria
	If you are applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust[6], the Trustee must have an eligible entity type as listed above. Applications from consortia are acceptable, as long as you have a lead applicant who is solely accountable to the Commonwealth for the delivery of grant activities and is an eligible entity as per the list above[7]. Eligible organisations can form a consortium with ineligible organisations.
4.2	We can only accept applications from entities that: • have an Australian Business Number (ABN) • are permanent residents or citizens of Australia[8] • have an account with an Australian financial institution. Additionally, your project must: • be a long-rotation new plantation forest on previously cleared land that has not been used as plantation or native forest for the last 7 years • provide a co-contribution at least equal to the grant amount awarded, which can be demonstrated by the land the new plantation forests will be established on, financial means, or state, territory, or local grant funding • have a Plantation Management Plan endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional (refer to section 2 and the attached guidance material for further details) • not have undertaken planting activities for the project before submitting your application to GrantConnect. If part of an existing state or territory government plantation expansion or establishment program, you must demonstrate how combining with the Support Plantation Establishment program brings about additional plantation establishment beyond the intent of the state or territory program. If you do not meet these additional requirements, you will not be eligible.
Applicant criteria to determine ineligibility:	
4.3	You are not eligible to apply if you are: • an organisation or individual, or your project partner is an organisation or individual, currently under investigation for prohibited acts under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* or any similar state or territory legislation • an organisation or individual, or your project partner is an organisation or individual, currently under investigation for prohibited acts under the *Fair Work Act 2009* or any similar state or territory legislation

their own right and be responsible for the terms of the grant agreement, but only if that entity has an eligible entity type as listed above.

[6] Trusts are not legal entities in their own right – to be eligible, only the Trustee for the Trust can apply by providing the signed Trust Deed and any subsequent variations with the application form. Trustees must be an eligible entity type as stated in section 4.1. Both the Trust's and Trustee's details will be collected in the application form.

[7] The Australian Government recognises that some organisations may seek to form consortia in order to apply for a grant under the program. Consortia are eligible to apply and the relevant conditions applicable to consortia are in section 6.2.

[8] Only applies to applicants that are considered sole traders or partnerships.

Guideline reference	Criteria
	• an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme' • an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the Workplace Gender Equality Agency website non-compliant list • Corporate Commonwealth Entity • International Entity • Local Government[9]. • Non-corporate Commonwealth Entity • Non-corporate Commonwealth Statutory Authority • Non-corporate State or Territory Entity • Non-corporate State or Territory Statutory Authority • Person[10] • Statutory Entity • Unincorporated Association. Non legal entities such as an Unincorporated Association may be able to receive funding as part of a consortium. An Unincorporated Association is not eligible to lead the consortium for this grant opportunity. See section 6.2 Joint (consortia) applications for further information.
Project funding related eligibility criteria:	
5.1	You can only spend grant funding on eligible activities agreed through the Activity Work Plan. Further information on the activity work plan is provided in section 11.2. Eligible grant activities can include: – preparation of the plantation forest site, including clearing and removal of vegetation on land (not including broad land clearing) – purchase and planting of seedlings – payment of labour and contract planting and site preparation fees – other working capital (including establishment fertiliser and herbicide treatment).

[9] Local Government Entity is an entity established under state or territory local government legislation, for the purposes of governing local areas within state or territory. In the states, they are generally referred to as local councils.

[10] A person is a natural person, an individual, a human being.

Guideline reference	Criteria
5.2	You can only spend grant funding on eligible expenditure you have incurred on agreed and eligible grant activities. Eligible expenditure items this program will fund include the activities listed in section 5.1 and any other activities agreed through the Activity Work Plan (section 11.2). We may update the guidelines on eligible and ineligible expenditure from time to time. If your application is successful, the version in place when you submitted your application applies to your project. You must incur the expenditure on your project between the start date and end or completion date of your grant agreement for it to be eligible. Any activities that are undertaken prior to execution of the grant agreement cannot be claimed for funding or be part of your co-contribution. Any eligible activities that are undertaken for projects also seeking ACCU Scheme registration between the start date and end or completion date can be claimed for funding if • the ACCU Scheme project has been declared by the Clean Energy Regulator; or • you have elected to proceed with your Support Plantation Establishment grant project without receiving an ACCU Scheme declaration. The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry or their delegate makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.
Project funding criteria to determine ineligibility:	
5.3	You cannot use the grant for the following activities: • purchase of land • major capital expenditure • the covering of retrospective costs • costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation • subsidy of general ongoing administration of an organisation such as electricity, phone and rent • construction/capital works • domestic or overseas travel • replanting plantation forests post-harvest or as part of a bushfire recovery plan • fencing and roading • installation of an irrigation or drainage system. You may apply for funding for your project under multiple Commonwealth grants programs, but if more than one of your applications are successful, you must choose either this grant or the other Commonwealth grant.
6.1	The following documents or information must be attached to your application, where applicable, for it to be considered compliant. Where applicable, templates are provided for your use with the grant opportunity documents as specified: • A Plantation Management Plan – **guidance document provided**.

Guideline reference	Criteria
	• A Plantation Management Plan Endorsement Coversheet endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional that outlines how the Plantation Management Plan's requirements in section 2 have been met – mandatory template provided. • A clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from 7 years prior to the time of application. • A clear time-stamped satellite image of the site from as recently as possible and no later than 2 years prior to the time of application. • An indicative budget that demonstrates how grant funding and any financial co-contributions provided by the grantee will be spent over the project's length – mandatory template provided. • If applicable, a valuation of the land that will be used to establish the plantation forest. This land valuation must have been received within 5 years of the application's submission date and must include the land size in hectares. • If applicable, a letter of support signed by each of the consortium partners (required for joint [consortium] applicants only – refer to section 6.2 for details). All letters of support must be consolidated into one document before attaching to your application. • If applicable, evidence of a state based grant funding arrangement (for example, a letter of grant offer outlining the funding amount or a grant agreement). Your application will be deemed non-compliant and will not be considered if the required attachments are not provided and/or the mandatory templates are not used. You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. We may not consider information in attachments that we do not request. **Please note:** There is a 2 MB limit for each attachment.
6.2	We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a consortium to deliver a project. In these circumstances, you must appoint a 'lead organisation'. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The lead organisation must also be an eligible entity type as outlined in section 4.1. The application must identify all other members of the consortium and include a letter of support from each of the partners (consolidated into one document). Each letter of support should include: • details of the partner organisation • an overview of how the partner organisation will work with the lead organisation and any other partner organisations in the group to successfully complete the project • an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise the partner organisation will bring to the group • the roles/responsibilities of the partner organisation and the resources they will contribute (if any) • details of a nominated management level contact officer.

Guideline reference	Criteria
	You must have a formal arrangement in place with all parties. Organisations will not be eligible to be members of a consortium arrangement if they are included on the: ▪ National Redress Scheme's website[11] on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme' • Workplace Gender Equality Agency website[12] on the non-compliant list. • Eligible organisations can form consortia with ineligible organisations.

10. Grant Selection Process

All applications are considered through a demand driven grant process based on the eligibility criteria as set out in The Guidelines.

Eligible applications will be considered successful provided sufficient grant funding is available. If the total requested funding exceeds the funding available for this grant opportunity, the department will award grants to eligible applicants on a demand driven basis (in the order in which applications were received per batch, i.e. first come, first served).

11. Final summary and recommendations

The Panel reviewed the applications and considered 17 applications eligible.

At the time of finalising this evaluation report (23 December 2025), $56,423,300.57 (GST exclusive) had been committed to projects with total funding of $17,068,174.43 (GST exclusive) available for this final batch. Organisations registered and eligible to receive GST will be paid it.

The Panel noted the total funding for the 17 eligible applications was $19,371,695.00 (GST exclusive), which exceeds the remaining program funding available. In line with The Guidelines and the demand driven grant process the following recommendations are being made to the delegate:

Panel recommendations

- There are 17 eligible applications, as set out in the table below in order of receipt.
- To fully fund the first 15 eligible applications received.
- To partially fund the 16th eligible application received – Tasmania Natural Asset Trust (5DXGSRW)
    - Fund up to $8,806,511.43 (GST exclusive) (resulting in all program funds being fully allocated)
    - To note program funds currently fully allocated, therefore $1,065,520.57 (GST exclusive) not currently available to be funded.
- To currently not fund the 17th eligible application received – s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
    - To note program funds currently fully allocated, therefore $1,238,000.00 (GST exclusive) not currently available to be funded
- If in the future any unallocated program funds do become available, they would be offered in order of receipt as follows:
    - Allocate up to $1,065,520.57 (GST exclusive), to Tasmania Natural Asset Trust (5DXGSRW)

[11] https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/

[12] https://www.wgea.gov.au/

- Then allocate up to $1,238,000.00 (GST exclusive), to s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
  s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

In making the recommendations, the Panel applied three assumptions:

1. All eligible applications will subsequently be approved by the delegate.
2. The first 15 eligible applications in order of receipt will take up the total grant offer recommended.
3. With the addition of the partially funded 16th eligible application (if the full partial grant offer is taken up), the full $81.14 million (GST inclusive) available for the program will be allocated.

Applications recommended for remaining funding

Order of receipt	Applicant Submission Reference Number	Applicant's Name	Proposed project size (hectares)	Funding amount found eligible for		Recommended Funding Amount	
				GST exclusive	GST inclusive	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							

[13] This figure is GST exclusive as State Government owned corporations are not paid GST.

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Order of receipt	Applicant Submission Reference Number	Applicant's Name	Proposed project size (hectares)	Funding amount found eligible for		Recommended Funding Amount	
				GST exclusive	GST inclusive	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
10							
12							
14							
15							
16							
17							
18	5DXGSRW	Tasmania Natural Asset Trust	5194.7	$9,872,032.00	$10,859,235.20	$8,806,511.43	$9,687,162.57
		Total	**9379.59**	**$19,371,695.00**	**$21,003,465.00**	**$17,068,174.43**	**$18,593,392.37**

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[14] This figure is GST exclusive as the entity is not registered for GST.

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Applications recommended for funding on a reserve basis

Order of receipt	Applicant Submission Reference Number	Applicant's Name	Proposed project size (hectares)	Funding amount found eligible for		Recommended Funding Amount on reserve basis	
				GST exclusive	GST inclusive	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
18	5DXGSRW	Tasmania Natural Asset Trust	5194.7	$9,872,032.00	$10,859,235.20	$1,065,520.57[15]	$1,172,072.63
19							s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
		Total	5813.7	$11,110,032.00	$12,097,235.30	$2,303,520.57	$2,410,072.63

[13] This figure is GST exclusive as State Government owned corporations are not paid GST.

[15] Recommended funding amount is the remaining funding that applicant was found eligible for after program's funding allocation was exhausted.

The Panel found the following application ineligible as it did not meet the eligibility requirement to identify all project locations, sizes and dimensions of the proposed plantation, including internal areas that will not be planted, as outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines:

Order of receipt	Applicant Submission Reference Number	Applicant's Name
11	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	

The Panel found the following applications non-compliant as they sat outside the program's intent and scope and did not include the mandatory attachments required:

Order of receipt	Applicant Submission Reference Number	Applicant's Name
13	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	
20		

Agreement of Evaluation Advisory Panel members to this report

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..... 24/12/2025

Luke Bulkeley
Chair, Eligibility Evaluation Panel, Australian Government Representative

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Panel Member, Eligibility Evaluation Panel, Australian Government Representative

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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08 January 2026

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Agvet Chemicals, Fisheries and Forestry Division
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Support Plantation Establishment Program - Selection Advisory Panel Report (Round 3 -Batch 6) Probity Sign-Off (318G - 2024-3514)

Galent Management Consulting (Galent) was appointed as the Independent Probity Adviser to the Department of Social Services supporting the Community Grants Hub. It is noted that Galent's involvement is on an "as requested" the basis by the Department, coordinated through the Hub Operations Probity Team.

As part of our engagement, we supported the Support Plantation Establishment Program Grant (Round 3 Batch 6) through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, including:

- Provision of probity briefings to Selection Advisory Panel members
- Attendance of the Selection Advisory Panel meetings held:
    - 18 November 2025 and supplementary meetings held:
        - 20 November 2025;
        - 4 December 2025; and
        - 11 December 2025
- Provision of ad hoc advice as required
- Review of the following documents provided on 8 January 2026:
    - SPE Round 3 Batch 6 Panel Meeting Minute.docx
    - Grant Evaluation Report (ATT C_SPE R3B6 Grant Evaluation Report.docx)
    - Provision of review and feedback to be incorporated in final report, ensuring transparency and consistency in feedback fields and decision documentation.

To the extent of Galent Management Consulting's involvement in the Selection Advisory Panel, up to the date of this letter, the Selection Advisory Panel assessment and subsequent deliberations were conducted consistent with the:

- Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles probity principles; and
- Grant Opportunity Guidelines as published for Support Plantation Establishment Program Grant (Round 3 - Batch 6).

Yours sincerely

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 47F(1)
Probity Adviser

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ATTACHMENT E

Mandatory *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024* requirements for Ministers in relation to approving funding.

Under the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024* (CGRPs) you have mandatory obligations associated with approving grants funded under the NHT Act. These include:

1. [CGRPs 3.14] The PGPA Act requires that a Minister *must* not approve proposed expenditure of relevant money unless satisfied, after reasonable inquiries, that the expenditure would be a 'proper' use of relevant money. The terms of the approval *must* be recorded in writing as soon as practicable after the approval is given. 'Proper' when used in relation to the use or management of public resources means efficient, effective, economical and ethical.

2. [CGRPs 4.10] In addition to the requirements under the PGPA Act, where the proposed expenditure relates to a grant or group of grants, a Minister:

    a. **must** receive written advice from officials (complying with paragraphs 4.6 and 4.7 of CGRPs); on the merits of the proposed grant or group of grants before approving a grant/s. That advice must meet the requirements of the CGRPs paragraph 4.6.
    b. **must** record, in writing, the basis for the approval relative to the grant opportunity guidelines and the key principle of achieving value with relevant money;
    c. **must** record, in writing, the basis for not approving any grant or group of grants which officials have recommended be approved;
    d. **must** record, in writing, the basis for approving any grant or group of grants applications which officials have recommended be rejected, and
    e. **must** record, in writing, and declare as appropriate, any conflicts of interest relating to a decision to approve a grant.

3. [CGRPs 4.11] Ministers may approve grants within their own electorate.

    a. Where a minister (including an Assistant Minister) approves a proposed grant in their own electorate, the minister **must** write to the Minister for Finance advising of the details.
    b. Where there is correspondence to the relevant grantee, a copy of this letter is sufficient, except in the circumstances outlined in paragraph 4.12(b). If there is no correspondence, ministers **must** write to the Minister for Finance advising of the decision as soon as practicable after it is made.
    c. There are two circumstances where grants awarded in a minister's own electorate do not need to be reported.
        i. senators do not need to report on grants they decide to award in their own state or territory; or
        ii. where grants are awarded Australia-wide, state-wide, or across a region on the basis of a formula by a minister, and any of these grants falls in the relevant minister's electorate, the minister does not need to report to the Minister for Finance.

4. [CGRPs 4.12] Ministers may approve grants that are not recommended by officials.

    a. Ministers (including senators) **must** report to the Minister for Finance on all instances where they have decided to approve a particular grant which the relevant official has 'recommended be rejected'. The report **must** include a brief statement of reasons (i.e. the basis of the approval for each grant). The report **must** be provided to the Minister for Finance as soon as practicable following the approval.

If a decision relates to a minister's own electorate (House of Representatives members only), the minister **must** also include this information when writing to the Minister for Finance in the context of the process outlined in CGRPs 4.11.

Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

s. 47F(1)
Evolution Trustees Limited as Trustee for the Tasmania Natural Asset Trust.
Level 15, 68 Pitt Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
s. 47F(1) @evolutiontrustees.com.au

Dear s. 47F(1)

I am pleased to offer the following Grant/s to your organisation to undertake the following Activity/ies under the following Program/s.

Note: the amounts in this table may have been rounded. For exact Milestone amount/s, see **Item D – Payment of the Grant.**

Program	Activity Name	Grant Amount (excl. GST)	GST (if applicable)	Total (incl. GST)
Support Plantation Establishment	Support Plantation Establishment Round 3 - 4-LTTT4Q4	$8,806,511	$880,651	$9,687,162
	Total	**$8,806,511**	**$880,651**	**$9,687,162**

This letter, the enclosed document titled *Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement,* Grant Details, Supplementary Terms from the Clause Bank (if any) and any documents incorporated by reference into this document form the Agreement. The Agreement can only be varied by written agreement between you and us.

A separate set of Grant Details, including any Supplementary Terms from the Clause Bank (if any) is provided for each Program, each set of Grant Details may contain one or more Activities. Additional Grant Details may be added to this Agreement by means of variation.

Provision of this Grant is subject to the Agreement being signed by both you and us. The Grant will be paid to you as set out in the Grant Details dependent upon your ongoing compliance with the Agreement.

This offer of a Grant does not imply any commitment to further funding.

You are provided with the Agreement, which must be printed and signed by you. By signing the Agreement you have agreed to enter into the Agreement.

To accept this offer and enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth, represented by Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, ABN 34 190 894 983 in relation to the Grant, please sign the attached Grant Agreement and return the signed copy within twenty (20) business days from the date this document was offered to the address below, otherwise this offer will lapse.

transitions@communitygrants.gov.au

When we receive the signed Agreement, we will sign, date and return a copy of the Agreement to you for your organisation's records.

If you believe that you will have difficulties complying with any part of the Agreement, then you will need to resolve these before signing this Agreement. If you are uncertain about any aspects of this Agreement you should seek independent legal advice before execution.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email DAFF.Manage@communitygrants.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Australian Government

Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement

between
the Commonwealth represented by

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

and

Evolution Trustees Limited as Trustee for the Tasmania Natural Asset Trust.

Grant Agreement

Once completed, this document, together with each set of Grant Details and the Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions (Schedule 1), forms an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the Grantee.

Parties to this Agreement

The Grantee

Full legal name of Grantee	Evolution Trustees Limited as Trustee for the Tasmania Natural Asset Trust.
Legal entity type (e.g. individual, incorporated association, company, partnership etc)	Company
Trading or business name	Evolution Trustees Limited
Any relevant licence, registration or provider number	
Australian Company Number (ACN) or other entity identifiers	
Australian Business Number (ABN)	Trust ABN – 30 857 445 078
Registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST)	Trust - Y
Date from which GST registration was effective	
Registered office (physical/postal)	Level 15, 68 Pitt Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000
Relevant business place (if different)	
Telephone	s. 47F(1)
Fax	
Email	s. 47F(1)@evolutiontrustees.com.au

The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Australia represented by Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
70 Northbourne Ave CANBERRA ACT 2601
ABN 34 190 894 983

Background

The Commonwealth has agreed to enter into this Agreement under which the Commonwealth will provide the Grantee with one or more Grants for the purpose of assisting the Grantee to undertake the associated Activity.

The Grantee agrees to use each Grant and undertake each Activity in accordance with this Agreement and the relevant Grant Details.

Scope of this Agreement

This Agreement comprises:

(a) this document;

(b) the Supplementary Terms from the Clause Bank (if any);

(c) the Standard Grant Conditions (Schedule 1);

(d) the Grant Details;

(e) any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.

Each set of Grant Details, including Supplementary Terms (if any), only applies to the particular Grant and Activity covered by that set of Grant Details and a reference to the 'Agreement' in the Grant Details or the Supplementary Terms is a reference to the Agreement in relation to that particular Grant and Activity. If there is any ambiguity or inconsistency between the documents comprising this Agreement in relation to a Grant, the document appearing higher in the list will have precedence to the extent of the ambiguity or inconsistency.

This Agreement represents the Parties' entire agreement in relation to each Grant provided under it and the relevant Activity and supersedes all prior representations, communications, agreements, statements and understandings, whether oral or in writing.

Certain information contained in or provided under this Agreement may be used for public reporting purposes.

Grant Details

Organisation ID:	4-LEXIDTD
Agreement ID:	4-LTW2ZR5
Program Schedule ID:	4-LTW2ZR8

A. Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the Grant is to:

support the establishment of new long-rotation softwood and hardwood plantation forests and assist the sector to respond to the projected growth in demand for domestically sourced timber resources. Through focusing on long-rotation plantation forests, the program's key intended outcomes are to increase domestic timber supply, particularly construction and manufacturing timber resources, and to contribute to Australia's carbon emissions reduction commitments.

This Grant is being provided under, and these Grant Details form part of, the Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee.

The Grant is being provided as part of the Support Plantation Establishment program

Activity Title: Support Plantation Establishment Round 3

Activity ID: 4-LTTT4Q4

B. Activity

In undertaking this Activity, you must:

- provide to the Commonwealth the declaration of registration (the **ACCU Scheme project declaration**) from the Clean Energy Regulator (CER) for the ACCU Scheme project being undertaken in the same project area:
    - The Grantee must provide the relevant ACCU Scheme project declaration within **6 months** from the Activity Start Date.
      If the CER has requested further information and is still assessing the ACCU Scheme project eligibility, the Grantee must provide written notice to the department and seek further time to provide the ACCU Scheme project declaration.
    - Eligible grant activities as set out under paragraph 5.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, may be undertaken by the Grantee while awaiting the ACCU Scheme project declaration. The Grantee agrees and acknowledges that the Commonwealth accepts no liability for any costs incurred by the Grantee while undertaking the Activity should the Grantee be unable to satisfy the first milestone for payment, being the provision of the ACCU Scheme project declaration.
    - The Grantee must notify the Commonwealth within a reasonable time should the CER find the project ineligible for any reason, or the ACCU Scheme project application be withdrawn by the Grantee, and if the Grantee still wishes to proceed with the Support Plantation Establishment grant project.
    - For avoidance of doubt, the Grant will not be paid to the Grantee unless the Grantee:
        - has provided to the Commonwealth the ACCU Scheme project declaration for that project (see Milestone 1), or
        - has notified the Commonwealth that they are not proceeding with the ACCU Scheme project, but still wishes to proceed with the Support Plantation Establishment grant project, due to:
            - the CER finding the ACCU Scheme project ineligible, or
            - the grantee withdrawing the ACCU Scheme project application.
- establish a new long rotation plantation forest in Australia of at least 20 hectares:
    - if the proposed plantation forest is spread across multiple sites, the collective total of the sites must total at least 20 hectares and all the sites, individually and collectively must be within an economically viable distance to each other.
- provide a Plantation Management Plan that sets out the plantation forest management actions and activities and includes all of the required details outlined in the Guidance for meeting the requirements of the Plantation Management Plan document (guidance document provided).
- provide a Plantation Management Plan Endorsement Coversheet (mandatory template provided), endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional that endorses:
    - all the proposed plantation forest sites are in an economically viable location for wood production, and timber harvesting and processing;
    - the proposed plantation tree species is site suitable and planted at a suitable stocking for

successful growth;

- the location, size and dimensions of the proposed plantation forest that will be established, including if the trees will be planted across multiple sites, is site suitable;
- when the proposed plantation forest will be established and will likely be harvested, including the scheduling of any thinning activities; and
- the applicant's long-term access to the land, and that the proposed plantation forest complies with relevant planning and environmental regulations.

- manage the proposed plantation forest according to the Plantation Management Plan once endorsed by a suitably qualified forestry professional.
- provide a co contribution at least equal to the grant amount awarded, which can be demonstrated by the land the new plantation forest/s will be established on, financial means, or state, territory, or local government grant funding:
  - if co contributing land, grantees must provide a land valuation received within 5 years of the application's submission date that includes the land size in hectares.
- demonstrate that the land the proposed new plantation will be established on has not been used as a plantation or native forest for the last 7 years by providing:
  - a clear time stamped satellite image of the site from 7 years prior to the time of application; and
  - a clear time stamped satellite image of the site from as recently as possible and no later than 2 years prior to the time of application.
- if part of an existing state or territory government plantation expansion or establishment program, demonstrate how combining with the Support Plantation Establishment program brings about additional plantation establishment beyond the intent of the state or territory program.
- provide a budget that demonstrates how grant funding and any financial co contributions provided by the grantee will be spent over the project's length.

The intended outcomes of the program are to:

- Increase domestic timber supply, particularly construction and manufacturing timber resources, to contribute to the demands of the Australian market;
- Support private industry, First Nations businesses, farm foresters and state and territory forestry bodies to reduce their carbon footprint by storing carbon in plantation trees and contribute to Australia's carbon emission reduction targets; and
- support the retention or creation of regional jobs and support for regional communities.

The Grantee is required to provide the Commonwealth with data on project outcomes, including the area of plantation established, species planted, stocking, and year planted, which will be outlined in the Activity Work Plan. Aggregated data will allow increased monitoring of outcomes from this granting program, as well as regional and national monitoring of changes in the overall plantation resource.

The Grantee will undertake this Activity in adherence to the requirements outlined in the Forestry Industry - Support Plantation Establishment Round 3 Grant Opportunity Guidelines and the relevant grant application.

Performance Indicators

The Activity will be measured against the following Performance Indicator/s:

Performance Indicator Description	Measure

Activities are completed according to scope, quality, timeframes and budget defined in the Activity Work Plan.	The Department and the Grantee agree that the Activity Work Plan has been completed as specified or, in case of divergence, to a satisfactory standard.

Location Information

The Activity will be delivered from the following site location/s:

	Location Type	Name	Address
1.	Direct Funded	Evolution Trustees Limited as Trustee for the Tasmania Natural Asset Trust.	Level 15 68 Pitt Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Service Area Information

The Activity will service the following service area/s:

	Type	Service Area
1.	State/Territory (2016)	Tasmania

C. Duration of the Grant

The Activity starts on 6 May 2026 and ends on 31 July 2027, which is the **Activity Completion Date**.

The Agreement ends on 31 August 2027 or when the Commonwealth accepts all of the reports provided by the Grantee and the Grantee has repaid any Grant amount as required under this Agreement, which is the **Agreement End Date.**

D. Payment of the Grant

The total amount of the Grant is $8,806,511.43 excluding GST (if applicable).

A break down by Financial Year is below:

Financial Year	Amount (excl. GST if applicable)
2025-2026	$4,806,511.43
2026-2027	$4,000,000.00

The Grantee must ensure that the Grant is held in an account in the Grantee's name and which the Grantee controls, with an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised under the Banking Act 1959 (Cth) to carry on banking business in Australia.

The Grantee's nominated bank account into which the Grant is to be paid is:

BSB Number
Financial Institution
Account Number
Account Name

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Grant will be paid in instalments by the Commonwealth in accordance with the agreed Milestones, and compliance by the Grantee with its obligations under this Agreement.

Milestone	Anticipated date	Amount (excl. GST)	GST (if applicable)	Total (incl. GST if applicable)

Full payment of 2025-26 funds on receipt of the ACCU Scheme project declaration; or notification from the grantee that they are not proceeding with the ACCU Scheme project but still wish to proceed with the Support Plantation Establishment project	6 May 2026	$4,806,511.43	$480,651.14	$5,287,162.57
Full payment of 2026-27 funds on submission and acceptance of the Activity Work Plan Report due 3 November 2026	3 December 2026	$4,000,000.00	$400,000.00	$4,400,000.00
Total Amount		**$8,806,511.43**	**$880,651.14**	**$9,687,162.57**

Invoicing

The Grantee agrees to allow the Commonwealth to issue it with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for any taxable supplies it makes in relation to the Activity.

E. Reporting

The Grantee agrees to create the following reports in the form specified and to provide the reports to the Commonwealth representative in accordance with the following.

Milestone	Information to be included	Due Date
Activity Work Plan	Output-level detail for the funded Activity negotiated with the Department and captured in an Activity Work Plan as per Item E.2	9 June 2026
Activity Work Plan Report	A report with progress against Activity Work Plan, compliance or other reporting as per Item E.4	3 November 2026
Activity Work Plan Report	A report with progress against Activity Work Plan, compliance or other reporting as per Item E.4	2 April 2027
Financial Acquittal Report	Financial Acquittal covering the entire Activity period as per Item E.3	31 July 2027
Final Report	A report of outcomes for the funded Activity based on monitoring and data collection methods agreed with between the Parties as per Item E.4	31 July 2027

E.1 Performance Reports

None Specified

E.2 Activity Work Plan

The Activity Work Plan will be negotiated between the Grantee and the department from time to time as agreed by both Parties during the life of the Agreement. Using the department's Activity Work Plan template it will specify the Activity Details, deliverables, timeframes for delivery and measures of achievement. It may include a budget or other administrative controls intended to help manage activity risks. Once the Activity Work Plan has been agreed by both Parties it will form part of the Agreement.

The detailed deliverables and activities the Grantee will undertake to fulfil this Activity must be provided as part of the Grantee's Activity Work Plan, to be developed in consultation with, and provided to the

department as specified in Item E. Once mutually agreed the Activity Work Plan will form part of the Agreement. The Grantee is required to report against any performance measures set out in the Activity Work Plan within 30 days of the reporting period ceasing.

E.3 Financial Acquittal Reports

Financial Declaration

The Grantee must submit a Financial Declaration covering the entire Activity.

In a Financial Declaration, the Grantee certifies that funds were spent per the Grant Agreement. Also, any unspent funds must be declared. The Financial Declaration must be signed off by someone from the Organisation with the authority to do so.

More information on Financial Declarations is available on the Community Grants Hub website at: https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/information/info-grantees/accounting-report-requirments/financial-declaration.

E.4 Other Reports

Activity Work Plan Report

For the purposes of this Agreement, Activity Work Plan Report means a document to be completed by the Grantee, on a template or system provided by the department.

The Activity Work Plan Report template asks for progress on requirements in the Activity Work Plan for the reporting period including any compliance requirements.

Final Report

For the purposes of this Agreement, Final Report means a document to be completed by the Grantee, on a template provided by the department.

The Final Report must:

- provide quantitative data on project outcomes, including the area of plantation established, species planted, stocking, and year planted;
- identify if and how outcomes have been achieved;
- include the agreed evidence as specified in this Agreement; and
- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred.

F. Party representatives and address for notices

Grantee's representative and address

Grantee's representative name	s. 47F(1)
Position	Manager
Business hours telephone	s. 47F(1)
E-mail	s. 47F(1)@deltaforestry.com.au

Commonwealth representative and email address

Business hours telephone	not applicable
E-mail	DAFF.Manage@communitygrants.gov.au

The Parties' representatives will be responsible for liaison and the day-to-day management of the Grant, as well as accepting and issuing any written notices in relation to the Grant.

Disclaimer and explanatory notes

Disclaimer

By executing this agreement you agree that you have read and accept this disclaimer, including the explanatory notes on how to duly execute this agreement. You warrant that your identity has been verified, you have legal capacity and authority to enter into this agreement, and you are signing in accordance with all legal instruments that apply to you and/or the legal entity which you represent.

Explanatory notes

- If you are an **individual**, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink in the presence of a witness (the witness date must be the same as the signatory date).
- If you are a **partnership**, the signatory must be all partners, or one partner with the authority to sign on behalf of all partners receiving the grant. You should be prepared to provide evidence of this authorisation upon request.
- If you are a **proprietary company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)**, the signatory must be the sole director and company secretary, as required under section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). If required by your Constitution, please affix your **company seal** in the presence of the sole director and company secretary acting as a witness (the witness date must be the same as the date the company seal is affixed). For execution by company seal, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink.
- If you are a **company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)**, the signatories must be two directors, or one director and one company secretary, as required under section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). If required by your Constitution, please affix your **company seal** in the presence of two directors, or one director and one company secretary acting as a witness, or if your company has only one director – that director and a suitable witness, (the witness date must be the same as the date the company seal is affixed). For execution by company seal, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink.
- If you are a **company incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth)** (CATSI Act), the signatories must be two directors, one director and one company secretary, or if your company has only one director – that director, as required under section 99-5 of the CATSI Act. If required by your Constitution, please affix your **company seal** in the presence of two directors, or one director and one company secretary, or if your company has only one director – that director. For execution by company seal, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink.
- If you are an **individual trustee of a trust**, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink in the presence of a witness (the witness date must be the same as the signatory date). You must sign in your capacity as a trustee and not the trust. The trustee is the legal entity entering into the agreement. The words ‘as trustee for [name of trust]’ should be included in the signature block.
- If you are a **corporate trustee of a trust**, the signatory must be the sole director and company secretary in the proprietary company, or two directors in the company, or one director and one company secretary in the company, as required under section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). If required by your Constitution, please affix your **company seal** in the presence of the sole director and company secretary in the proprietary company, or two directors in the company, or one director and one company secretary in the company, acting as witness (the witness date must be the same as the date the company seal is affixed). For execution by company seal, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink. The company must sign in its capacity as a trustee and not the trust. The trustee is the legal entity entering into the agreement. The words ‘as trustee for [name of trust]’ should be included in the signature block.

- If you are an **incorporated association**, you must refer to the legislation incorporating the association as it will specify how documents must be executed. This process may differ between each State and Territory. If an authorised person is executing a document on behalf of the incorporated association, you should be prepared to provide evidence of this authorisation upon request.
- If you are a **university**, the signatory can be an officer authorised by the legislation creating the university to enter into legally binding documents. A witness to the signature is required (the witness date must be the same as the signatory date).

Supplementary Terms from the Clause Bank

Organisation ID:	4-LEXIDTD
Agreement ID:	4-LTW2ZR5
Schedule ID:	4-LTW2ZR8

1. Other contributions

CB1.1 In this Agreement, Other Contributions means the financial or in-kind contributions other than the Grant set out in the table below:

Contributor	Nature of Contribution	Amount (GST excl)	Timing
Grantee	Land value	s. 47G(1)(a)	As set out in the project budget attached to the Activity Work Plan

CB1.2 The Grantee agrees to provide, or to ensure the provision of, the Other Contributions and to use them to undertake the Activity. If the Other Contributions are not provided or used in accordance with this clause, then the Commonwealth may:

(a) suspend payment of the Grant until the Other Contributions are provided; or

(b) terminate this Agreement in accordance with clause 19 of this Agreement.

2. Activity budget

CB2.1 The Grantee agrees to use the Grant [and any Other Contributions] and undertake the Activity consistently with the Activity Budget below:

Expenditure Item	Description	Grant Contributions (GST excl)	Other Contributions - Grantee (GST excl)	Other Contributions -Third Parties (GST excl)	Total Cost (GST excl)
Rushy Lagoon and East Wyambi Project	To establish a new long-rotation forest plantation	$8,806,511.43	s. 47G(1)(a)	N/A	s. 47G(1)(a)

3. Intellectual property in Activity Material

CB3.1 The Grantee agrees, on request from the Commonwealth, to provide the Commonwealth with a copy of any Activity Material in the format reasonably requested by the Commonwealth.

CB3.2 The Grantee provides the Commonwealth a permanent, non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence (including a right to sub license) to use,

modify, communicate, reproduce, publish, and adapt the Activity Material as specified in the Grant Details for Commonwealth Purposes.

CB3.3 The Grantee warrants that the provision of Activity Material in accordance with the Agreement (and the use of specified Activity Material in accordance with clause CB3.2) will not infringe any third party's Intellectual Property Rights.

CB3.4 The Grantee will obtain written moral rights consents (other than in relation to acts of false attribution) from all authors of Reporting Material, and any Activity Material specified in the Grant Details to the use of that Material by the Commonwealth in accordance with this Agreement, prior to that Material being provided to the Commonwealth.

3A. Intellectual property - research

Not Applicable

3B. Creative Commons licence

Not Applicable

4. Access/Monitoring/Inspection

CB4.1 The Grantee agrees to give the Commonwealth, or any persons authorised in writing by the Commonwealth:

(a) access to premises where the Activity is being performed and/or where Material relating to the Activity is kept within the time period specified in a Commonwealth notice; and

(b) permission to inspect and take copies of any Material relevant to the Activity.

CB4.2 The Auditor-General and any Information Officer under the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010* (Cth) (including their delegates) are persons authorised for the purposes of clause CB4.1.

CB4.3 This clause CB4 does not detract from the statutory powers of the Auditor-General or an Information Officer (including their delegates).

5. Equipment and assets

Not Applicable

6. Specified personnel

Not Applicable

7. Relevant qualifications, licences, permits, approvals or skills

CB7.1 The Grantee agrees to ensure that personnel performing work in relation to the Activity; and

(a) are appropriately qualified to perform the tasks indicated;

(b) have obtained the required qualifications, licences, permits, approvals or skills before performing any part of the Activity; and

(c) continue to maintain all relevant qualifications, licences, permits, approvals or skills for the duration of their involvement with the Activity.

8. Vulnerable Persons

Not Applicable

9. Child safety

Not Applicable

10. Commonwealth Material, facilities and assistance

Not Applicable

11. Jurisdiction

CB11.1 This Agreement is governed by the law of the Australian Capital Territory.

12. Grantee trustee of trust

CB12.1 In this Agreement, **Trust** means the trust specified in the Parties to the Agreement section of this Agreement.

CB12.2 The Grantee warrants that:

(a) it is the sole trustee of the Trust; and

(b) it has full and valid power and authority to enter into this Agreement and perform the obligations under it on behalf of the Trust; and

(c) it has entered into this Agreement for the proper administration of the Trust; and

(d) all necessary resolutions, consents, approvals and procedures have been obtained or duly satisfied to enter into this Agreement and perform the obligations under it; and

(e) it has the right to be indemnified out of the assets of the Trust for all liabilities incurred by it under this Agreement.

13. Fraud

CB13.1 In this Agreement, Fraud means dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means, and includes alleged, attempted, suspected or detected fraud.

CB13.2 The Grantee must ensure its personnel and subcontractors do not engage in any Fraud in relation to the Activity.

CB13.3 If the Grantee becomes aware of:

(a) any Fraud in relation to the performance of the Activity; or

(b) any other Fraud that has had or may have an effect on the performance of the Activity;

then it must within 5 business days report the matter to the Commonwealth and all appropriate law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

CB13.4 The Grantee must, at its own cost, investigate any Fraud referred to in clause CB13.3 in accordance with the Australian Government Investigations Standards available at www.ag.gov.au.

CB13.5 The Commonwealth may, at its discretion, investigate any Fraud in relation to the Activity. The Grantee agrees to co-operate and provide all reasonable assistance at its own cost with any such investigation.

CB13.6 This clause survives the termination or expiry of the Agreement.

14. Prohibited dealings

Not Applicable

15. Anti-corruption

CB15.1 In this Agreement:

Illegal or Corrupt Practice means directly or indirectly:

(a) making or causing to be made, any offer, gift, payment, consideration or benefit of any kind to any party, or

(b) receiving or seeking to receive, any offer, gift, payment, consideration or benefit of any kind from any party, as an inducement or reward in relation to the performance of the Activity, which would or could be construed as an illegal or corrupt practice.

CB15.2 The Grantee warrants that the Grantee, its officers, employees, contractors, agents and any other individual or entity involved in carrying out the Activity have not, engaged in an Illegal or Corrupt Practice.

CB15.3 The Grantee agrees not to, and to take all reasonable steps to ensure that its officers, employees, contractors, agents and any other individual or entity involved in carrying out the Activity do not:

(a) engage in an Illegal or Corrupt Practice; or

(b) engage in any practice that could constitute the offence of bribing a foreign public official contained in section 70.2 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

CB15.4 The Grantee agrees to inform the Commonwealth within five business days if the Grantee becomes aware of any activity as described in 15.3 in relation to the performance of the Activity.

16. Step-in rights

Not Applicable

17. Grant Administrator

Not Applicable

18. Management Adviser

Not Applicable

19. Indemnities

CB19.1 The Grantee indemnifies the Commonwealth, its officers, employees and contractors against any claim, loss or damage arising in connection with the Activity.

CB19.2 The Grantee's obligation to indemnify the Commonwealth will reduce proportionally to the extent any act or omission involving fault on the part of the Commonwealth contributed to the claim, loss or damage.

20. Compliance with Legislation and policies

CB20.1 In this Agreement:

Legislation means a provision of a statute or subordinate legislation of the Commonwealth, or of a State, Territory or local authority.

CB20.2 The Grantee agrees to comply with all Legislation applicable to its performance of this Agreement.

CB20.3 The Grantee agrees, in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, to comply with any of the Commonwealth's policies as notified, referred or made available by the Commonwealth to the Grantee (including by reference to an internet site).

21. Work health and safety

CB21.1 The Grantee agrees to ensure that it complies at all times with all applicable work health and safety legislative and regulatory requirements and any additional work health and safety requirements set out in the Grant Details.

CB21.2 If requested by the Commonwealth, the Grantee agrees to provide copies of its work health and safety management plans and processes and such other details of the arrangements it has in place to meet the requirements referred to in clause CB21.1.

CB21.3 When using the Commonwealth's premises or facilities, the Grantee agrees to comply with all reasonable directions and procedures relating to work health and safety and security in effect at those premises or facilities, as notified by the Commonwealth or as might reasonably be inferred from the use to which the premises or facilities are being put.

22. Transition

CB22.1 If the Agreement is reduced in its scope or terminated under clause 19, the Grantee must at its own expense cooperate and give assistance as directed by the Commonwealth to enable the transition of some or all of the Activity to the Commonwealth or a third party nominated by the Commonwealth (**Successor**).

CB22.2 The assistance to be provided under clause CB22.1 may include, among other things:

(a) making available to the Commonwealth or any Successor information relevant to the performance of the Activity;

(b) allowing representatives of the Commonwealth or any Successor to observe the performance of the Activity;

(c) providing a briefing to the Commonwealth or any Successor personnel on the Activity;

(d) transferring to the Commonwealth or any Successor:

(i) Activity Material specified in the Grant Details;

(ii) Assets purchased with the Grant; and

(iii) Records maintained under clause 12.1

(e) facilitating the novation or transfer to the Commonwealth or any Successor subcontracts and facilitating discussions with any subcontractors associated with the Activity;

(f) assigning or licensing Intellectual Property Rights in Reporting Material, and any Activity Material specified in the Grant Details, to the Commonwealth or any Successor on terms acceptable to the Commonwealth;

(g) preparing and executing any agreement or other documentation reasonably necessary or appropriate to facilitate any of the matters referred to above; and

(h) any other matter specified in the Grant Details.

CB22.3 This clause does not apply where the Agreement is cancelled or reduced in scope for convenience under clause 20.

23. Corporate governance

Not Applicable

23A. Incorporation requirement

Not Applicable

24. Counterparts

Not Applicable

25. Employees Subject to SACS Decision

Not Applicable

26. Program interoperability with National Disability Insurance Scheme

Not Applicable

27. Rollover of Surplus and Uncommitted Funds

CB27.1 In this Agreement:

Surplus and Uncommitted Funds means surplus and uncommitted funds provided by the Commonwealth through previous grant agreements relating to activities which are the same as or similar to the Activity and which are confirmed by final financial statements provided under the previous grant agreements.

CB27.2 The Parties acknowledge that the Grantee may hold Surplus and Uncommitted Funds.

CB27.3 The Commonwealth may give the Grantee written approval to retain all or part of any Surplus and Uncommitted Funds and treat those funds as part of the Grant provided under, and subject to, this Agreement. The Commonwealth may give such approval subject to conditions.

CB27.4 The Grantee agrees to acquit in the Reporting Material any Surplus and Uncommitted Funds that are retained and used to deliver the Activity under this Agreement.

CB27.5 This clause does not affect the Commonwealth's right to require the repayment of the balance of Surplus and Uncommitted Funds.

CB27.6 This clause survives the termination or expiry of the Agreement.

28. Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material

CB28.1 In this clause:

Aboriginal Person has the same meaning given in the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* (Cth);

Aboriginal Tradition has the meaning given in the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* (Cth);

Indigenous Person means a person who is or identifies and is accepted as an Aboriginal Person or a Torres Strait Islander;

Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material means all information, knowledge or Material of special spiritual, cultural or customary significance which is considered to be sacred or of significance by an Indigenous Person or according to Aboriginal Tradition; and

Torres Strait Islander has the same meaning given in the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* (Cth)

CB28.2 The parties agree that, for the purposes of this Agreement:

(a) the definition of Activity Material in clause 22 excludes any Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material.

(b) the definition of Reporting Material in clause 22 excludes any Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material.

(c) the record keeping requirements in clause 12 do not apply to any Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material; and

(d) any Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material is the confidential information of the relevant Indigenous Person or Indigenous community.

CB28.3 The Grantee agrees to inform the Commonwealth of the existence of Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material relevant to the performance of the Activity which is not disclosed to the Commonwealth due it being Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material.

29. Supports and services for people with disability

Not Applicable

Schedule 1: Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions

Organisation ID:	4-LEXIDTD
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1. Undertaking the Activity

1.1 The Grantee agrees to undertake the Activity for the purpose of the Grant in accordance with this Agreement.

1.2 The Grantee is fully responsible for the Activity and for ensuring the performance of all its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with all relevant laws. The Grantee will not be relieved of that responsibility because of:

(a) the grant or withholding of any approval or the exercise or non-exercise of any right by the Commonwealth; or

(b) any payment to, or withholding of any payment from, the Grantee under this Agreement.

1.3 The Grantee agrees that for the term of this Agreement, the Grantee will continue to meet the eligibility obligations relating to the National Redress Scheme (www.nationalredress.gov.au) set out under the relevant grant opportunity guidelines to receive the Grant.

2. Payment of the Grant

2.1 The Commonwealth agrees to pay the Grant to the Grantee in accordance with the Grant Details.

2.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Commonwealth may by notice withhold payment of any amount of the Grant and/or take any other action specified in the Supplementary Terms if it reasonably believes that:

(a) the Grantee has not complied with this Agreement;
(b) the Grantee is unlikely to be able to perform the Activity or manage the Grant in accordance with this Agreement; or
(c) there is a serious concern relating to the Grantee or this Agreement that requires investigation.

2.3 A notice under clause 2.2 will contain the reasons for any action taken under clause 2.2 and, where relevant, the steps the Grantee can take to address those reasons.

2.4 The Commonwealth will only be obliged to pay a withheld amount once the Grantee has addressed the reasons contained in a notice under clause 2.2 to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction.

2.5 The Grantee agrees to hold the Grant in an account in the Grantee's name and which the Grantee controls, with an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised by the *Banking Act 1959* (Cth) to carry on banking business in Australia.

3. Acknowledgements

3.1 The Grantee agrees not to make any public announcement, including by social media, in connection with the awarding of the Grant without the Commonwealth's prior written approval.

3.2 The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the Commonwealth's support in all Material, publications and promotional and advertising materials published in connection with this Agreement. The Commonwealth may notify the Grantee of the form of acknowledgement that the Grantee is to use.

3.3 The Grantee agrees not to use the Commonwealth Coat of Arms in connection with the Grant or the Activity without the Commonwealth's prior written approval.

4. Notices

4.1 Each Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party of anything reasonably likely to adversely affect the

undertaking of the Activity, management of the Grant or its performance of any of its other requirements under this Agreement.

4.2 A notice given by a Party under this Agreement must be in writing and addressed to the other Party's representative as set out in the Grant Details or as most recently updated by notice given in accordance with this clause.

4.3 A notice is deemed to be effected:

(a) if delivered by hand - upon delivery to the relevant address;

(b) if sent by post - upon delivery to the relevant address; or

(c) if transmitted electronically - upon actual receipt by the addressee.

4.4 A notice received after 5.00 pm, or on a day that is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, in the place of receipt, is deemed to be effected on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in that place.

4.5 The Commonwealth may, by notice, advise the Grantee of changes to the Agreement that are minor or of an administrative nature, provided that any such changes do not increase the Grantee's obligations under this Agreement. Such changes, while legally binding, are not variations for the purpose of clause 8.

5. Relationship between the Parties

5.1 A Party is not by virtue of this Agreement the employee, agent or partner of the other Party and is not authorised to bind or represent the other Party.

6. Subcontracting

6.1 The Grantee is responsible for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including in relation to any tasks undertaken by subcontractors.

6.2 The Grantee agrees to make available to the Commonwealth the details of any of its subcontractors engaged to perform any tasks in relation to this Agreement upon request.

7. Conflict of interest

7.1 Other than those which have already been disclosed to the Commonwealth, the Grantee warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, at the date of this Agreement neither it nor its officers have any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest in relation to the Activity.

7.2 If during the term of the Agreement, any actual, perceived or potential conflict arises or there is any material change to a previously disclosed conflict of interest, the Grantee agrees to:

(a) notify the Commonwealth promptly and make full disclosure of all relevant information relating to the conflict; and

(b) take any steps the Commonwealth reasonably requires to resolve or otherwise deal with that conflict.

8. Variation, assignment and waiver

8.1 This Agreement may be varied in writing only, signed by both Parties.

8.2 The Grantee cannot assign its obligations, and agrees not to assign its rights, under this Agreement without the Commonwealth's prior approval.

8.3 The Grantee agrees not to enter into negotiations with any other person for the purposes of entering into an arrangement that will require novation of, or involve any assignment of rights under, this Agreement without first consulting the Commonwealth.

8.4 A waiver by a Party of any of its rights under this Agreement is only effective if it is in a signed written notice to the other Party and then only to the extent specified in that notice.

9. Taxes, duties and government charges

9.1 The Grantee agrees to pay all taxes, duties and government charges imposed or levied in Australia or overseas in connection with the performance of this Agreement, except as provided by this Agreement.

9.2 If Goods and Services Tax (GST) is payable by a supplier on any supply made under this Agreement, the recipient of the supply will pay to the supplier an amount equal to the GST payable on the supply, in addition to and at the same time that the consideration for the supply is to be provided under this Agreement.

9.3 The Parties acknowledge and agree that they each:

(a) are registered for GST purposes;

(b) have quoted their Australian Business Number to the other; and

(c) must notify the other of any changes to the matters covered by this clause.

9.4 The Grantee agrees that the Commonwealth will issue it with a recipient created tax invoice for any taxable supply it makes under this Agreement.

9.5 The Grantee agrees not to issue tax invoices in respect of any taxable supplies.

9.6 If the Grantee is not, or not required to be, registered for GST, then:

(a) clauses 9.3(a), 9.4 and 9.5 do not apply; and

(b) the Grantee agrees to notify the Commonwealth in writing within 7 days of becoming registered for GST if during the term of the Agreement it becomes, or is required to become, registered for GST.

10. Spending the Grant

10.1 The Grantee agrees to spend the Grant for the purpose of performing the Activity and otherwise in accordance with this Agreement.

10.2 Within one month after the Activity Completion Date [and at least every 12 months during the term of the Activity], the Grantee agrees to provide [a] financial statement[s] signed by the Grantee verifying the Grant was spent in accordance with this Agreement.

10.3 A statement under clause 10.2 must include an income and expenditure statement in relation to the Grant and the Activity for each financial year of the Agreement.

11. Repayment

11.1If any amount of the Grant:

(a) has been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement; or

(b) is additional to the requirements of the Activity;

then the Commonwealth may by written notice:

(c) require the Grantee to repay that amount to the Commonwealth;

(d) require the Grantee to deal with that amount as directed by the Commonwealth; or

(e) deduct the amount from subsequent payments of the Grant or amounts payable under another agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth.

11.2 If the Commonwealth issues a notice under this Agreement requiring the Grantee to repay a Grant amount:

(a) the Grantee must do so within the time period specified in the notice;

(b) the Grantee must pay interest on any part of the amount that is outstanding at the end of the time period specified in the notice until the outstanding amount is repaid in full; and

(c) the Commonwealth may recover the amount and any interest under this Agreement as a debt due to the Commonwealth without further proof of the debt being required.

12. Record keeping

12.1 The Grantee agrees to keep financial accounts and other records that:

(a) detail and document the conduct and management of the Activity;

(b) identify the receipt and expenditure of the Grant [and any Other Contributions] separately within the Grantee's accounts and records so that at all times the Grant is identifiable; and

(c) enable all receipts and payments related to the Activity to be identified and reported.

12.2 The Grantee agrees to keep the records for five years after the Activity Completion Date or such other time specified in the Grant Details and provide copies of the records to the Commonwealth upon request.

13. Reporting

13.1 The Grantee agrees to provide the Reporting Material specified in the Grant Details to the Commonwealth.

13.2 In addition to the obligations in clause 13.1, the Grantee agrees to:

(a) liaise with and provide assistance and information to the Commonwealth as reasonably required by the Commonwealth; and

(b) comply with the Commonwealth’s reasonable requests, directions and monitoring requirements,

in relation to the Activity.

13.3 If the Commonwealth acting reasonably has concerns regarding the performance of the Activity or the management of the Grant, the Commonwealth may by written notice require the Grantee to provide one or more additional reports, containing the information and by the date(s), specified in the notice.

13.4 The Grantee acknowledges that the giving of false or misleading information to the Commonwealth is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

14. Privacy

14.1 When dealing with Personal Information in carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees:

(a) to comply with the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth);

(b) not to do anything which, if done by the Commonwealth, would be a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle;

(c) to ensure that any of the Grantee's subcontractors or personnel who deal with Personal Information for the purposes of this Agreement are aware of the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and the Grantee's obligations under this clause; and

(d) to immediately notify the Commonwealth if the Grantee becomes aware of an actual or possible breach of this clause by the Grantee or any of the Grantee's subcontractors or personnel.

14.2 In carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees not to send any Personal Information outside Australia without the Commonwealth's prior written approval. The Commonwealth may impose any conditions it considers appropriate when giving its approval.

15. Confidentiality

15.1 The Parties agree not to disclose each other's confidential information without the other Party's prior written consent unless required or authorised by law or Parliament to disclose.

15.2 The Commonwealth may disclose the Grantee's confidential information where;

(a) the Commonwealth is providing information about the Activity or Grant in accordance with Commonwealth accountability and reporting requirements;

(b) the Commonwealth is disclosing the information to a Minister of the Australian Government, a House or Committee of the Commonwealth Parliament; or

(c) the Commonwealth is disclosing the information to its personnel or another Commonwealth agency where this serves the Commonwealth's legitimate interests.

16. Insurance

16.1 The Grantee agrees to maintain adequate insurance for as long as any obligations remain in connection with this Agreement and provide proof of insurance to the Commonwealth upon request.

17. Intellectual property

17.1 Subject to clause 17.2, the Grantee owns the Intellectual Property Rights in Activity Material and Reporting Material.

17.2 This Agreement does not affect the ownership of Intellectual Property Rights in Existing Material.

17.3 The Grantee provides the Commonwealth a permanent, non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use, modify, communicate, reproduce, publish, adapt and sub-license the Reporting Material for Commonwealth Purposes.

17.4 The licence in clause 17.3 does not apply to Activity Material.

18. Dispute resolution

18.1 The Parties agree not to initiate legal proceedings in relation to a dispute arising under this Agreement unless they have first tried and failed to resolve the dispute by negotiation.

18.2 Unless clause 18.3 applies, the Parties agree to continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement when a dispute exists.

18.3 The Parties may agree to suspend performance of the Agreement pending resolution of the dispute.

18.4 Failing settlement by negotiation in accordance with clause 18.1, the Parties may agree to refer the dispute to an independent third person with power to intervene and direct some form of resolution, in which case the Parties will be bound by that resolution. If the Parties do not agree to refer the dispute to an independent third person, either Party may initiate legal proceedings.

18.5 Each Party will bear their own costs in complying with this clause 18, and the Parties will share equally the cost of any third person engaged under clause 18.4.

18.6 The procedure for dispute resolution under this clause does not apply to any action relating to termination, cancellation or urgent interlocutory relief.

19. Reduction, Suspension and Termination

19.1 Reduction in scope of agreement for fault

19.1.1 If the Grantee does not comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is incapable of remedy, or if the Grantee has failed to comply with a notice to remedy, the Commonwealth may by written notice reduce the scope of the Agreement.

19.1.2 The Grantee agrees, on receipt of the notice of reduction, to:

(a) stop or reduce the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice;

(b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from the reduction;

(c) continue performing any part of the Activity or the Agreement not affected by the notice if requested to do so by the Commonwealth; and

(d) report on, and return any part of, the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

19.1.3 In the event of reduction under clause 19.1.1, the amount of the Grant will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the scope of the Agreement.

19.2 Suspension

19.2.1 If:

(a) the Grantee does not comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is capable of remedy;

(b) the Commonwealth reasonably believes that the Grantee is unlikely to be able to perform the Activity or manage the Grant in accordance with this Agreement; or

(c) the Commonwealth reasonably believes that there is a serious concern relating to the Grantee or this Agreement that requires investigation;

the Commonwealth may by written notice:

(d) immediately suspend the Grantee from further performance of the Activity (including expenditure of the Grant); and/or

(e) require that the non-compliance or inability be remedied, or the investigation be completed, within the time specified in the notice.

19.2.2 If the Grantee:

(a) remedies the non-compliance or inability specified in the notice to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction, or the Commonwealth reasonably concludes that the concern is unsubstantiated, the Commonwealth may direct the Grantee to recommence performing the Activity; or

(b) fails to remedy the non-compliance or inability within the time specified, or the Commonwealth reasonably concludes that the concern is likely to be substantiated, the Commonwealth may reduce the scope of the Agreement in accordance with clause 19.1 or terminate the Agreement immediately by giving a second notice in accordance with clause 19.3.

19.3 Termination for fault

19.3.1 The Commonwealth may terminate this Agreement by notice where the Grantee has:

(a) failed to comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is incapable of remedy or where clause 19.2.2.b applies; or

(b) provided false or misleading statements in relation to the Grant; or

(c) become bankrupt or insolvent, entered into a scheme of arrangement with creditors, or come under any form of external administration.

(d) in addition to clause 19.3.1(a), breached the requirements in subclause 1.3.

19.3.2 The Grantee agrees, on receipt of the notice of termination, to:

(a) stop the performance of the Grantee's obligations;

(b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from the termination; and

(c) report on, and return any part of, the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

20. Cancellation or reduction for convenience

20.1 The Commonwealth may cancel or reduce the scope of this Agreement by notice, due to:

(a) a change in government policy; or

(b) a Change in the Control of the Grantee which the Commonwealth reasonably believes will negatively affect the Grantee's ability to comply with this Agreement.

20.2 On receipt of a notice of reduction or cancellation under this clause, the Grantee agrees to:

(a) stop or reduce the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice;

(b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from that reduction or cancellation;

(c) continue performing any part of the Activity or the Agreement not affected by the notice if requested to do so by the Commonwealth; and

(d) report on, and return any part of, the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

20.3 In the event of reduction or cancellation under this clause, the Commonwealth will be liable only to:

(a) pay any part of the Grant due and owing to the Grantee under this Agreement at the date of the notice; and

(b) reimburse any reasonable and substantiated expenses the Grantee unavoidably incurs that relate directly and entirely to the reduction in scope or cancellation of the Agreement.

20.4 In the event of reduction, the amount of the Grant will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the scope of the Agreement.

20.5 The Commonwealth's liability to pay any amount under this clause is:

(a) subject to the Grantee's compliance with this Agreement; and

(b) limited to an amount that when added to all other amounts already paid under the Agreement will not exceed the total amount of the Grant.

20.6 The Grantee will not be entitled to compensation for loss of prospective profits or benefits that would have been conferred on the Grantee but for the cancellation or reduction in scope of the Agreement under clause 20.1.

20.7 The Commonwealth will act reasonably in exercising its rights under this clause.

21. Survival

The following clauses survive termination, cancellation or expiry of this Agreement:

- clause 10 (Spending the Grant)
- clause 11 (Repayment);
- clause 12 (Record keeping)
- clause 13 (Reporting)
- clause 14 (Privacy);
- clause 15 (Confidentiality);
- clause 16 (Insurance)
- clause 17 (Intellectual property);
- clause 19 (Reduction, Suspension and Termination);
- clause 21 (Survival);
- clause 22 Definitions;
- [^any applicable provisions included from the clause bank^]; and
- Any other clause which expressly or by implication from its nature is meant to survive.

22. Definitions

In this Agreement, unless the contrary appears:

- **Activity** means the activity described in the Grant Details and includes the provisions of the

Reporting Material.

- **Activity Completion Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Activity Material** means any Material, other than Reporting Material, created or developed by the Grantee as a result of the Activity and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Activity Material.
- **Agreement** means the Grant Details, Supplementary Terms (if any), the Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions and any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.
- **Agreement End Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Australian Privacy Principle** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Change in the Control** means any change in any person(s) who directly exercise effective control over the Grantee.
- **Commonwealth** means the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Commonwealth entity specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Commonwealth Purposes** includes the following:

  a. the Commonwealth verifying and assessing grant proposals, including a grant application;

  b. the Commonwealth administering, monitoring, reporting on, auditing, publicising and evaluating a grant program or exercising its rights under this Agreement;

  c. the Commonwealth preparing, managing, reporting on, auditing and evaluating agreements, including this Agreement; and

  d. the Commonwealth developing and publishing policies, programs, guidelines and reports, including Commonwealth annual reports;

  but in all cases:

  e. excludes the commercialisation (being for-profit use) of the Material by the Commonwealth.
- **Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions** means this document.
- **Existing Material** means Material developed independently of this Agreement that is incorporated in or supplied as part of Reporting Material or Activity Material.
- **Grant** means the money, or any part of it, payable by the Commonwealth to the Grantee for the Activity as specified in the Grant Details and includes any interest earned by the Grantee on that money once the Grant has been paid to the Grantee.
- **Grantee** means the legal entity other than the Commonwealth specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Grant Details** means the document titled Grant Details that forms part of this Agreement.
- **Intellectual Property Rights** means all copyright, patents, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and other rights resulting from intellectual activity (other than moral rights under the *Copyright Act 1968*).

- **Material** includes documents, equipment, software (including source code and object code versions), goods, information and data stored by any means including all copies and extracts of them.
- **Party** means the Grantee or the Commonwealth.
- **Personal Information** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Records** includes documents, information and data stored by any means and all copies and extracts of the same.
- **Reporting Material** means all Material which the Grantee is required to provide to the Commonwealth for reporting purposes as specified in the Grant Details and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Reporting Material.

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Signatures

Executed as an Agreement

Signed for and on behalf of Evolution Trustees Limited as Trustee for the Tasmania Natural Asset Trust. Trust ABN 30 857 445 078 in accordance with its rules, by its representative(s) who warrant(s) that they are authorised to sign this Agreement:

s. 47F(1)

(Name of the representative)

Director

(Position held by the representative)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

signed subject to Appendix 1

(Signature of representative)

Date …./…./……
01/05/2026

s. 47F(1)

(Name of the second representative/witness)

Company Secretary

(Position held by second representative/witness)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

signed subject to Appendix 1

(Signature of second representative/witness)

Date …./…./……
01/05/2026

END OF SIGNATURES

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts. All counterparts, taken together, constitute one instrument. A Party may execute this Agreement by signing any counterpart.

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Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia represented by and acting through Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, ABN 34 190 894 983 by an authorised representative in the presence of:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(Name of Departmental Representative) (Signature of Departmental Representative)

A/g Team Leader 07/05/2026

(Position of Departmental Representative)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(Name of Witness in full) (Signature of Witness)

07/05/2026

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