The Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot will trial a market based mechanism to reward farmers for increasing biodiversity. Farmers who undertake plantings for carbon can receive additional payments for maximising the biodiversity benefits from these plantings by:

- planting a mix of species
- managing and looking after vegetation.

Plantings can also benefit farmers by:

- providing shelter for animals
- protecting dams and waterways
- reducing erosion.

Payment for biodiversity and other environmental services can supplement traditional farm income.

**Pilot regions**

The Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot is seeking applications for projects to fund from 2021 to 2023. The Pilot will run in 6 Natural Resource Management Regions to test the biodiversity protocols.

- Burnett-Mary in Queensland
- Central West in New South Wales
- North Central in Victoria
- NRM North in Tasmania
- Eyre Peninsula in South Australia
- South West in Western Australia
Rewards for biodiversity outcomes

The pilot will trial a market based mechanism to reward biodiversity outcomes in combination with carbon planting projects under the Emissions Reduction Fund.

Participating farmers will:

• receive payments for increasing biodiversity
• establish new plantings in line with biodiversity protocol
• report biodiversity outcomes and allow monitoring and verification
• register the new plantings under the Emissions Reduction Fund and meet their requirements
• manage and maintain plantings for at least 25 years.

Be Informed

For more information, visit our website at agriculture.gov.au/agriculturestewardship. Enquiries about the program can be directed to agstewardship@awe.gov.au or the department’s contact number at 1800 900 090.