# Soil: Video description and transcript

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## Introduction

This is the accessible text transcript of a video for COP29 on the Australian Government’s approach to healthy soil and agricultural landscapes.

## Transcript

[Video begins]

Screen 1: [Video description: text panel over background of an aerial view of trees.]

[Text]: Healthy soil and agricultural landscapes are essential for food security and the future for all people and nature worldwide.

Healthy soil offers resilience against the impacts of climate change. Managing our soil well can increase the amount of carbon it stores in the long term, supporting our response to climate change.

Our farmers play a key role as stewards of our land and natural resources.

Healthy farmland improves agricultural productivity and supports our food and fibre needs. It also promotes economic, environmental and social benefits for current and future generations.

The Australian Government, Australia’s research and development corporations, and the soil science research community collaborate under the *National Soil Strategy* and *National Soil Action Plan.*

The National Soil Strategy details how Australia will value, manage and improve its soil for the next 20 years.

The *National Soil Action Plan* sets out four priority actions to support soil health and resilience across soil information, strategy, adoption and capacity.

The Australian Government supports the management of soil through research and development, monitoring and data-sharing.

This helps improve decision making, capacity building and knowledge-sharing in sustainable land management practices.

Australia has joined international Soil initiatives including The Global Soil Partnership, The Pacific Soil Partnership and Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health.

Engaging in these initiatives enables Australia to exchange soil knowledge, standards, skills and capabilities with other countries and contributes to improving soil health domestically and internationally.

To find out more, visit: agriculture.gov.au/COP29

[Video ends]

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**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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