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Agriculture Stewardship Package: National Stewardship Trading Platform



The 2021–22 Budget delivers an additional \$32.1 million in new funding to continue to promote biodiversity stewardship. This investment builds on the governments Agriculture Stewardship Package, which is now worth \$66.1 million.

This investment expands the support for agriculture stewardship to create market opportunities for farmers who look after biodiversity. It's a win-win for farmers and the environment and contributes to industry's Ag2030 agenda.

Biodiversity Trading Platform

In the 2021-22 budget the Australian Government provided \$4.4 million for the development of a National Stewardship Trading Platform (Trading Platform). The department is partnering with an Australian National University led consortium to develop the Trading Platform. It will help buyers and sellers of biodiversity services find each other.

The Trading Platform aims to help farmers monetise the biodiversity services they provide by enabling them to connect with buyers. It will help kick-start private sector biodiversity markets by building transparency and credibility in the market.

How it works

The Trading Platform will have 2 key components:

- Bulletin board for selling biodiversity and carbon project services.
- Spatial tools to help farmers plan biodiversity and carbon projects.

The Trading Platform will integrate existing spatial and environmental data sets to provide market information and support verification, monitoring and reporting of biodiversity services.

The Trading Platform will begin operation in December 2021.

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 329 055**.

National Stewardship Trading Platform components

1. Bulletin board

- A bulletin board where buyers (business) and sellers (farmers) can find each other.
- Many different types of biodiversity services can be advertised.
- Trades are executed off the platform.



Seller



Buyer

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2. Planning a project

- Farmers can use spatial information to plan projects (e.g. map project area), estimate carbon abatement, and identify high value environmental assets
- Farmers can test eligibility for biodiversity funding opportunities e.g. Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot and Enhancing Remnant Vegetation (ERV).



High value
environmental
asset

Biodiversity
co-benefit

Carbon
estimation

