

Lachlan Corridor Conservation Tender

What is the program about?

The NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) is calling for expressions of interest from landholders managing native vegetation within the Local Government Area/s of Forbes, Lachlan and Weddin. The BCT is investing in these areas through a Conservation Tender.

Through this tender, eligible landholders are given the opportunity to set their own price to protect and manage native vegetation on their land. Bids will be ranked on a value for money basis. Successful bidders will receive annual, ongoing payments for implementing an agreed management plan.

Why are we doing this?

Natural woody vegetation was formerly widespread across the sheep-wheat belt of NSW. However substantial areas of original vegetation have been cleared for primary production and very little remains in good condition. The remaining native woody vegetation is predominantly riparian and floodplain open forest and woodland on alluvial soils, becoming more sparse and fragmented with increasing distance from the Lachlan River. The tender area targets vegetation identified as part of a state-significant corridor. The corridor provides habitat and connectivity for threatened

woodland dependent species and targeting this region will improve the ecological connectivity within the region.

How do I know if I am eligible?

To be eligible for this tender, the part of your land that you wish to have considered for conservation needs to:

- ▮ be within the tender area shown on the map at the bottom of this factsheet
- ▮ have a minimum size of 10 hectares of native vegetation (this will be determined by the BCT during the site assessment)
- ▮ be comprised of native vegetation that is in moderate to good condition

How do I participate?

You can apply to participate by sending a completed Expression of Interest form to the BCT via info@bct.nsw.gov.au or call the BCT on **1300 992 688**. The form can be found on the BCT website (www.bct.nsw.gov.au).

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) must be received by 5pm on Friday 30th November. Expressing an interest in the program does not create a binding obligation to proceed with participating in the program.



Once the EOI period closes, EOIs will be prioritised for site assessment with the highest-ranking sites offered a site visit. At the site visit, the BCT will confirm your eligibility to participate in the tender and the values of your site will be quantified. BCT field staff and ecologists will work with you to identify the potential conservation area and agreement management actions.

A separate EOI is required for land that is owned by different legal entities.

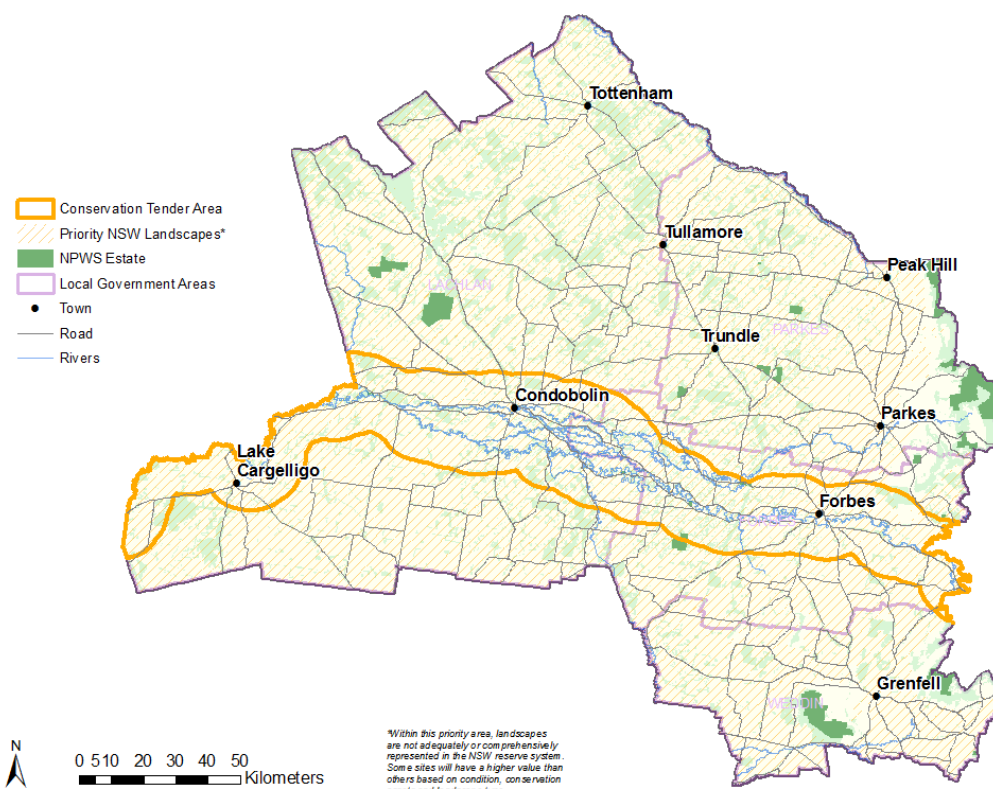
Who is the BCT?

The BCT protects and enhances biodiversity in NSW by promoting conservation management on private land. We encourage long-term

conservation by supporting landholders in their efforts to manage and enhance biodiversity on their land. The BCT program provides a unique opportunity to secure an additional revenue stream to conserve and manage native vegetation and biodiversity on your land.

How do I find out more information?

Please make an enquiry through the BCT website www.bct.nsw.gov.au/make-an-enquiry, email info@bct.nsw.gov.au or call **1300 992 688**, Facebook [@NSWBCT](https://www.facebook.com/NSWBCT) and Twitter [@BCT_NSW](https://twitter.com/BCT_NSW).



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