



What happens next?

If a tender application is approved, a financial agreement will be offered, requiring the landowner to enter into a conservation agreement with the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries and Water, comprising a covenant and a nature conservation plan. An initial payment will be made on acceptance of the financial agreement and a final payment once the conservation agreement has been executed.

Who is managing the programme?

The FCF is being administered by the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Water Resources. Tender processes are being managed by a Service Provider (a consortium led by KPMG Tasmania). Conservation agreements will be managed by the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries and Water.

Assistance and advice

The decision to enter into a conservation agreement is an important decision for landowners. Conservation Advisers are available to assist landowners with the tender application process and landowners are also encouraged to consult with family, business associates, legal and financial advisers.

Contact for further information

The Service Provider, the KPMG (Tasmania) consortium, is managing the delivery of the FCF and is the first point of contact for interested landowners. Further information and a detailed information kit is available by contacting the FCF Service Provider on 1300 854 456 for the cost of a local call, email fcf@environment.gov.au, or complete and return the attached form.

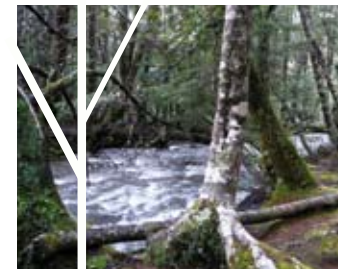
Additional information is also available on the Department of the Environment and Water Resources website at www.environment.gov.au/land/forestpolicy/fcf



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What is the Forest Conservation Fund?

The Forest Conservation Fund (FCF) is an Australian Government initiative, developed as part of the 2005 Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement.

The FCF provides a unique opportunity for Tasmanian landowners to be recognised for protecting old growth and under-reserved forest communities on private land. It aims to protect up to 45,600 hectares of private forested land, targeting old growth and under-reserved forest communities. The target includes protection of a minimum of 25,000 hectares of old growth forest.

Importantly, participation in the FCF is voluntary.

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Why the FCF?

The FCF provides financial incentives to private landowners recognising their participation in helping to ensure that all forest types, especially old growth, are adequately protected for future generations. It recognises that management practices may have to alter to protect forests for conservation purposes and invites interested landowners to tender to enter into conservation covenants.

The Australian Government recognises that many farmers are already good custodians of the land and hopes that the FCF can aid them in further conserving forested land. It also recognises the retention of native forest can provide productivity benefits to properties, where active management is important to maintain forested areas.

How are tenders developed?

Independent Conservation Advisers are provided by the FCF to assist landowners in assessing the conservation values of their property and to discuss options for conservation of the forest on their land. Conservation Advisers will undertake free and non-binding site assessments of the forested land on the property and assist in completing the tender application.

How are tenders assessed?

Interested landowners are invited to apply to a competitive tender round to protect forests on their land for no less than 12 years, through entering into a conservation agreement. Landowners can nominate the area of the forest for protection and any ongoing use of the land, and proposed management actions.

An independent panel assesses and ranks the tender applications on value-for-money based on:

- Financial consideration sought.
- Conservation values of the land.
- Proposed management activities on the land.
- Length of the conservation agreement.

Successful proposals are approved by the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Request for Landowner Information Kit

If you are a landowner interested in participating in the Forest Conservation Fund, please fill in this form and mail to the address below (no stamp required).

A landowner information kit will be sent to you in due course.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Fax _____

Location of land _____

Forest Area _____

Other comments _____

Mail to:

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