



# Decision Tree

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## Decision Tree Grant

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Throughout Australia investment in plantations has come to a standstill and in Western Australia, this trend is far worse with the plantation estate in serious decline. This comes at a time when demand for timber and fibre products is rapidly increasing.

A key government policy is to increase tree plantings on farms. For background, when we went and spoke with farmers, we found past experiences have resulted in many disjointed, highly dispersed small parcels of plantations often consisting of tree species not suitable for established markets, or too far from processing facilities to launch a commercial harvest and haulage operation.

The South West Timber Hub undertook a study to work with farmers to understand their concerns. The key outcomes of that study recommended that industry needed to:

1. Improve information available
2. Improve potential returns
3. Improve transparency of process and offering
4. Educate advisors
5. Raise profile of opportunity
6. Promote opportunity to landholders
7. Support potential new entrants.

### **Decision Tree Project**

Working from the recommendations made in the above study, the Decision Tree Project was developed. The project includes:

1. Free access to advisors to discuss farm forestry options
2. Grants to pay for agricultural and forestry advisors to undertake full farm mapping and provide a report
3. The Decision Tree calculator, a tool factoring in income from timber and carbon
4. Regional Investment Loans if required
5. Free seedlings
6. Free information on planting and caring for trees
7. Offtake agreements – guaranteed returns for timber factoring in CPI increases
8. Thinning undertaken at no cost to the farmer
9. Free carbon aggregation.

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## About the grant

The Decision Tree Grant will fund an agricultural and forestry consultant to sit down with you for up to three hours and map out potential scenarios for integrating trees into your farming operation, while maximising the benefits to your farm.

These benefits can include shelter belts, controlling water flow and mitigating erosion.

The consultants will also explain:

- The suitability requirements and areas of your property which would be suitable
- Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) and how they work
- Potential offtake agreement
- Forestry management, from planting through to harvesting
- Risk management, such as fire and liability.

## Who can apply?

The following businesses are eligible to apply for funding through the Decision Tree Grant:

- Commercial farm property owners including sole traders, trading partnerships, companies and trading trusts operating as a primary producer
- Entities undertaking a project under commercial arrangements with the owner/s of a farm property or properties, including:
  - Community groups such as landcare groups, Land Conservation District Committees and natural resource management groups or Industry sector and grower groups
  - Local Government Authorities and Carbon service providers
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community organisations including Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate
- Your farm must be in one of the following Local Government areas:

🌱 Albany

🌱 Busselton

🌱 Cranbrook

🌱 Gingin

🌱 Murray

🌱 Wandering

🌱 Augusta-Margaret River

🌱 Capel

🌱 Dardanup

🌱 Harvey

🌱 Nannup

🌱 Waroona

🌱 Boddington Boyup Brook

🌱 Chittering

🌱 Denmark

🌱 Kojonup

🌱 Plantagenet

🌱 Williams

🌱 Bridgetown-Greenbushes

🌱 Collie

🌱 Donnybrook-Balingup

🌱 Manjimup

🌱 Serpentine-Jarrahdale

🌱 West Arthur

Applicants will **not** be eligible for grant funding if they are:

- A Commonwealth, State, or Territory agency or body (including government business enterprises)
- A resident/organisation based outside of Australia
- An unincorporated association.

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## DECISION TREE GRANT APPLICATION

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### YOUR DETAILS

Full Name :

Farm Name :  Business Entity :

Address :

Email :  Phone :

Local Government Area :

### Eligibility (tick to confirm) :

- You are the person, or party with, the legal ownership and unencumbered right to carry out and control the project
- The property is predominantly used for agricultural purposes, i.e. under the State's applicable planning laws, most of the land is zone for agricultural land uses and, at the time of application, used to operate a commercial agricultural enterprise

### Entity type :

- A sole trader
- A partnership
- A company incorporated in Australia
- An incorporated association
- A company incorporated by guarantee
- An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- A joint (consortia) application with a lead organisation, registered charity or not-for-profit organisation
- A publicly funded research organisation or individual
- An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006



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### FARM DETAILS

Current farm activities :

Area (hectares) considering to plant, if known :

Please tick any that apply :

- Soil profile - at least 2.5m of root penetrable soil
- Site is not prone to waterlogging
- Maximum salinity of 50mS/m
- A B-Double road train could access your property
- Slopes are under 16 degrees

Do you currently have an agricultural advisor you would prefer to use for this project, if successful? If YES, please provide details below:

Name :

Address :

Email :

Phone :

Please submit your completed application to Wendy Perdon via email - [w.perdon@swtimberhub.com.au](mailto:w.perdon@swtimberhub.com.au)