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Registration Form

I wish to register my interest in the funding programme, *Bushland Benefits*.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms):

Postal address:

Postcode

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Location of property (Shire):

Size of property(ha):

Signature:

Date:

Please return this form to:

Bushland Benefits Coordinator
Department of Conservation
and Land Management
Locked Bag 104
Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983



Activities eligible for funding

- On-ground activities that enhance biodiversity conservation values.
- Revegetation of linkages or buffers where these will increase the overall conservation value of existing vegetation or wetlands.

The management of wetland habitat is encouraged, but surface and subsurface water management will not be eligible for funding.

For further information, contact:

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Do you want to better manage the remnant
vegetation or wetland on your property?

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Are you hampered by lack of funds
to do the things you want to do?

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Bushland Benefits may be able to pay you to
undertake vegetation management
on your land.



What is *Bushland Benefits*?

Bushland Benefits is a new Western Australian programme run by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) that aims to help landholders meet the initial management costs of bushland that is under voluntary protection. Unlike most other funding schemes, landholders are invited to submit a tender nominating the management activities they are willing to undertake to manage conservation assets on their land and how much money they will need to undertake that work.

All tenders received will be evaluated on the basis of the 'value for money' for biodiversity conservation.

The special features of *Bushland Benefits* are:

Landholders establish their own price for the management services they are prepared to offer to improve their native vegetation. This price forms the basis of their bid, which is compared with the bids from all other landholders. Successful bids will be those that offer the highest biodiversity conservation value for money.

Who can apply?

Any private landholder whose property contains biodiversity conservation values they wish to enhance.

How will *Bushland Benefits* work?

- Landholders **register** their interest by completing and returning the Registration Form attached.
- A detailed **information package** will be sent to everyone who registers. It will include a list of organisations that have biodiversity Field Officers who may be able to provide assistance to prepare the management plan.
- Landholders prepare a **management plan** (if not already prepared) that describes the natural values of the land and what actions are required to manage the land to improve those values.
- Landholders submit a formal '**expression of interest**' indicating what work is to be proposed but without details at this stage.
- **Feedback** is provided to the landholder on the proposed management actions to enable the preparation of a detailed bid.
- Landholders submit a sealed **bid** that nominates the amount of payment being sought by them to undertake specified actions in the management plan.

- All bids will be **assessed** on the basis of:
 - current and projected improved conservation value of the site
 - amount of service offered; and
 - cost effectiveness.

Available funds will be allocated on the basis of the 'best conservation value for money'.

- Successful bidders will sign a '**Voluntary Management Agreement**', based on their management plan, with the biodiversity extension service of their choice.
- Periodic payments and reporting will occur as specified in the agreement.

