

# CUMBERLAND PLAIN CONSERVATION PLAN

## BIODIVERSITY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

### Explore

#### ▪ Expression of Interest

Get in touch with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) to find out more about biodiversity stewardship agreements (BSAs) and whether one is right for you and your property.

#### ▪ Feasibility assessment

Basic assessment of your property by the BCT to estimate the biodiversity credits you might generate.

#### ▪ Develop a business case

Detailed estimate by the BCT to assist you determine the viability of your land for a BSA and the potential financial benefits.

At the completion of a business case, the BCT may offer to purchase credits from your future BSA site. The offer may include financial assistance to cover the costs of the BSA application.



### Apply

#### ▪ Site assessment

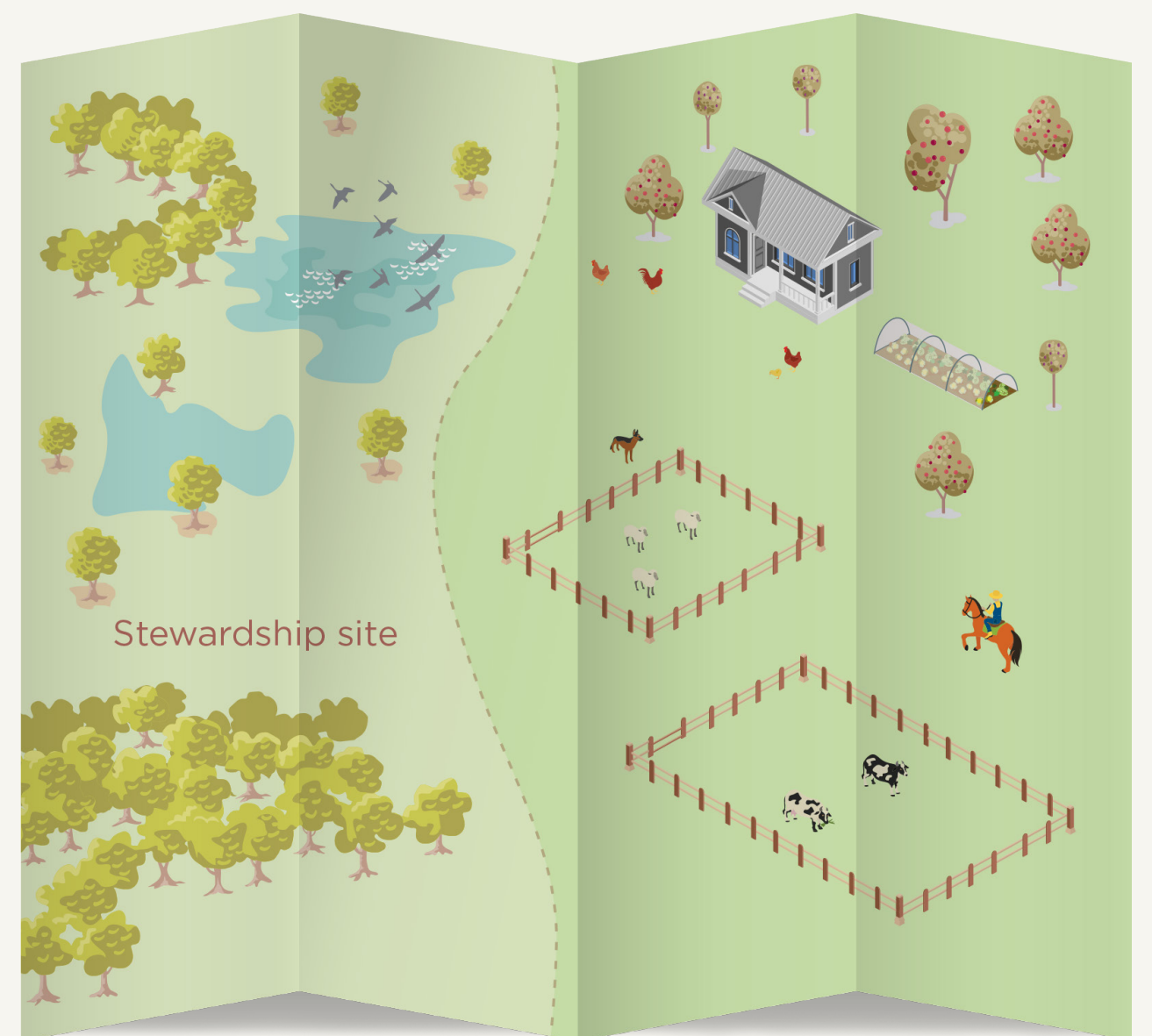
An accredited assessor determines the biodiversity values of your site and calculates the number and type of biodiversity credits to be generated.

#### ▪ Develop management plan

An assessor will work with you to develop a management plan for the site and identify the costs to implement the plan.

#### ▪ Submit application

A Biodiversity Stewardship Site Assessment Report, management plan and supporting documentation are submitted with the BSA application form.



### Establish

#### ▪ Application Review

The Credit Supply Taskforce within the NSW Department of Planning and Environment will work with you and your accredited assessor to review your proposal and prepare a draft agreement for your review.

#### ▪ Accept, sign and register

Once everyone signs the final BSA, the details are added to the title of your land and your credits are issued to you.

If you accepted an offer from the BCT to purchase credits from your stewardship site, the purchase and transfer of credits from you to the BCT would now be completed.



### Manage

#### ▪ Management actions

Once the BSA commences you are responsible for completing actions to manage your land.

#### ▪ Annual management payments

Annual land management payments are made to you according to the agreed schedule in your BSA.

#### ▪ Annual management report

With the support of the BCT you will complete a report each year showing how you are meeting the obligations under your BSA.

The decision to establish a BSA involves financial and other risks. The BCT can help you understand some of these risks and when you should seek specialist legal and/or financial advice.

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To express your interest in this program, email [info@BCT.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@BCT.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 992 688.