

BushBids

Murray Bridge to Naracoorte



How to participate

If you are located within the boundaries indicated on the map and are interested in this new initiative, please call a *South Eastern BushBids* officer on 1300 847 450 for more information or to register an Expression of Interest.

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The area between Murray Bridge and Naracoorte, within the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin and South East regions, contains important native habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and mallee. Only a very small proportion of the original native vegetation remains in this area, and remnant patches are usually small and disconnected from other native vegetation. Threatened and declining species such as the Malleefowl, Striated Grasswren, Bush Stone-Curlew and Red-tailed Black Cockatoo rely on habitat within this area for their survival.

South Eastern BushBids will assist landholders to provide management services to protect, enhance and re-establish native vegetation in the area.

What is South Eastern BushBids?

Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin and South East recognise the role that private landholders play in protecting and improving the quality and quantity of native vegetation in the *South Eastern BushBids* project area.

South Eastern BushBids will support landholders to set their own price for the management services that they are prepared to undertake to improve their native vegetation. This price will form the basis of their bid, and will be compared against bids from all other participating landholders. Successful bids will be those that offer the best value for money. The South Australian Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board has been successfully implementing projects of this type since 2005.

South Eastern BushBids is designed to ensure that:

- Landholders can negotiate the suite of management services they wish to offer, and bid for the payment of costs associated with providing those services.
- Landholders can determine the price for implementing the management plan for conservation of native vegetation.
- The quality and extent of native vegetation improves and contributes to the health of the whole catchment.
- Public funds are spent on achieving the highest biodiversity gain per unit cost.

So how does South Eastern BushBids work?

STEP 1: Expressions of interest

If you are a landholder with an interest in participating, simply call 1300 847 450 to obtain further information and/or to make an appointment for a site visit to your property.

STEP 2: Site Assessment

A *South Eastern BushBids* officer will then visit your property, at an agreed time, to assess the significance and quality of the native vegetation on your site. The *South Eastern BushBids* officer will also discuss management options with you and help you to identify management actions that you would be willing to undertake (for example: fencing remnants, excluding stock, weed eradication, pest control, revegetation).

STEP 3: Development of management plan

Following the site visit, the *South Eastern BushBids* officer will prepare a management plan that is based on the actions that you have discussed and agreed. The plan will then be forwarded to you for consideration and you will be given the opportunity to clarify or modify the plan.

STEP 4: Submission of bid

If you wish to continue, you will be given instructions on how to submit a sealed bid that nominates the price you are seeking to undertake the actions in the agreed management plan.

STEP 5: Bid Assessment

Once bids are received, they will all be assessed objectively on the basis of:

- Current conservation value of the vegetation
- The service (management actions) to be supplied
- The price you are asking

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

STEP 6: Management Agreements

Successful bidders will be invited to sign a management agreement that is based on the agreed management plan. The management agreement will outline conditions for receiving payments in each of the five years of implementing the management plan.

STEP 7: Reporting and payments

Payment schedules and reporting requirements will be specified in the management agreement.