



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Projects to support farm forestry and agroforestry in Australia.

Forestry Australia is seeking proposals for projects that will support farm forestry and agroforestry in Australia. The funding is made available from Forestry Australia's Grower Reserve Fund, with up to \$ 10,000 available per project.

The project must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Benefit Forestry Australia's forest grower members
- To provide resources, produce educational information or undertake projects to support forest growing.
- To support Forestry Australia members and branches to conduct field days, mini-conferences, seminars on forest growing.
- To increase the number of grower members of Forestry Australia and,
- To support and encourage Australians to grow more trees.

Closing time: COB **Friday 21 April 2023**

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 About Forestry Australia

Forestry Australia is a professional association with approximately 1,100 members. Our members are forest scientists, professionals, managers and growers operating in all aspects of forest and natural resource management throughout Australia. In October 2021, The Institute of Foresters of Australia and Australian Forest Growers (IFA/AFG) changed its name to Forestry Australia.

In January 2019, the Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA) and Australian Forest Growers (AFG) merged. As part of this merger the IFA received all AFG assets and assumed liability for all its obligations. As part of the merger agreement, the IFA and AFG agreed to establish a reserve fund to support Australian forest growers.



1.2 Project Governance

Forestry Australia's Board will approve all projects and Forestry Australia's Grower Committee will consider and provide oversight to all projects.

A final project report including budget expenditure will be required at the conclusion of the Project, with brief written progress updates provided to the Grower Committee every quarter.

2. PROJECT PRINCIPLES & SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications for projects supported from the Grower Reserve Fund will be considered according to the **following principles**:

- clearly promoting the interests of private growers and advocating for improvements in legislation, policy, codes of practice and other instruments that affect tree growing and private forestry.
- encouraging interaction and communication between members and the development of expanded networks.
- enabling growth in grower membership of Forestry Australia.
- being accessible to a broad range of members, while recognising the need to cater for diversity in regional settings and grower interests throughout Australia.
- providing longevity of benefit to members by making information available through stable and secure platforms such as websites, searchable databases and bibliographies.
- Opportunities to maintain and grow the fund will be pursued to the extent that resources allow and where these are consistent with the principles of Forestry Australia.

Please note: The Grower Reserve Fund will generally not be used to cover expenses that could reasonably be expected to be met from other sources – e.g. catering or food costs for meetings and events that can be recouped via an event cover charge.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Forestry Australia Grower Committee and Board on the basis of the following **selection criteria**:

1. Demonstrated experience and expertise in Farm Forestry
2. Outcomes and value of the project to forest growers.
3. Capacity to deliver.
4. Demonstrated understanding of the reserve fund criteria



3. PROPOSAL

Please provide a **proposal of no more than 4 pages** that includes the following elements:

- A project plan that includes:
 - Details of the project
 - Its expected outcomes and deliverables
 - Key dates
 - How it links to the reserve fund purpose.
- A detailed budget including a proposed schedule for the release of the funds.
- Key personnel involved in the project. Will the project be undertaken by a company, organisation or individual?
- Declarations of interest.
- A statement that endorses your commitment to Forestry Australia's Code of Conduct.
- Will public liability insurance be covered by the applicant? Noting that Forestry Australia Branch activities are covered by Forestry Australia's public liability insurance.
- Contact details.