

Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Update No. 6

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Welcome to Issue No. 6 of the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Update.

The Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (the scheme) enables the impacts of development on biodiversity to be avoided, minimised, and offset. The scheme provides a consistent, transparent, and scientifically credible way for development to proceed while still protecting our environment. The NSW Government remains committed to improving and refining the scheme. You can keep up to date with the latest improvements, news and information [via our website](#).

This monthly newsletter is one of the ways in which we communicate and help support the implementation of the scheme. We welcome your feedback on how we might improve our communication. Please submit your suggestions [here](#). You can also view past newsletters [here](#).

The Biodiversity Conservation Trust's (BCT) twice-yearly newsletter is another source of useful information, you can find it at the BCT's [Publication website](#).

For other enquiries, contact the dedicated scheme Help Desk team:

- Hotline 1800 931 717, staffed Tuesday to Thursday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Help Desk mailbox, BOS.helpdesk@environment.nsw.gov.au, monitored Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Support August Webinar

The August Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) Support webinar will be held at 1 pm on 16 August 2022. The department holds regular webinars to give stakeholders a forum to hear the latest news about the scheme and ask questions of our expert presenters.

At this webinar, we will provide an overview of our work to improve information about the biodiversity credits market and increase the supply of 'in demand' biodiversity credits. This will be followed by a Q&A session with the presenters.

[Register your attendance here.](#)

Full details of topics and speakers will be sent to registered attendees.

To view previous webinars visit the [BOS Support webinar recording website](#).

BioNet Threatened Biodiversity Data Collection (TBDC) – advice for targeted surveys and mapping species polygons

The BioNet TBDC provides details on the requirements for targeted surveys and mapping species polygons for threatened species. The TBDC's advice may reference relevant survey guides published by the department. For example, the TBDC profile for the Glandular Frog states: 'Refer to the *NSW Survey Guide for Threatened Frogs* for information on targeted survey requirements and mapping species polygons.'

Assessors should check the TBDC prior to completing any threatened species assessments and follow the advice provided, including from any survey guides it references.

All threatened taxa survey guides published by the department are available on the [Assessor Resources](#) webpage.

Sell credits to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) – Tender opens 7 September

The BCT website now features information on the [September 2022 Statewide Credit Tender](#). From Wednesday 7 September, applicants can offer the BCT a selling price for their credits.

This September 2022 tender opportunity is available for hundreds of credit types across the state, with the BCT seeking many new credit types for the first time. The BCT's Wanted Credits List for this tender will be available from Wednesday 24 August. Find more information about using the BCT's Wanted Credits List [here](#).

Applications open on **Wednesday 7 September**, all bids must be submitted by **11:59 pm, Wednesday 28 September**.

Get involved in the Accredited Assessor Forum

The department is seeking expressions of interest from accredited assessors to participate in a new consultation forum.

The forum will provide the department with a consistent way of consulting accredited assessors on specific issues, such as the Compliance and Assurance Framework and other improvements to the scheme. If you are interested, please send a one-page covering letter and short CV to: BAM_accreditation@environment.nsw.gov.au by Friday 5 August 2022.

For more information, email Senior Team Leader, Accreditation and Training, [Tim Sides](mailto:Tim.Sides@environment.nsw.gov.au) or call 02 6229 7901.

Changes to Biodiversity Offsets and Agreement Management System (BOAMS) Organisation (Business) Accounts

The department has made improvements to the way organisation accounts are created in BOAMS. This update will assist organisations who do not have an Australian Company Number (ACN) or an associated Australian Business Number (ABN).

The BOAMS Business Account must be used for all new accounts created in BOAMS. This includes businesses, companies and other organisations. Individual accounts must not be created for any organisations.

Organisation accounts in BOAMS can now be created using the registered name and any of ACN, ABN, Australian Registered Body Number (ARBN) or other reference number.

When creating an organisation account in BOAMS, accredited assessors must enter the business numbers for the business in the relevant fields and the organisation's registered name.

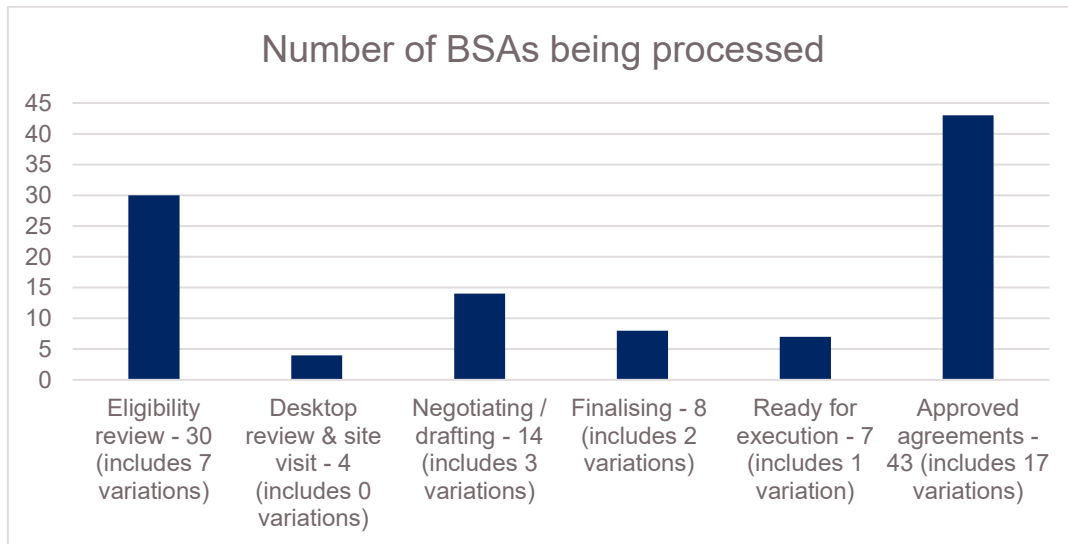
If the organisation has an ACN and associated ABN, fill in the ACN and click 'ACN Check'. BOAMS will automatically populate the ABN and registered name.

If the organisation does **not** have an ACN and associated ABN, or if it has an ACN and no ABN, then fill in the ABN or other reference number that applies and the registered name.

Once the business numbers and registered name are entered, click 'Continue' to finish creating the account by adding the organisation's registered, billing and postal addresses and a contact person. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have any problems creating an organisation (business) account in BOAMS via BOSCREDITS@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) update on Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) applications

The BCT continually receive and process biodiversity stewardship applications from landholders across the state. The below statistics outline the number of BSAs and BSA variations received and their status in the review process.



Please note, Responsibility for establishing BSAs is moving to a new Biodiversity Credits Supply Taskforce. More information is [available here](#).