

# Improvements to the Vegetation and Threatened Species Tool

# For accredited assessors and community users

The department is improving the way credit wanted (credit demand) and expression of interest (EOI) listings are made in the Biodiversity Offset and Agreement Management System (BOAMS).

The most recent improvements are to the tool that supports credit demand and EOI listings, the Vegetation & Threatened Species (V&TS) Tool.

### Improvements to the V&TS Tool for credit demand and EOI listings

For a listing for ecosystem credits:

- ability to list credits across multiple IBRA Regions and IBRA subregions within the same case
- new tick box to indicate hollow bearing tree status
- vegetation formation and vegetation class are automatically populated and displayed on the public registers
- ability to select a threatened ecological community (NSW) association
- Offset Trading Group is calculated and displayed on the public registers. For a listing for species credits:
- IBRA region and subregion are optional
- kingdom and threat status is automatically populated and displayed on the public registers.

Accredited assessors and community users can also create a credit demand listing for plant community types (PCTs) that were decommissioned by the revised Eastern NSW PCT classification.

### What is a credit demand listing?

Credit demand (credit wanted) listings are a way for participants in the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) to publish the details of the number, type and location of credits required to meet a credit obligation.

Credit demand listings are published on the BOS Credit demand public register.

Making a credit demand listing is voluntary for most proponents. However, if a proponent is seeking to apply the variation offset rules, the proponent **must** make a listing in the BOS Credit demand public register in accordance with the <u>Ancillary rules:</u> Reasonable steps to seek like-for-like biodiversity credits for the purpose of applying the variation rules.

# What is an EOI listing?

EOI listings represent potential biodiversity credit supply. A person or entity with land that could potentially create biodiversity credits and is interested in establishing a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement over that land can use an EOI listing to advertise their interest in creating credits to the market.

EOI listings are published on the BOS Credit supply public register.

## Credit demand and EOI listing tips

Please refer to the Biodiversity Offsets and Agreement Management System (BOAMS) Guide for Accredited Assessors and Biodiversity Offsets and Agreement Management System (BOAMS) Guide for Community Users for guidance about how to create a credit demand or EOI listing.

If you are a community user creating a credit demand or EOI listing for the first time, please enquire with the BOS Helpdesk to check if you already have a BOAMS account.

If you are certain that you do not have an existing BOAMS account, you can create one.

Any community user that has not logged into BOAMS before will need to contact the BOS Helpdesk to finalise account creation.

There is no limit to the number of listings one person can create.

Use a Google Chrome Browser to make your listing. Ensure your web browser has allowed pop-ups from BOAMS to open the V&TS Tool.

A case must be in 'Submitted' status to appear on the public register.

To remove a listing from the public register, change the case status to 'Terminated' in BOAMS.

Only change the 'Public register expiry date' on a case if you want to extend or relist the listing.

## Help with credit demand and EOI listings

If you require further assistance after consulting the user guides, please contact the BOS Helpdesk for any help with credit demand or EOI listings.

For legal reasons you may not be able to edit the date the listing was made, the name of the person/entity the listing is made for, or the credits included in the listing. You may be required to provide proof of identity if you make a request in relation to a credit demand or EOI listing.

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