

Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Update No. 47

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Welcome to issue No. 47 of the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Update.

This monthly newsletter is one of the ways in which we communicate and help support the implementation of the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS). You can keep up to date [via our website](#) and view our [past newsletters here](#). You can find the Biodiversity Conservation Trust's (BCT) newsletter on their [website](#).

For other enquiries on the scheme, contact the [Help Desk Online Portal](#).

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BOS portal go-live

The new BOS portal will go live on 1 June 2026, replacing BOAMS and modernising administration of the scheme. To enable the transition to the new BOS Portal, BOAMS and BAM-C will be temporarily unavailable from 19 May through to 31 May 2026. More

information about what this means for you is available through the [BOS Help Desk](#) including knowledge articles, webinars, and support materials.

From 19 May, to make a new Credits Wanted listing or Expression of Interest in the BOS Registers please contact BOSCredits@environment.nsw.gov.au, as the current process to add to these registers will also be offline for an extended time. Alternatively, proponents seeking to find credits can use the Biodiversity Credits Supply Fund supplyfund@dcceew.nsw.gov.au. All existing listings will remain visible on the register.

Revised Guidance on Serious and Irreversible Impacts

The revised [Guidance on Serious and Irreversible Impacts](#) (SAIL) is now published. The Guide has been updated to reflect current legislation, policy and assessment processes that support the BOS. The guide covers:

- how and when serious and irreversible impacts are considered
- the application of the principles in clause 6.7 of the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation
- the separation between SAIL determinations and offsetting requirements
- the role of additional and appropriate measures.

From 1 May to 31 July, Biodiversity Assessment Reports may be prepared on the basis of the previously published guide, if the report states that this is the case (in accordance with section 6.5 BC Act).

Tax rulings for biodiversity stewardship agreements

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has issued two class rulings clarifying how Commonwealth tax laws apply to people entering biodiversity stewardship agreements (BSAs).

While these rulings do not change the law, they can be used by tax advisors to avoid confusion and save BSA holders time and money.

The rulings are available on the ATO website:

- [Class Ruling – biodiversity stewardship agreements](#) (for landowners who enter into a BSA to generate credits for sale)
- [Class Ruling – biodiversity stewardship agreements established to satisfy development approval conditions for an activity, development or clearing on an Impact Site held on capital account](#) (for proponents who enter into a BSA to create credits to offset their own development)

Individual BSA holders can approach the ATO for advice or to obtain their own private ruling if their circumstances differ from those described in the rulings. For more information about the tax rulings, please contact the ATO or your tax advisor.

Supply Fund reverse auction now closed

The April 2026 Supply Fund reverse auction was open from 22 April 2026 to 5.00pm on Wednesday 6 May 2026 and is now closed to bids. A strong result was achieved in the number of inquiries and bids received. Information on the outcomes will be published in

future editions of the BOS Update and on the department's website. For any questions, please contact the team at supplyfund@dcceew.nsw.gov.au. For more information on reverse auctions please visit our [webpage](#).

Upcoming accredited assessor training courses

Registration is open for accredited assessor training courses in July, September, and November 2026 and March 2027. For more information about Biodiversity Offsets Scheme initial training to become accredited, please visit the [training requirements webpage](#). If you are considering becoming an accredited assessor, please read the accreditation criteria and ensure you meet the technical requirements.

Renewal training courses are scheduled for June, August and October 2026 and February 2027. More information can be found on the [renewing your assessor accreditation webpage](#).

Auditing under the Accreditation Scheme

In accordance with the Accredited Assessors Order, the department is commencing a new audit program for biodiversity development assessment reports. The focus of the auditing program for 2026-27 is expected to be on biodiversity development assessment reports. Auditing is expected to target common issues in biodiversity assessment and help ensure consistent application of the biodiversity assessment method, as well as

Assessor complaint and feedback management

Feedback on accredited assessors helps to ensure accredited assessors continue to meet accreditation requirements and is part of the operation of the accreditation scheme. To date this financial year we have received 35 feedback submissions on accredited assessors. 16 have been closed with action taken, 8 remain under review, and the remainder have been closed.

TBDC and BAM-C data update

A scheduled data update to the Threatened Biodiversity Data Collection (TBDC) and data import to the Biodiversity Assessment Method Calculator (BAM-C) was completed on 10 April 2026. Final Data Release Notes are now available. You can access these and other useful information about the data update on the [BOS Help Desk](#).

For assessments where targeted survey has not yet commenced, assessors should refer to updated survey advice in the TBDC. Assessors are not required to apply the updated survey advice where targeted surveys have already been undertaken or are near completion. If you are using previous advice, you should document this in the BAR, referring to the date of the field update as per the TBDC. For further information, please see the [Species credit species survey advice Knowledge Article](#).

Biodiversity values map update

The [Biodiversity Values \(BV\) Map V19](#) was published on 16 April 2026. Updates are based on new and improved mapping of biodiversity values, removal of developed land

and other internal and external map review changes. This includes updates to the Swift Parrot and Plains-wanderer Important Habitat Maps, which have also been published in the Biodiversity Offsets and Agreement Management System (BOAMS) map viewer.

For more information visit to the [BV Map webpage](#) or contact the Map Review Team using our [online enquiry form](#), at map.review@environment.nsw.gov.au or on 1800 001 490. Updated spatial data is available through the [SEED Portal](#). Landholders or agents who need more information or consider the mapping incorrect on their property can apply for an [Explanatory Report or Map Review](#). Government can request a copy of the mapping in their local government area via the [BOS Help Desk](#).

Updates to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund

The Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) has updated prices to pay into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund for Yass Daisy, Feldmark Grass and Monaro Golden Daisy came into effect on 10 April 2026 as a result of the species being moved from count to area basis under the BAM. The prices have increased. Proponents with a valid quote issued before 10 April 2026 can request an updated quote, which will replace the original quote.

The BCT will complete a routine annual update of the Biodiversity Offsets Payment Calculator (BOPC) on 1 July 2026. Proponents with a valid quote issued before 30 June 2026 can request an updated quote, which will replace the original quote. The BCT also recently completed [consultation on proposed changes to the BOPC](#). We are considering the feedback received. If changes are approved by the Minister, they will be included in the update commencing on 1 July.

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