

PFT grants program for smart farming trees

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Private Forests Tasmania (PFT) is leading a program involving co-investment from PFT, primary producers and federal government grant funding (Smart Farming Grant) to develop landscape best practice forestry plantings in North West, Northern and Southern Tasmania. Source: Timberbiz

The co-investment currently includes cash contributions of \$200,000 from PFT and \$130,000 from the Smart Farming Grant to assist primary producers with up front establishment costs.

Primary producers are invited to participate via an expression of interest process.

The program is designed to establish several (3 to 5) demonstration farms, across three regions (NE, NW and South), with significant farm scale best practice integration of shelterbelts and woodlots into the agricultural landscape, to test and demonstrate multiple benefits of trees, including:

- economic benefits from wood resource at harvest;
- increased productive capacity on farm (through sheltering effects, reduced water loss, increased livestock fecundity, increased crop yields);
- environmental benefits from increased carbon capture, enhanced biodiversity,
- reduced water loss/soil erosion; and
- amenity benefits from trees into the landscape.

Expression of Interest close 5:00pm, 30 June 2020

For additional information, guidelines and application form visit: https://www.pft.tas.gov.au/grant_funding

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