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FARM FORESTRY ASSIST EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Farm Forestry Assist is a one-off grant for farmers and other land owners to plant radiata or maritime pine trees on their land in 2019. This grant free seedlings is available to landowners who are interested in establishing new 20-50 hectare plantations to support the State's vibrant softwood industry.

Grant recipients receive, high-quality radiata and pinaster pine seedlings from the FPC's nursery in Manjimup

Before applying, please check the suitability of your property against the assessment criteria which addresses the location, scale, soil, access and management of the plantations are in place to ensure that your future plantation will be able to contribute to Western Australia's softwood industry. (see page 2)

Please complete the below form and email it to greg.hodgson@fpc.wa.gov.au or send it to **FPC Bunbury PO Box 236 Bunbury WA 6231** and our Farm Forestry Officer will contact you to organise a site visit of your property.

CONTACT DETAILS	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

PROPERTY DETAILS	
Address:	
Approximate area to be planted:	

GRANT SOUGHT (please tick)	
Radiata Pine	Free seedlings <input type="checkbox"/>
Maritime Pine	Free seedlings <input type="checkbox"/>

Applications close at **5 pm on Friday, 29th March 2019**. For more information, visit <http://www.fpc.wa.gov.au/farm-forestry-assist>



GRANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met by applicants for Farm Forestry Assist.

1. Species

- a. The plantation must be established to radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) or maritime pine (*Pinus pinaster*).

2. Location

- a. The plantation must be established within the Softwood Industry Hubs as outlined in the Softwood Industry Strategy.

3. Scale

- a. Planting must be a minimum 20ha in size (minimum 12 row belts plantings – 36m wide)
- b. The Farm Forestry Assist is available for a maximum of 50 hectares on any property, but this may form part of a larger planting area on the site.
- c. Only one Farm Forestry Assist grant is available to any person, partnership or other entity in any single year.

4. Site selection

- a. Soils must be free draining to minimum of 2.5m deep and not saline. Site suitability will be assessed by the FPC.
- b. Plantings must have access for heavy machinery and trucks to facilitate harvesting in the future.

5. Plantation Management

- a. Plantations must be established in accordance with the FPC's *Guidelines for softwood establishment in WA*.
- b. The landowner must maintain fire protection and firebreaks that are consistent with local government requirements.
- c. The FPC has no ongoing obligations in relation to the management of Farm Forestry Assist plantations.

6. Timing

- a. Plantations must be established during the winter 2019 planting season.

7. Ownership

- a. The owner of the property has full possession of the trees and has all rights to the trees. The FPC has no claim on any resource established under the Farm Forestry Assist.
- b. The owner may enter into any arrangement to supply timber to any party at any stage.

8. Eligibility

- a. The FPC reserves the right to alter any eligibility criteria for the Farm Forestry Assist as required.