

Clean Energy Act and Carbon Farming Initiative

Dear Sir/Madam

With the requirement for carbon emission offsets enshrined in legislation alongside the Carbon Farming Initiative, a framework to channel significant private sector funds into regional Australia now exists.

The framework will see Greening Australia's (GA) *Biodiverse Carbon* program build on nearly 3 decades of successfully delivering positive economic, environmental and social outcomes to rural communities across the country.

Biodiverse Carbon will contribute to lowering carbon emissions, achieve important ecological outcomes, tackle land degradation, restore paddock health and provide other productivity benefits in a landscape restoration program funded through the carbon market.

GA is one of Australia's leading environmental not-for-profit organisations with more than 250 staff across all states and territories. We have been working in partnership with farmers, landowners, community groups, land management agencies, schools and individuals across the country since 1982. As we enter our 30th year in 2012, we are thrilled to have a framework to extend that partnership for 30 more.

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