



Future Farm **LANDSCAPES** Project PARTICIPATING IN A FOCUS GROUP

The Future Farm Landscapes Project will provide you with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions for your farming business regarding the emerging carbon market, understanding the value of biodiversity and protecting land that needs to be preserved for sheep and crop production. It will demystify the issue of carbon by providing the latest scientific information relating to soil carbon, storing of carbon in vegetation and carbon marketing.

Farm Business Focus Groups

The project will provide the opportunity for interested persons to become involved in two farm business focus groups consisting of 5 farm businesses per group. These groups will be supported by a range of experts to increase their understanding and plan for the opportunities emerging from a carbon based economy. Involvement in the focus groups and the associated support will be free.

Why be involved?

- Build an understanding of carbon stocks on your property
- Understand biodiversity values on your property
- Optimise farm production into the future by identifying the most profitable areas of the farm for sheep, wool production and grain production
- Have access to key researchers who are leaders in the areas of this project to build your understanding of the emerging risks and opportunities
- Be mentored through the process of developing a property plan based on carbon, biodiversity and agricultural production
- Be more informed to take advantage of future opportunities in the emerging carbon economy

Being a local project champion

Participants will be expected to be champions in their local communities for the project and what it is setting out to achieve. Involvement in the focus groups and development of property plans will be used to develop case studies that will promote the concepts being piloted to the broader farming community, government and to industry.

Criteria for involvement in a focus group

- Own or manage a commercial farm business on the Eyre Peninsula
- Committed to be actively involved in the project, attending four workshops between June 2012 and April 2013
- In between workshops commit time to working with project officers in developing a property plan that takes into account carbon products, biodiversity values, sheep and grain production
- Participation in the group from all active partners in the business
- Be prepared to be a local champion for the project

To be considered for selection in a Future Farming Focus Group, please complete the application form on the reverse side and return to the following address by the **10th April 2012**

Mary Crawford, Group Facilitator
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Port Lincoln SA 5606
Phone: 08 8688 3414

For further detail contact:
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Please fill out the form in the spaces provided, save your file return via email

OR you can print and return via post to: Mary Crawford, Group Facilitator, PO Box 1783, Port Lincoln SA 5606

APPLICATION FORM

Business Name

Property Information

Property size (ha):

Enterprise mix:

Number of sheep:

Area of grazing only (ha):

Area of arable land (ha):

Area currently cropped (ha):

Area of native vegetation (ha):

Name the partners in the business who will be participating in the focus group

Where is the business located (hundred/s)?

What do you want from your participation in a focus group? (5 dot points maximum)

Are you prepared to be a local champion for the project and what does this mean to you?

Any other information you want to provide to support your application

Contact Name

Postal Address

Email

Mobile

Landline

How do you prefer to be contacted?

Post / Email / Mobile / Landline :