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ON TRACK FOR 20 MILLION TREES BY 2020
THANKS TO \$18 MILLION FUNDING BOOST

Twenty million trees will be planted across Australia by June 2020 thanks to an \$18 million boost from the Coalition Government for 64 new revegetation projects that directly benefit Australian threatened ecological communities and threatened species.

Delivered under the third and final round of the 20 Million Trees Program, the projects will see millions of native trees, shrubs and other vegetation planted – and, together with existing commitments, see the 20 million trees by 2020 commitment met.

“From the Eucalypt woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt to Queensland’s Lowland Rainforest of subtropical Australia, all projects under this round will invest in activities which support threatened ecological communities that are naturally and historically dominated by trees,” Minister for the Environment and Energy Josh Frydenberg said.

More than \$14 million has been allocated to 12 large scale tree-planting and revegetation projects that will be delivered by C02 Australia, Greening Australia and Landcare. Fifty-two grant projects, worth over \$4 million, have been awarded to various community groups, volunteers, environmental organisations and local governments across Australia.

“This funding will support local communities and help transform the landscape through restoring and reconnecting our native vegetation,” Minister Frydenberg said.

“They will improve habitat for our native animals, including threatened species, such as the Eastern Barred Bandicoot, Tasmanian Devil and Southern Cassowary.”

“In the Western and South Australian regions, over \$430,000 is being allocated to support the efforts of communities to help protect populations of Malleefowl and Carnaby’s Cockatoo.”

“One million dollars will also be provided to help re-establish the Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain, a critically-endangered community that provides habitat for several threatened species.”

The program builds on \$237 million worth of existing investments and 1,000 other projects delivered through multiple Government initiatives which are supporting the protection of threatened species since 2014.

For more information on the projects, visit: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees>

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