Agroforestry Factsheet

What Agroforestry options are eligible under the CF-LRP?

Agroforestry is the establishment of trees on agricultural or farm land. Plantation forestry is a plantation for the harvest of forest products established by planting seedlings or seeding. Agroforestry can be permanent plantings or a short (20 years or less) or long rotation system (over 20 years).

Agroforestry projects sequester (store) carbon as the trees grow. This includes the carbon stored by the trees above and below ground as well as debris and harvested wood products. By building carbon stocks within the plantation and its products, carbon dioxide is removed from the atmosphere. This increase in stored carbon can earn Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs).

Landholders establishing new planting projects can register a **carbon farming project** under the New Farm Forestry Plantations 2014 or the 2022 Plantation Forestry method. The choice of method depends on your business goals, whether it will be a permanent planting or harvested system, the project scale, and preferred reporting approach. The decision tree (Figure 1) can help you understand the methods, and which one may suit your circumstances.

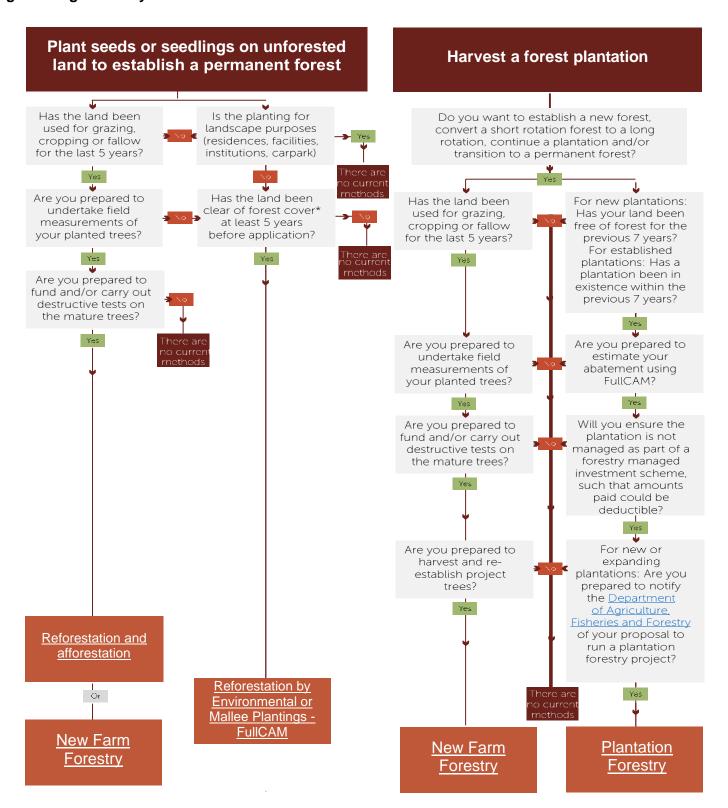
Note: only Schedule 1 of the Plantation Forestry method's 4 schedules is eligible for CF-LRP funding.

The table below summarises each method.

Eligibility requirement		Plantation Forestry Schedule 1	Farm Forestry
Forestry expertise required		Yes	Yes
Time prior to new project establishment that land was cleared of vegetation and used within an agricultural production system and/or had no previous plantation forests.		7 years	5 years
Tree Species restrictions		Yes (if eligibility requirements aren't met)	No
Project location restrictions*		No	No
Project size restrictions		No	Rainfall >400mm - 100ha
			Rainfall<400mm - 300ha
Carbon abatement calculations requirements		FullCAM 2020	FullCAM 2020 & sampling plan with destructive sampling.
Forest Management Plan	Harvested	Yes	Harvest Schedule
	Non-harvested	N/A	No
Plantation Forestry notification (DAFF)		Yes	Yes
25-year permanence abatement discount	Short rotation harvest	30% - No credits after 8 years	FullCAM averaged via PPCAS & PSACS
	Long rotation harvest	25% - No credits after 18 years	FullCAM averaged via PPCAS & PSACS
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^{*}Some local governments restrict the area of plantations on agricultural land. Consult with the relevant shire for details.

Figure 1. Agroforestry Decision Tree



For further information

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