

# Media Release

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## MORE TREES ON FARMS SET TO BENEFIT LANDOWNERS

The Allan Labor Government is encouraging Victorian farmers and landowners to take advantage of a new program to plant more trees on their farms – helping to boost timber supply, increase biodiversity and prevent soil erosion.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence today announced the Victorian Trees on Farms Program at Parliament House, alongside industry members at the Victorian Forest Products Association's Timber Plantations showcase.

The new program is offering grants of up to \$80,000 for landholders to plant trees on their property – providing long term solutions including boosting shade and shelter for livestock, improving stock and crop production, offsetting carbon emissions or generating income through carbon credits.

Landholders will also be able to generate additional income through timber production, including from harvested wood products or use the timber for on-farm uses such as firewood and fence posts.

An additional grants program – the Trees on Farms Incubator Program – is offering planting service providers and forestry professionals up to \$50,000 to support landowners who might be contemplating planting trees on their property.

This service will help landowners develop tailored, implementation-ready project plans to align with their property and planting goals, while providing education, training and upskilling for tree planting and management activities.

The Labor Government has a strong track record of investing in Victoria's plantation estates, including delivering \$190 million for plantation developments – such as the Victorian Carbon Farming Program, Gippsland Farm Forestry Program and the Gippsland Plantations Investment Program.

These programs are delivering major benefits for Victoria's biodiversity – the Gippsland program alone will have seen more than 3.5 million trees by the end of the 2025 winter planting season, with the aim to plant approximately 16 million trees over the life of the program.

For more information on the programs, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/trees-on-farms](https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/trees-on-farms)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence

*"Victoria's tree plantations are an essential resource – not only for our state's biodiversity, but to support our housing pipeline, create regional jobs, and produce paper and packaging products to replace single use plastics."*

*"We're supporting Victorian farmers and landholders to reap the benefits of planting trees on their farms, including improving grazing outcomes and offsetting carbon emissions."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

*"Growing trees on farms makes sense in so many ways and I encourage people to apply for these funds to improve farms, increase hardwood timber supply, and provide additional income to farmers."*