

ACI CODE FACT SHEET #04

Access to State Government Funding Schemes for Code Signatories



Australian
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This fact sheet provides an overview of key state government funding schemes that have formally recognized the Code as a best practice consumer protection tool. These programs are designed to support projects related to carbon farming, land restoration, and environmental sustainability, offering financial incentives and grants to enhance industry growth and sustainability. Notably, certain funding schemes require applicants to be Code Signatories as part of their eligibility criteria.

Code Eligible Schemes

There are various carbon market and carbon farming schemes across Australia which have relevance to the Code of Conduct, including at national and sub-national levels. Schemes of particular relevance, and that have formally recognised the Code of Conduct as a best practice consumer protection tool, are detailed below.



Our government partners play a critical role in supporting the Code as a third-party assurance system for Australia's carbon industry.

Sub-National Schemes

The sub-national schemes listed below have recognised the importance of the Code of Conduct in supporting industry best practice, integrity, trust, accountability and transparency. These schemes require Code Signatory status as an eligibility requirement to participate, and include support research and development, co-financing projects, and supporting access to advice relating to carbon projects.



Queensland Government's Land Restoration Fund (LRF)

The Queensland Government's Land Restoration Fund (LRF) is expanding carbon farming in the state by supporting land-sector carbon projects that deliver additional environmental, socio-economic and First Nations co-benefits.

Key Features:

- The LRF supports carbon farming in Queensland via two pathways:
 - Investing in and contracting projects that deliver carbon credits with co-benefits; and
 - Research, innovation, and market development.
- The LRF also has an Approved Adviser Program and Carbon Farming Advice Rebate Program. The Programs aim to create a network of experienced Advisers throughout Queensland by training and approving professional Advisers to assist landholders with carbon farming and LRF advice.

Eligibility Requirement:

Carbon project developers wishing to become Approved Advisers under the LRF are required to work for an organisation that is a Signatory to the ACI Code of Conduct.

Find out more [here](#).

Western Australian Government's Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program

The Western Australian Government's Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program aims to realise agriculture's potential to sequester carbon in the landscape and contribute to growing the state's carbon market.

Key Features:

- The Program offers outreach and education through DPIRD's Carbon Farming team
- ACCU Plus - for new soil and vegetation projects, and
- Future Carbon – research grants (closed) and Carbon for Farmers vouchers.

Eligibility Requirement:

If a Carbon Service Provider has a commercial agreement with the Recipient, the entity or person must be a signatory to the Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct.

Find out more [here](#).



Tasmania's Carbon Farming Advice Rebate Pilot Program

Tasmania's Carbon Farming Advice Rebate Pilot Program provides primary producers with rebates of up to \$10,000 for advice sought about the costs and benefits of accessing carbon credits, auditing requirements, and on-ground actions that are eligible for carbon credits.

This rebate is available to Tasmanian primary producers for expenditure on eligible advice from approved advisers about undertaking carbon farming project/s on their land. The advice can be used to guide project design in discussion with professional advisers.

Key Features:

- The total funding available for the pilot is \$250,000
- Rebates of \$1 for each \$1 spent on eligible advice
- Individual rebates are limited to a maximum of \$10,000

Eligibility Requirement:

Approved Advisers that are project developers (including carbon agents, aggregators and carbon service providers) must work for a company that is a Signatory to the Code of Conduct.

Find out more [here](#).

