

# Re-vegnet . au

*A healthy forest is a productive forest  
and a productive forest benefits everyone.*



CARING  
FOR  
OUR  
COUNTRY

## **Could you use some Federal funding for work on your property??**

***Incentives are available under the Re-vegnet.au program which is funded by the Federal Government's "Caring for our Country" program***

***Read on to see if you qualify!!***

The benefits of forest cover in our landscape are widely appreciated by rural and urban communities alike: soil rejuvenation, protection from erosion, landscape stability, wildlife habitat, livestock protection, timber production, hydrological stability, sequestration of carbon dioxide and production of oxygen, rural and urban employment and, not to be underestimated is the aesthetic value of a healthy forest. For whatever reason, a healthy and productive forest on your property can add enormous value to the farm enterprise and at the same time can provide recognised environmental services to the broader community.

There are many landholders throughout Queensland who have integrated forest management into their agricultural production systems and who now benefit from a fully productive, healthy forest.

However, despite popular opinion, forests in the rural landscape require active management. No matter what your purpose for growing or managing forests, the same fundamental management principles are required so that your forest can be healthy and productive.

Forest productivity can be described as the rate at which your forest is growing. An unhealthy forest (overstocked, choked with weeds, poor genetic condition, poor form) will generally have slower growth rates and less overall benefit to environmental protection.

Basic forest management requires knowledge of, habitat and feeder trees, species recognition, optimal tree stocking densities, criteria for individual tree health, recognition of signs of fault and defects, timber product specifications and when a tree is in decline and requires removal.

Private Forestry Southern Queensland Inc (PFSQ) has been successful in a submission to the 'Caring for our Country' Australian Government funding round. 'Caring for our Country' is a program managed by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The project covers country from the NSW border to Cairns.

The project will enable landholders in coastal catchments to confidently manage their forest land for multiple objectives, providing downstream environmental benefits, diversifying income opportunities, and improving the long-term resilience of our landscape.

The program which is named **Revegnet.au** has been developed to progress through a logical flow from individual surveys of current forest management practices, forest condition assessment and mapping of priority areas, training and capacity building of landholders, developing property forest management plans and the implementation of those plans via an incentive program for on ground works. The \$4 million funding over 4 years has a large proportion to be allocated to on-ground work. These works will include improving the health, ground cover and productivity of overstocked regrowth forests, revegetating recharge zones, linking fragmented essential habitat forests and implementing appropriate Fire Management regimes.

By supporting and promoting this network of 'champion' landholders we can provide a working example of best practice forest management to surrounding landholders and the broader rural communities.

As the lead partner in the project, Private Forestry Southern Queensland invite you as a landholder in the targeted area to become involved in the project either now or over the next 4 years and in the process, to be able to receive some funding towards the works specified.

If you wish to participate, please email: [pfsq@bigpond.com](mailto:pfsq@bigpond.com) or send us a line at the address above, or call us to register your interest and you will be contacted in due course. An initial landholder survey is being developed with the aim of improving and measuring the delivery of forest land management information. This survey will be the first step for landholders wishing to be involved in the training and incentive program.

The incentive funding will be dependent on a forest management plan being in place for your property. PFSQ will be running field days to assist in the development of a Forest management plan for your property.

If you already have one, then let us know and we will register you immediately.

This is a four year project, so if you are not ready to participate in the first year of the project the project will be active for the following 3 years years.

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (please print email clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of forest do you have on your property? How many hectares of forest do you have?**

	Please tick	Hectares
<b>Native Forest</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Plantation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Revegetation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Other:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	