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GROWING FORESTS FOR GREENHOUSE BENEFITS

Growing forests to offset greenhouse gas emissions will become easier for landholders and land managers in rural and regional Australia with the release today of a new guide to planning forest carbon sink projects.

Australian Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell, said that *Planning Forest Sink Projects: A Guide to Forest Sink Planning, Management and Carbon Accounting* would provide invaluable advice and information for those thinking of establishing a forest for greenhouse benefits.

The guide also detailed how to estimate and report the performance of forest carbon sinks.

"Forests are a great way to offset greenhouse gas emissions from other sources such as energy generation," Senator Campbell said.

"Forests absorb carbon dioxide from the air and breathe out oxygen, effectively removing carbon from the air and storing it in tree biomass. In addition, they generate a range of other benefits such as providing habitat for wildlife and helping to reduce and control salinity levels. It is a 'win-win' situation."

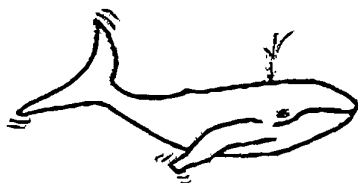
This guide forms part of a series of publications on planning forest sinks. The other two publications, *A Guide to Legal, Taxation and Contractual Issues* and *A Guide to Carbon Pooling and Investment Structures*, help land and forestry managers navigate the legal, financial, taxation and organisational issues involved in forest sink activities.

"Together, these three guides will help land managers and forest growers develop carbon sink projects that are good for the atmosphere and good for the land," Senator Campbell said.

The Guides were developed as part of the Australian Government's \$20.5 million *Greenhouse Action in Regional Australia Programme* and demonstrates the Government's ongoing, strong, practical action in response to climate change.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the publication visit www.greenhouse.gov.au/nrm

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