

## **Carbon Neutral launches Australia's largest environmental planting carbon project.**

**Great Woodlands Renewal project to restore 28,000 hectares and establish 16 million trees adjoining one of the world's largest remaining temperate woodland ecosystems.**

Carbon Neutral has unveiled plans for what is set to become Australia's largest environmental planting carbon project, marking a significant expansion of large-scale ecosystem restoration. This is occurring as demand accelerates for high-integrity CO<sub>2</sub> removal Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs).

The Great Woodlands Renewal project, adjoining Western Australia's globally significant Great Western Woodlands region, will restore more than 28,000 hectares of previously cleared land through large-scale revegetation and ecosystem restoration, ultimately establishing an estimated 16 million native trees and supporting broader native understory and habitat vegetation over coming years. The project is also expected to support long-term protection and management of approximately 6,000 hectares of remnant woodland and other ecologically significant habitat across the broader project area.

The restoration effort will support biodiversity recovery while helping address long-term landscape challenges associated with altered water cycles and dryland salinity across adjoining wheatbelt regions.

The scale of restoration is expected to make the project Australia's largest environmental planting carbon initiative.

Carbon Neutral is leading development of the project in collaboration with its core partners Tiverton Global and Gondwana Link Ltd. The project further expands a longstanding relationship between Carbon Neutral and Gondwana Link focused on large-scale ecosystem restoration and biodiversity recovery across Western Australia's south-west.

The project is expected to generate approximately 3.2 million ACCUs over its lifetime. This will add to a tightening domestic supply pipeline at a time when Australia's carbon market is increasingly focused on the availability of high-integrity environmental planting ACCUs underpinned by a 100-year permanence period.

The announcement comes amid growing scrutiny over future ACCU supply and mounting corporate demand for environmental plantings capable of delivering both carbon removal and biodiversity outcomes. Analysts and market participants have increasingly warned that premium environmental ACCUs may become constrained as safeguard obligations tighten and large-scale restoration projects remain difficult to originate and finance.

Carbon Neutral Chief Executive Dr Phillip Ireland said the project represented a new phase in the scale and maturity of Australia's environmental planting sector.

"This is not simply a carbon project - it is landscape-scale ecosystem restoration designed to deliver climate, biodiversity and long-term social, environmental and regional economic outcomes simultaneously," Dr Ireland said.

"Projects of this scale are exceptionally rare, yet more important than ever in addressing the climate and biodiversity crises. The Great Woodlands Renewal project reflects the growing demand for high-integrity ACCUs linked to measurable environmental outcomes and long-term ecosystem restoration."

The Great Western Woodlands span almost 16 million hectares in south-western Australia and are recognised as the world's largest intact temperate woodland ecosystem, supporting more than 20 per cent of Australia's plant species and globally significant biodiversity values.

The project comes amid growing concern over biodiversity decline in Western Australia and the limited pace of conservation intervention across the state. Recent findings from the WA Auditor General identified 390 threatened or rare ecological communities, with approximately 72 per cent receiving no active monitoring.

Environmental market participants increasingly view large-scale private restoration initiatives as critical to helping bridge the gap between biodiversity protection ambitions and available public funding.

Gondwana Link Chief Executive Keith Bradby said large-scale restoration increasingly depended on collaboration across regions and communities.

“The scale of restoration required across these landscapes means long-term partnerships between landholders, regional communities and carbon project developers are becoming increasingly critical,” Bradby said.

“Projects of this scale have the potential to support broader regional participation over time as the restoration program builds its workforce and opportunities to support local communities.”

The Great Woodlands Renewal project forms part of Carbon Neutral’s broader portfolio of 16 active carbon projects across Australia, reinforcing the company’s position as one of the country’s leading developers of large-scale environmental planting projects and high-integrity ACCUs.

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**About Carbon Neutral**

Carbon Neutral is a long-standing, award-winning organisation that works with partners and businesses of all sizes to enrich landscapes, address the impacts of the climate crisis, and deliver practical carbon solutions. Founded in 2001, Carbon Neutral has become a market leader and built a strong reputation within the low carbon economy. Carbon Neutral supports organisations across Australia to measure, reduce, and offset their greenhouse gas emissions. Its services include carbon consulting and reduction programs, carbon calculators, and the development of broad-acre biodiverse reforestation projects. Carbon Neutral also provides clients with a portfolio of high-quality global voluntary market and Australian compliance and voluntary carbon credits.

### **About Gondwana Link**

Gondwana Link Ltd works at scale to tackle ecological decline, biodiversity loss and climate change impacts while also providing social and cultural benefits. Since 2002, the Gondwana Link program has been supported by a wonderful array of donors and funders, working together with global, national and local organisations and individual conservationists. Our work is protecting and reconnecting natural habitats across 1000 km of south-western Australia – spanning the climate gradient in a place of globally recognised ecological richness.

At the heart of Gondwana Link is a bold but simple plan: protect what bushland remains, restore the critical gaps, and maintain the extraordinary nature of south-western Australia.

And do it at a scale readily visible from space.

### **About Tiverton Global**

Tiverton Global was established in 2016 and is managed by a team of investment, agricultural and nature experts with decades of combined experience.

Our purpose has always been to transition conventionally managed farms to restorative operations – while improving agricultural productivity, resilience and profitability.

Over time we've discovered there's even more to this story: the healthier the farming system – from soils to biodiversity – the healthier and more resilient the produce that is grown in these systems, and by extension, the more consumers benefit.

Tiverton Global is all about restoring health.