

# Wheatbelt Revegetation Bank Program



**Creating vegetation corridors and enabling environmental approvals for road safety improvements.**

## About the Program

The Wheatbelt Revegetation Bank is a Main Roads initiative offering a sustainable solution to the often conflicting needs of improving road safety and conserving roadside vegetation.

To improve road safety across the Wheatbelt road network, a large number of upgrades are planned over the coming years. Some roads will require widening that may involve the clearing of roadside vegetation.

Vegetation in the road reserves may contain remnants that are protected under environmental legislation and approvals for road upgrades often require Main Roads to provide 'environmental offsets' to compensate for the loss of this protected vegetation. Environmental offsets typically involve the purchase and protection of remnant vegetation on freehold land.

This is becoming increasingly challenging for Main Roads as the availability of land with good quality remnant vegetation is limited and declining, and because purchasing and protecting existing vegetation does not necessarily replace the vegetation that is removed for road upgrades.



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The Wheatbelt Revegetation Bank offers a sustainable approach to providing environmental offsets and addressing the incremental loss of native vegetation.

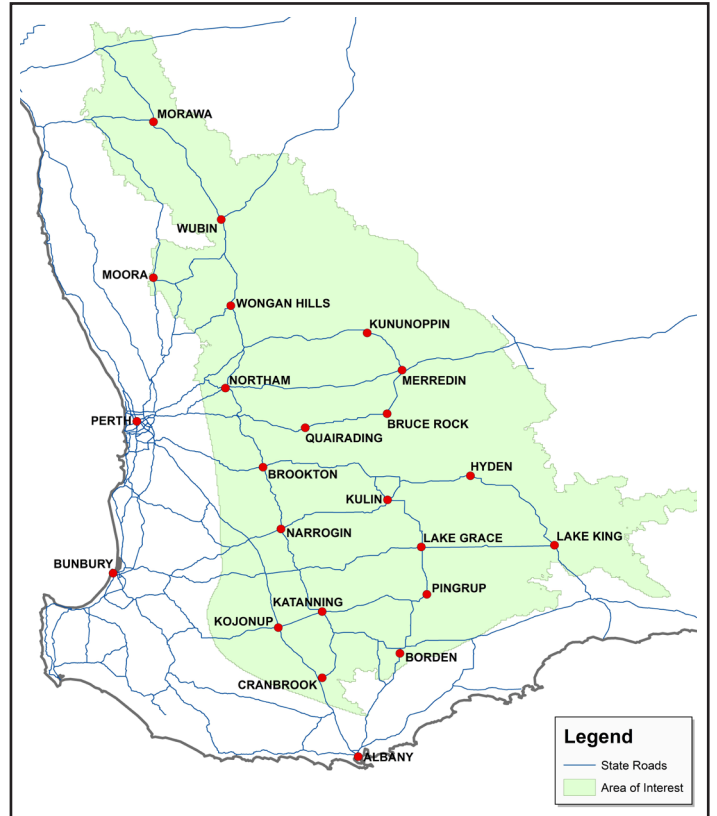
It involves the purchase and revegetation of cleared farmland abutting road reserves to create wider, vegetated road reserve corridors. The revegetation will be managed to ensure it achieves certain standards as required by the environmental regulatory agencies.

Once established, these revegetated areas will form an offsets 'bank' that will simplify and expedite environmental approvals for future road upgrade programs across the Wheatbelt.

## Selling Land for the Program

Main Roads is keen to hear from landowners who may be interested in selling cleared land alongside existing road reserves (see map) for inclusion in the Wheatbelt Revegetation Bank.

We are seeking to acquire strips of land 50-100m wide and preferably more than 1km in length to add to the road reserve. Ideally the land will connect existing patches of remnant vegetation. It is intended that any land acquired would be dedicated as road reserve.



Interested landowners are encouraged to contact Rod Cousins at Main Roads on (08) 9323 4811 or via [revegetationbank@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:revegetationbank@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

