

NSW Land for Wildlife Program

Commonly Asked Questions about Land for Wildlife (LFW)



1. Q. Does Land for Wildlife change the status of my property?

A. No, LFW does not change any rights or the legal status of the property.

2. Q. Is my information confidential?

A. Yes, all property and personal information collected with LFW is confidential to the program.

3. Q. If I leave the program, what happens?

A. On leaving the program you will need to advise the Regional Coordinator and return your LFW Sign.

4. Q. Can Land for Wildlife status be transferred when I sell my property?

A. No, LFW registration is conferred on the landholder, however, the new owners are welcome to apply to be registered.

5. Q. How does my property qualify for membership in the Land for Wildlife program?

A. When assessing a property for registration with LFW important considerations are the area and condition of native vegetation. The property management should integrate nature conservation with other objectives such as farming. The minimum area is 0.5 Ha. of native vegetation and a commitment to good land management is required.

6. Q. Is access to my property by hunters or the general public altered by membership of Land for Wildlife?

A. No, registration does not change the private property status of the property.

7. Q. What do I need to say during a Land for Wildlife inspection of my property?

A. The assessor has a checklist of key items for discussion and this can be sent to you or downloaded from the CEN website prior to the assessor's visit. At the inspection the assessor will discuss land management and retention of habitat with you and fill out the Assessment Form and send you a copy.

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8. Q. How can I protect conservation values on my property in the long term?

A. If you wish to protect the conservation values of your land in the long term, there are several options available including, Wildlife Refuges and Voluntary Conservation Agreements, [a brochure](#) outlining these programs in detail is available from your Assessor.

9. Q. How do I obtain assistance with planning my property for wildlife conservation through the Land for Wildlife program?

A. Advice and assistance is available to properties registered with LFW through local networks, councils and assessors. Membership of LFW will mean you are in touch with like minded people or local organizations to assist or advise you.

10. Q. What about plants?

A. Habitat and native plants are important parts of Land for Wildlife, so locally collected seeds are important in maintaining the quality of the vegetation. Advice on plants and regeneration will be provided during the LFW Assessment.

11. Q. My property does not contain any natural bushland, what do I need to do before I can join Land for Wildlife?

A. If your property is completely cleared then you need to restore some native vegetation to join LFW. Select an area to regenerate before you talk to your local LFW Coordinator.

12. Q. Is my property exempt from a Direction to reduce fire hazard from the Rural Fire Service?

A. No, LFW does not change the status of your property and you are required to comply with such directions. However, there are avenues available for appeal and review to protect valuable habitat.