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Stewardship payments and Centrelink

Land managers who successfully take part in the Australian Government's Box Gum Grassy Woodland Project will receive financial assistance. The payment will be paid annually for the length of the contract, which can be up to 15 years.

Will the Box Gum Grassy Woodland Project payment affect your Centrelink payments?

Centrelink will treat the payments as income. This means that it may affect any Centrelink assistance you are currently receiving. This includes Drought Assistance. It is important you let Centrelink know if you start receiving this annual payment. This is to make sure you are paid the correct amount.

For more information please contact Centrelink's Farm Assistance Line on:

📞 **FREECALL™ 1800 050 585**

or visit the website at:

📞 **www.centrelink.gov.au**

Are there tax implications such as concessions or deductions?

Yes. Participating landowners may be eligible for capital gains tax concessions and income tax deductions.

For more information regarding the tax treatment of these payments you can:

- Refer to Chapter 13 of this booklet on Taxation of Payments under the Box Gum Grassy Woodland Project;
- Phone the ATO on:
📞 **132 866;**
- Visit the website at:
📞 **www.ato.gov.au;** and/or
- Consult your accountant.

How can I find out more about the Box Gum Grassy Woodland Project?

Elsewhere in this booklet you will find essential information about the Project and about Caring for our Country – Environmental Stewardship.

For further information about Caring for our Country:

- Visit the Australian Government website at:
📞 **www.nrm.gov.au/stewardship,** or
- Phone the Caring for our Country hotline:
📞 **1800 552 008**

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