



## Community Service Announcement

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### **\$100,000 available to farmers through Southern Incentives**

South Coast NRM's highly successful Southern Incentives program is back for 2010-11 and \$100,000 is available for farmers to prevent wind erosion on their properties.

With applications available from next month, farmers within the South Coast NRM Region from Walpole to Esperance can apply for up to \$20,000 in grants.

Every project will be assessed on a case-by-case basis but preference will be given to those applicants with wind erosion problems who demonstrate innovation in their projects. This might take the form of new or previously untried summer crops or perennials, the modification of farming equipment, or the establishment of shelter belts using new species.

The focus of the Southern Incentives program on wind erosion is in response to the Australian Government's target to increase the number of farmers who adopt sustainable farm practices by 42,000.

Some areas of the South Coast are badly affected by wind erosion, particularly those properties with deep sands which may experience problems such as water repellence and soil acidity, making the establishment and maintenance of cover difficult.

For information about the Southern Incentives initiative and how to apply, contact Pip Tilbrook at South Coast NRM on 9845 8540.

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