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## Trees increase productivity

Improving farm productivity will be vital for Tasmanian primary producers as we plan to rebuild a stronger Tasmania.

Trees can play an important role in improving productivity and profitability through shelterbelts, delivering bio-fuel, boosting carbon balance and improving water quality and efficiency.

Private Forests Tasmania, which is partly funded by the State Government, is seeking expressions of interest from Tasmanian farmers to join a project to increase the number of trees planted on farms.

With the support of the Federal Government through the Smart Farming Grants, there is a total of \$330,000 in grants available to establish significant integration of shelterbelts and woodlots on farms.

Trees help protect the land for future generations while also providing immediate ecological benefits for farms and the wider environment.

The Tasmanian Government plans to grow the value of Tasmanian agricultural production to \$10 billion per year by 2050 and using trees to improve productivity and the environment represents smart farming.

For more information go to [www.pft.tas.gov.au](http://www.pft.tas.gov.au) or call 1300 661009.