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Soil carbon projects made simple with the Climate Solutions Fund

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Soil carbon levels have been in decline across Australia, under pressure from extended hot and dry conditions. This declining trend poses risks to soil health, nutrition and resilience. Farmers and landholders can regenerate their land and grow their soil carbon stocks while earning income from carbon credits through the [Climate Solutions Fund](#).

By undertaking new land management practices, such as rejuvenating pasture, changing to holistic grazing practices or reducing tilling, farmers can restore soil carbon levels and increase their land's health. Farmers earn carbon credits for increasing their soil carbon levels and these can be sold to the Australian Government or to businesses looking to offset their emissions.

To make running a soil carbon project easier, the Clean Energy Regulator has released a [soil carbon simple guide](#). Designed to support farmers throughout a project, the guide provides step-by-step instructions on how to register, run and report on a project. It also highlights the range of benefits for agricultural productivity and profitability:



Diversified revenue

Carbon credits provide another income stream for your property.



Farm benefits

Improved soil health, enhanced water retention and drought resilience, and better crop and pasture yields.



Ecosystem health

Helps regenerate degraded land and unlock it for more productive use.



Understand your soil

Manage your land more efficiently using your soil's nutrient data.

The guide was launched at the [Regenerative Agriculture: Fire, Carbon & Water](#) workshop at the Mulloon Institute, Bungendore, where it was recognised that soil carbon projects have an important role to play in the regenerative agriculture transition that is reshaping Australian farming. Growing Australia's soil carbon stores will be key to improving sustainable agricultural productivity, while also combating climate change by absorbing greenhouse gas emissions.

Interested in learning more about soil carbon projects? Read our user guide: [Understanding your soil carbon project](#), visit our website www.csf.gov.au, or contact the Clean Energy Regulator on 1300 553 542.