

A person wearing a red and black plaid shirt and a straw hat, seen from behind, looking out over a lush green landscape under a bright, cloudy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow.

Conservation & Land Management Project

National skills standards for conservation and land management are being developed as part of this industry-led project.

Conservation and land management is a large and complex sector comprised of a number of sub-sectors, including lands, parks and wildlife; natural area restoration; conservation earthworks; and pest management. Units of competency across these areas are being reviewed. Your input is important to ensure the diversity of this work is reflected in national skills standards.

Why is this project happening?

The work of conservation and land management is relevant to all Australians, but is also globally significant, as many of our plants and animals can't be found anywhere else in the world. This work takes place in a range of geographically diverse locations, comprising national parks, nature reserves, council reserves, Indigenous protected areas, Commonwealth lands, private land and botanical gardens. Some of these sites are extremely remote and home to unique ecosystems. It's important that those employed in the sector are equipped with skills and knowledge that are applicable to Australia's varied geographical conditions. It's also imperative they're equipped with first-hand experience of ecology, flora and fauna to inform practices that may take place in a range of environments.

The Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation & Land Management Industry Reference Committee is overseeing this project, as part of their responsibility to support engagement with the sector, and to ensure the project meets industry stakeholder needs.

Key dates*

November-December 2019

Draft skill standards available for feedback on the Skills Impact website. Free consultation workshops will also take place.

January 2020

The redrafted documents will be available for comment and validation.

June 2020

Final drafts submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee for endorsement.

**Please check website for updates*

Want to be involved in defining the skills standards for this sector?

You have the opportunity to play a key role in defining the skills standards of job roles in conservation and land management, supporting future learners and industry as a whole.

Visit skillsimpact.com.au to:

- Provide input on the project so far
- Register for any upcoming events
- Sign up for newsletter updates

Please feel welcome to contact the project managers, Cathy or Will, on 03 9321 3526.

We also welcome feedback about current gaps in training and future trends for industry as a whole.

We are passionate about workforce development and the need for industry to have their say in the skills standards of their workforce. We know from our work that a competent employee is a more knowledgeable, confident, safe and productive worker.

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