

# Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) scheme



The Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) Scheme (formerly the Emissions Reduction Fund or ERF) is a voluntary government program that rewards individuals and organisations for reducing greenhouse gas emissions or storing (sequestering) carbon through eligible activities.

## Key benefits for primary producers

- 1) **Earn carbon credits** – Each tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>-e) stored or avoided earns you one carbon credit (ACCU). They can either then be sold to the government or private buyers (e.g. companies seeking to offset their emissions) or kept to inset your own emissions.
- 2) **Boost productivity** – Many eligible practices improve farm productivity and profitability, creating both economic and environmental benefits.
- 3) **Demonstrate sustainability** – Participation can support market access and could make you eligible for price premiums.

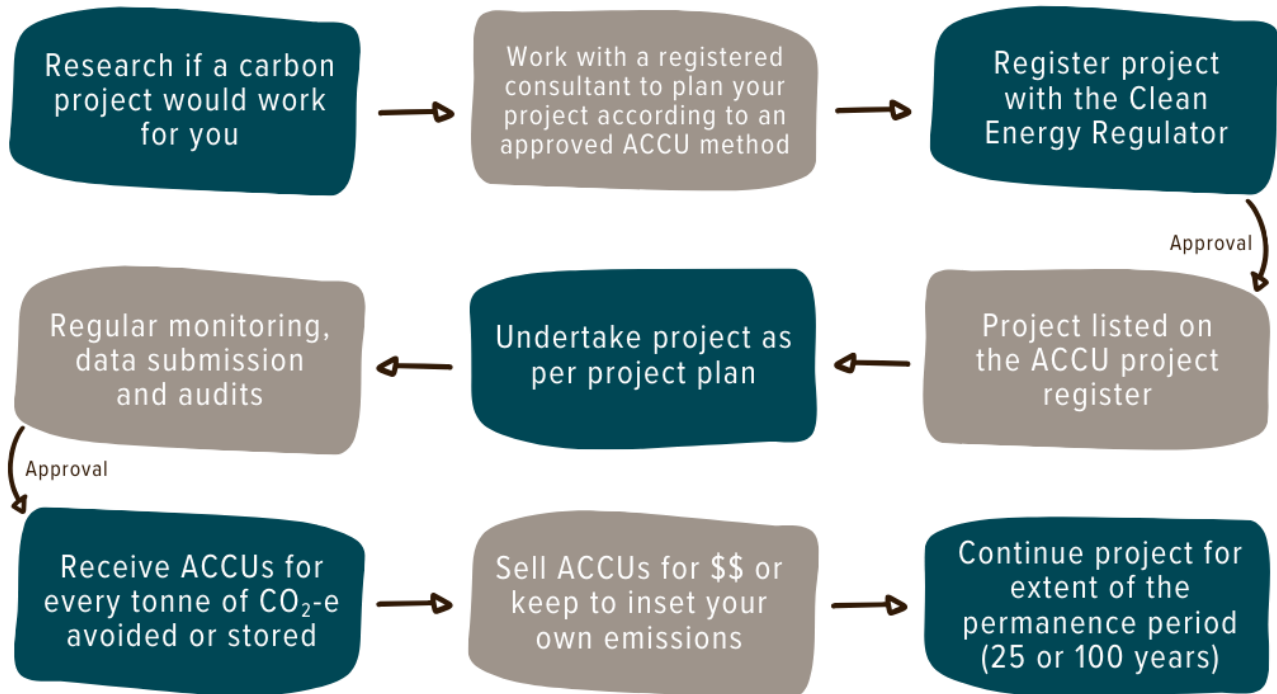
## Eligible activities

ACCU Scheme projects must be designed using an approved method involving activities that are additional to those you already undertake. If you are a primary producer in the Northern and Yorke region, there are various project types you may be eligible for, including:

- 1) **Vegetation projects**
  - Native forest regeneration
  - Revegetation and biodiversity planting
- 2) **Agriculture/viticulture projects**
  - Improving soil carbon through changed grazing or cropping practices
  - Efficient fertiliser use
  - Animal effluent management

## Getting started

The steps below provide a brief guide to how the ACCU Scheme process works:



## What does this mean for me?

Primary producers in the Northern and Yorke region have the potential to earn money by undertaking ACCU Scheme projects on their land. This could improve profitability and productivity and provide an alternative income stream to improve business resilience.

If you are interested in engaging in the ACCU Scheme you should become aware of the associated costs, risks and legal and administrative requirements.

We can point you in the direction of reputable carbon project consultants and

help you decide if this opportunity is right for you.

### More information

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