# Decarbonisation of global economies: Challenges for long-term sustainability

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# Not about energy...

- What can we learn from environmental markets?
- Inform a more equitable and integrated approach to decarbonisation
- Recognise and consider sectorial interdependencies (regional co-ordination)
- Place-based considers the needs and attributes of regions and communities
- Sustainable decarbonisation transition



# GreenCollar values the environment and drives positive scaled impact







Collection and/or recycling Plastic waste standard Verra



1 Plastic Credit

1 Tonne of Removed or





**Reef Credits** 

On-farm actions that improve water quality entering the Great Barrier Reef







#### **NaturePlus Credit**

Reducing loss and degradation

Land stewardship that improves ecological condition - Econd®



or conservation





#### **Carbon Credit**

Land management that increases vegetation-based sequestration

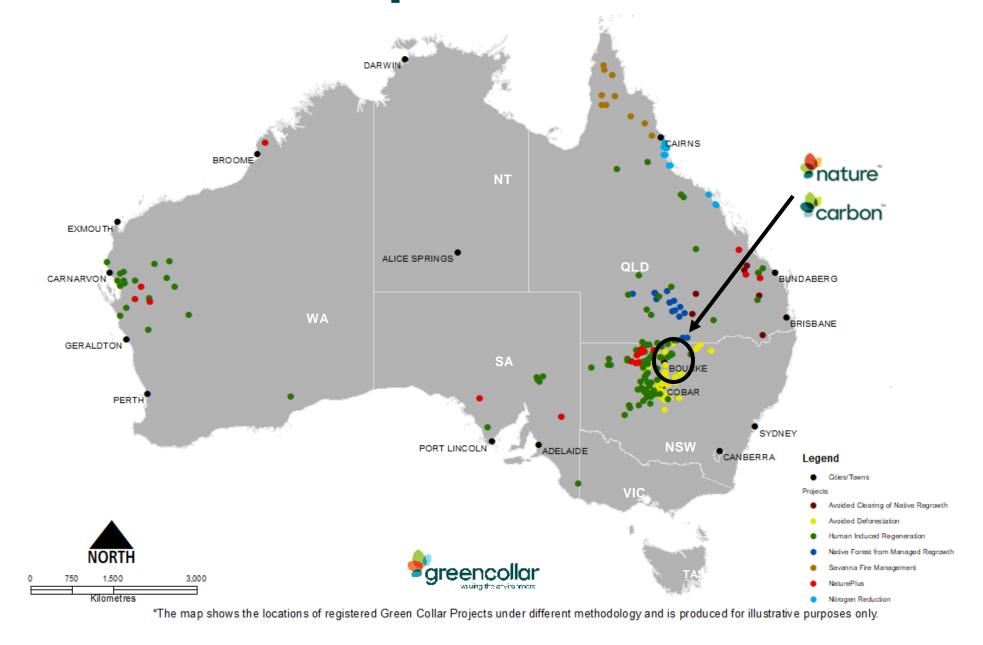
#### **ACCUs**





# Where we operate in Australia





#### **Brindingabba National Park**

- Kultar
- Grey-crowned Babbler
- Brolga
- Hooded Robin
- · Lancewood, Acacia petraea
- · striped-faced dunnart,
- · sandy inland mouse
- · little pied bat





#### **Naree Conservation Reserve**

#### Yantanbulla Private Nature Reserve

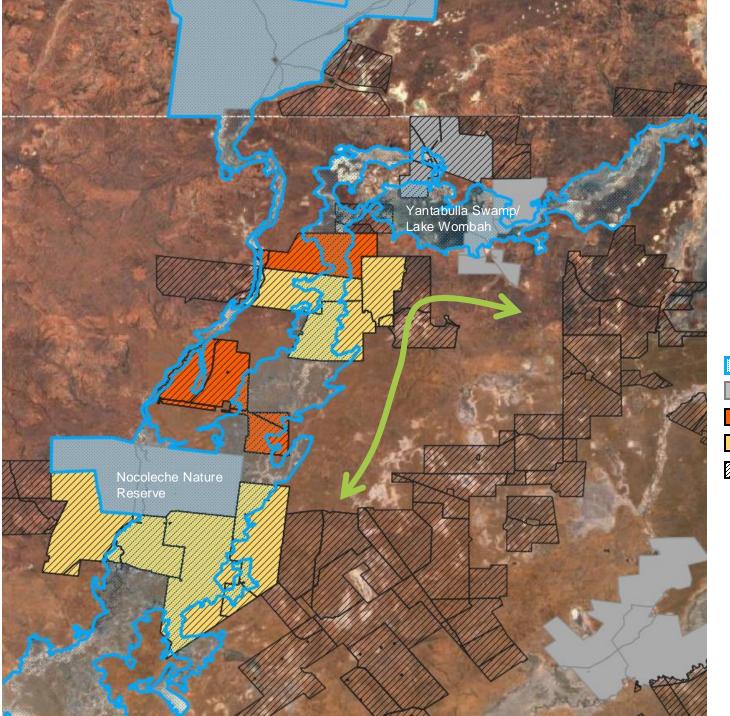
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#### **Comeroo Station**

- stripe-faced dunnart
- ringed brown snake
- black-breasted buzzard
- Brolga
- pink cockatoo
- little eagle
- · Hall's babbler



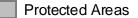


#### Paroo Floodplain and Currawinya Key Biodiversity Area





Paroo Floodplain and Currawinya KBA



NaturePlus – crediting

NaturePlus – in development

Carbon Project



Socio-economic impacts in western NSW (2018-19)

#### **Regional community concerns**

- Divergent views, inequity and social divisions (mis-information)
- Lack of information
- Increased absenteeism (biosecurity, fire & social)
- Long-term pastoral productivity (project life 25 or 100 years)

#### Diversified land use and income streams

- Re-direction of income into 'development' on-farm (infrastructure)
- Sustainable land management and greater farm business and landscape resilience (rehabilitation and restoration)
- Anecdotal evidence of regional economic benefits

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## Industry and government responses

#### **Industry Voluntary Code of Conduct**

- Carbon Market Institute
- Disclosure (can go further)



#### **Outreach and engagement**

- Capacity building (agricultural emissions reduction)
- Regional service providers (accountants, land valuers, banks)
- Tax treatment





## **Current and emerging issues**

#### Land manger

- Keeping credits on-farm or selling?
- Traditional Owner (views and priorities)



#### Increasing scrutiny (social licence)

- Carbon farming a recognised new land use (NRM bodies, bank etc)
- Integrity (Chubb Review) and greater transparency
- Carbon projects and renewable developments





# **Concluding remarks**

# Pursuit of single economic value (Carbon, Renewables, Mining) presents a missed opportunity

- International policy UN SDGs & ESGs (equity, right to farm)
- Expected accelerated energy decarbonisation will increase land use
- Shift towards a more 'holistic view of sustainable decarbonisation
- Integrated land-use ("fit-for-purpose", in some areas and not others)

#### **Transparency**

- Co-benefits and broader community benefits
- Open, honest dialogue

