

Know Your Southern Soils

Building knowledge for better soil management

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is conducting a broadscale soils project across the South Coast region. Know Your Southern Soils is a joint initiative between DPIRD and South Coast Natural Resource Management (South Coast NRM), funded by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry under the National Soil Action Plan (2023–2028).

The project will:

- ✓ **Improve soil maps** by updating DPIRD's soil-landscape data and building a clearer understanding of the distribution and condition of soils across the South Coast.
- ✓ **Support farmers and land managers** by working with catchment and grower groups to share and promote practical ways to keep soils healthy and productive.
- ✓ **Demonstrate the value of good land management** by identifying simple indicators of soil condition and exploring how these can connect to farm business value through natural capital accounting.



Timeline

- **Project commenced**
December 2024
- **Soil field survey**
Commenced in July 2025
- **Soil management events for producers and industry professionals**
Ongoing from early 2026 to April 2028
- **Project concludes**
June 2028



How can you get involved?



Property soil survey

Soil surveys will focus on 2 areas across the South Coast. If your property is identified as suitable for the survey, we will contact you to discuss participation and access arrangements. We will be collecting soil samples and testing them. The test results will be used to develop better soil and land management packages for the purpose of improving production. Data obtained through this project will be securely stored and protected in line with privacy laws and best practices.



Grower group events

Local grower groups are actively involved in this project, and will keep you updated on opportunities to participate. From 2026, there will be workshops and events where you can learn about improving and maintaining soil health.

More information

For more information on the project, scan the QR code or contact:



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