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Residents invited to restore endangered rainforest at home

Cobbitty Hills residents with native bushland on their properties could be part of a conservation project to help preserve areas of critically endangered rainforest.

The *Reveal and Restore Western Sydney Dry Rainforest* project is a collaboration with Council, Greening Australia and other environmental groups to conserve the remnants of the forest.

“We anticipate that with the proper advice and support, property owners could help to sustain these remnant patches of dry rainforest in our area,” said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

“While they are highly fragmented, these forests play an important role in the ecology of our region and need to be kept as habitat for the native birds and animals that rely on them,” Cr Symkowiak said.

Environmental mapping of the area indicates that most of the area’s dry rainforest on private property is on south facing slopes in Cobbitty Hills.

Landholders would have an experienced habitat restoration ecologist from Greening Australia meet on their property and discuss opportunities about best practice vegetation management.

Motion sensing wildlife cameras will be set up to identify what animals are using their own patch of WSDR.

All this information will feed into the development of a specific Vegetation Management Plan for each landholder to improve the quality and extent of the dry rainforest.

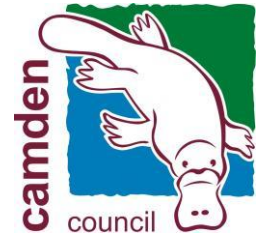
Landholders have until 30 September 2018 to register their interest in the project by contacting the Project Manager on 9677 6200.

The project is funded through the NSW Environmental Trust to restore areas of the Western Sydney Dry Rainforest, which is nationally listed as critically endangered.

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