

# CASE STUDY

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Blackwater Creek has been diverted to the east of the mining lease to give Curragh access to around 47 million more tonnes of coal, essentially extending the life of the mine by a further five years. While this project, which commenced in 2008, has many positive economic benefits, the 10.2 kilometre diversion also impacts on 220 hectares of Brigalow vegetation listed as an endangered regional ecosystem.

Wesfarmers Curragh worked with Ecofund to identify and secure a similar habitat to offset the loss of this vegetation.

Ecofund sourced a privately-owned property of 750 hectares in Nebo with existing and mature Brigalow vegetation. This vegetation will now be protected forever, with the property owner and Wesfarmers Curragh jointly agreeing to undertake specific tasks to maintain the health of this ecosystem for generations to come.

In addition to the offset, 28,000 new trees were planted at the diversion as part of the extensive rehabilitation of the area.



The offset will provide additional environmental value that goes beyond what is required to counterbalance the loss of endangered brigalow at the Curragh mine site.

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