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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Who were the consultations with around that?

Mr Sullivan: In terms of the specifics, I would have to take that on notice. I think I have talked previously about who we have consulted around 20 Million Trees. I am happy to take that back with me. It may not be a complete list because obviously we also consulted not only directly but also in the margins of the National Landcare Program roadshow. That involved meetings in over 19 centres with over 600 people. The 20 Million Trees component of that was an active part of the consultation process.

Answer:

To ensure appropriate design of the 20 Million Trees programme the Department has consulted a number of sources, including:

- Desktop research and stakeholders meetings with respect to all historical and current tree planting programmes. This included a focus on lessons learned from previous and current tree planting programmes. These programmes include:
 - 2 Million Trees - Victorian Department of Health and Department of Environment and Primary Industries (2012-2014)
 - 2 Million Trees - Brisbane City Council (2007-present)
 - 3 Million Trees - South Australian Government (2003-2014)
 - One Billion Trees - Australian Government, contracting Greening Australia (1989-1997). Post 1997 this programme became a component of the National Vegetation Initiative under Bushcare.
- National Landcare Programme national consultation in August 2014.
- 20 Million Trees - Request for Information (RFI), on how best to deliver large-scale biodiverse native tree planting (19 June 2014 – 31 July 2014). 82 RFI submissions received. Submissions received from industry, NGO's, NRM Regions, state and local governments.