**Dung Beetle Ecosystem Engineers Program (DBEE)**

**Expression of Interest**

**Distribution and Establishment of New Dung Beetle Species across Southern Australia.**

**Organisation**

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| **Name****ABN****Street Address****Postal Address** |  |

**Project Leader**

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**Administration Contact Details**

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**About Your Organisation**

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| *Tell us about your organisation, your members and the types of roles and projects you undertake.* |

**Where are you based?**

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| *Please provide a basic map/outline of the region you cover.* |

**Capacity and ongoing commitment**

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| *Please demonstrate capacity and ongoing commitment to the requirements of the EOI.* |

**Email the completed form to** **dungbeetle@csu.edu.au**

**Closing Date: 1 September 2022**

***Note to all prospective applicants:***

The new species introduced into Australia by CSIRO as part of the DBEE are subject to the Nagoya Protocol. The Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (the Protocol) is a global agreement that implements the access and benefit-sharing obligations of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Protocol establishes a legally-binding frame-work that helps researchers access genetic re-sources for biotechnology re-search, development and other activities, in return for a fair share of any benefits from their use (Arts.10 and 18, Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969] http://ask.un.org/faq/14594 .

*What does this mean?*

Because Australia needs to continue to access insects, plant genetics and other materials from around the world, we will be asking all collaborators to comply with the specific rules of the Nagoya Protocol around the distribution of the beetles.

Beetles cannot be sold for profit and the present EoI process should not be taken as a business opportunity or ‘side hustle’. We seek partners with a genuine interest in promoting dung beetles in their district. This can be done on a cost recovery basis under which reared beetles are supplied as part of a package that includes information and practical advice on how to get them established on each new site.