

Land Tax information for conservation covenants

All landholders with a Trust for Nature conservation covenant are eligible for a land tax exemption over the proportion of their land under covenant. Any part of the land that is not covenanted will retain its existing land tax liability (noting that not all land uses are liable for land tax).

Conservation covenants are voluntary legal agreements made between a landholder and Trust for Nature under the Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972 to protect land with natural, cultural or scientific values. Conservation covenants provide important protection for unique habitats across Victoria, including woodlands, wetlands and grasslands, generally by limiting activities that may have a negative impact on the conservation values of the land, such as clearing, intensive farming or subdivision.

Landholders with conservation covenants may claim the land tax exemption once they have received their annual land tax assessment (issued between January and June each year).

To apply for the exemption, landholders need to provide the State Revenue Office with:

- customer number
- property address which relates to the covenant
- details of what the land is used for, e.g. your home, primary production land. If it is used for more than one activity, please include all activities.
- a copy of the conservation covenant entered into with Trust for Nature
- date of commencement of the covenant

Applications can be received online through My Land Tax (www.sro.vic.gov.au/mylandtax), by contacting the State Revenue Office online (www.e-business.sro.vic.gov.au/contactus/contact) or by writing to:

State Revenue Office
GPO Box 1641
Melbourne, VIC, 3001

More information is available at trustfornature.org.au/resources/tax-information-for-landholders

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Trust for Nature is a conservation organisation that works in partnership with landowners, local communities, First Peoples and scientists to protect, manage and regenerate native habitat on private land in Victoria. Trust for Nature is the only organisation in Victoria empowered by law to place conservation covenants on private land.