

## Indicative price of various tree guard options

This information has been put together as part of Murrumbidgee Landcare's *Cross Property Planning to Balance Production and Conservation* project to assist land holder's to determine the most cost-effective means of protecting plantings.

The Cross Property Planning project recommends the use of 'Wildlife Friendly Fencing'. This type of fencing avoids the use of barbed wire, especially on the top strand of fences and where fences are in hotspots for entanglement (eg ridge lines, feed trees, wildlife corridors and near water bodies).

	<p>Sheep guard: \$21</p> <p>2 star posts (1650 mm), 2 m sheeppark mesh (250 x 100 x 5, 900 mm)</p>
	<p>Cattle guard: \$29</p> <p>3 star posts (1650 mm), 2.5 m heavy-duty mesh (75 x 50 x 2.5 mm, 1200 mm)</p> <p>Cattle guard (for rotational grazing): \$24</p> <p>4 star posts (1650 mm), 3 m hinge joint (7/90/30)</p>
	<p>Basic connection to existing fence line: \$405 per kilometre</p> <p>Individual tree guards at 40 m spacings, each using 2 additional star posts (1650 mm), 2.5 m heavy-duty mesh (75 x 50 x 2.5 mm, 1200 mm)</p> <p><i>Note the example in the picture uses a cheaper option, with shorter mesh and only 2 posts</i></p>

	<p>Square grove (35 m x 35 m): \$411</p> <p>Cost per hectare of vegetation = \$3,355</p> <p>4 strainer posts (100 x 2100 mm), 4 stays (40 x 3100 mm), 140 m hinge joint (7/90/30)</p>
	<p>Triangular grove (35 m triangle): \$313</p> <p>Cost per hectare of vegetation = \$5,110</p> <p>3 galstar maxi posts (2100 mm), 12 star posts (1650 mm), 120 m hinge joint (8/90/30)</p>
	<p>Two-row tree line along existing fence line: \$2,410 per kilometre</p> <p>Cost per hectare of vegetation: \$4,820</p> <p>Tree line 5 m wide, star posts at 6 m (167 posts, 1650 mm), 1 km hinge joint (8/90/30)</p>
	<p>Five-row tree line along existing fence line: \$2,410 per kilometre</p> <p>Cost per hectare of vegetation: \$1,418</p> <p>Tree line 17 m wide, star posts at 6 m (167 posts, 1650 mm), 1 km hinge joint (8/90/30)</p>

All prices are exclusive of GST, and are based on prices available as at April 2014. Please use these costs as a guide only; for specific costs relating to your on-ground works, please seek a quote from your preferred rural or fencing supplies company.