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To all Registered Foresters and other Stakeholders

### **Reconstitution Ash Dieback Scheme – Contact with Forest Owners**

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine wishes to inform stakeholders that letters are being issued to forest owners who currently hold valid approvals under the Reconstitution Ash Dieback Scheme 2023–2027 but who have not yet commenced reconstitution works.

The purpose of this correspondence is to encourage forest owners to make use of their existing approvals and to remind them of the range of supports now available to assist with the clearance of diseased ash and the replanting of suitable alternative species.

In addition, the letters being issued to forest owners (who currently have an Reconstitution Ash Dieback Scheme Approval) include a short set of questions seeking confirmation on whether they intend to proceed with their reconstitution approval, the reasons if they do not intend to proceed, whether they feel they have sufficient information on ash dieback supports, and the opportunity to provide any further comments or suggestions. The responses will assist the Department in understanding the challenges being faced and in shaping the provision of further supports where appropriate.

The Department encourages all registered foresters and forestry companies to engage proactively with their clients who hold valid approvals under this Scheme, and to provide the necessary support in progressing with reconstitution works.

Full details of the Scheme, including eligibility, grant rates and support information, are available on the Department's website at [Reconstitution Ash Dieback Scheme 2023-2027 and Climate Action Performance Payment Scheme](#)

The Department wishes to thank all stakeholders for their continued cooperation in addressing the significant national challenge posed by ash dieback.



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