

World Soil Day- soil needs a partnership approach

05 December 2022 | News

A partnership-based approach to soil is critical because responsibility for soil does not lie with one party, said Lisa Nitschke, Assistant Secretary of National Soils Policy and Programs.



A partnership-based approach to soil is critical because responsibility for soil does not lie with one party, said Lisa Nitschke, Assistant Secretary of National Soils Policy and Programs.

This year the theme of World Soil Day is “Soil: Where food begins”, highlighting the importance of healthy soil as a crucial element of food production.

Australia is committed to soil health and the sustainable management of soil resources, said Lisa Nitschke, Assistant Secretary of National Soils Policy and Programs.

“Soil in good condition is more productive. It has the higher water-holding capacity, supports biological activities and resists erosion during extreme climate and weather events,” Nitschke said.

“We are committed to a climate-smart, sustainable agricultural sector as the key to the industry’s future and that includes action on the soil.

“A partnership-based approach to soil is critical because responsibility for soil does not lie with one party.

“It is the decisions made every day by thousands of individual land managers that can make a positive or negative impact on this critical natural resource.

â??Recently, we released the draft National Soil Action Plan for public consultation. We received over 150 responses from farmers, natural resource management organisations, the soil carbon sector, agronomists, government agencies, researchers and academic institutions and soil advocacy groups.

â??It is important that we take the time to consider the feedback and work with state and territory governments and other soil stakeholders to ensure we produce a National Action Plan that makes a difference.

â??Well managed soil will help us to meet our goals for increased production and our climate change challenges.â??