



## **Millions of mallees to offset carbon**

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A resource company looking to offset its greenhouse gas emissions will spend five million dollars on planting mallee trees throughout Western Australia's wheatbelt.

A million trees will be planted by CO2 Australia on behalf of the Japanese company INPEX and if the trial is successful they predict there'll be bigger plantations in the future.

CO2's Chief Executive, Andrew Grant says WA's mining boom is going to result in big dollars for carbon offsets.

The needs of the oil and gas sector is beyond comprehension and it's one of the great opportunities that I think Western Australia has from the resources boom" he says.

"It's probably not realised by people that the need to offset emissions collectively across a number of companies is in the hundreds of millions of tonnes and converted area of land, we could see an industry bigger than several hundred thousand hectares in size."