



Member for Swan Steve Irons at Wilson Lagoon, an area that could be the site of a green army project. Photograph — Matt Devlin.

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Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons was calling for ideas for environmental projects for the proposed green army to take on.

As a part of the Federal Coalition's environment plan, the green army would see about 15,000 Australians tackle environmental projects.

Mr Irons said areas such as the Swan River foreshore, Canning wetlands and Tomato Lake could be possible options for a green army scheme.

"It may be cleaning up a local creek, restoring a bushwalking path or establishing a boardwalk or planting for example, each project may take up to 25 weeks to complete," he said.

"We are keen for local environment groups or councils to be involved.

"They may work together with

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the green army to get the job done or they may act as co-ordinators for projects which they see as a priority for our area."

Mr Irons said the green army would be comprised of teams of up to 10 people including a co-ordinator.

"We are tackling environmental issues head on with a 15,000 strong green army which will enable teams to operate in nearly every community across the country," he said.

Mr Irons said the green army was part of the Coalition's environment policy to protect Australia's environment through direct action and engagement with the community.

"Importantly, we want the community to come up with the projects to ensure they are locally driven and are the right priorities for Swan," he said.

Send your environmental proposals to steve.ironson@aph.gov.au.