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| **NPI Name:** | **Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Code:** | **SNS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Payment:** | Year 1: | | £5.22 per Stake | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Aim(s):** | To protect newly created EFS Options and to facilitate remedial  management of EFS(H) sites. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Scheme Applicability:** | Wider – EFS(W) | | | |  | | Higher – EFS(H) | | | | **✓** | Group – EFS(G) | **✓** | |
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| **This NPI is:** | Permanent | | | **✓** | | Rotational | | |  | |  | | |
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| **NPI Description and Outcome:** | ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes’ are eligible where they will  maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and are  included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP).  Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes’ will support newly planted  trees as well as existing young trees. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **No. of traps Permitted:** | **Minimum** | 1 | | | | | | **Maximum** | | Not Applicable\* | | | |

\*The number of ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake’ applied for must be indicative of the EFS Option area or length they are associated with.

**Requirements and Controls:**

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| **Code** | **Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)** | **Control type1** | | |
| **Admin** | **CwRS** | **OTSC** |
| **SNS1** | ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes’ must be erected by the  end of Year 1. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **SNS2** | The claimed number of ‘Parkland/Fruit/ Standard native tree stake(s)’  must be erected in the in the field(s) where they have been approved. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **SNS3** | New stakes must be used. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **SNS4** | The newly erected ‘Parkland/Fruit/ Standard native tree stakes’ must  be erected to comply with the Specification detailed below. |  |  | **✓** |
| **SNS5** | Field records must be kept detailing location, number and date  erected for the ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes’. | **✓** |  | **✓** |

The possible control types for each requirement may be:

‘Admin’ – administrative checks, ‘CwRS’ – Control with Remote Sensing, ‘OTSC’ – On-the-Spot Check

**Specification:**

The ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake’ must:

* be at least 73 mm diameter;
* be new, pressure treated timber; and
* be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP, for EFS(H) sites.

**Further Advice:**

The ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake’ should be at least 1.80 m long.

When planting fruit trees the stake, fixed with a rubber tie at least 30 cm above ground level,

is needed to support the tree for between one and five years after which both should be removed. It is important that the stake and the tie allow the top of the tree to flex in the wind

as this encourages the stem to thicken.

The ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake’ should be placed between the tree and the

mostly likely direction of the prevailing wind so that the tree pulls away from the stake

instead of rubbing against it.

‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes’ should be secure in the ground to provide

adequate support.

Trees should be attached to ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake’ preferably using

rubber tree ties.