



Trees planted for car buyers

A FOREST the size of two AFL football fields has been planted in the Hills on behalf of Toyota car buyers.

CMI Toyota's Carbon Neutral Program has been running for nearly 12 months.

So far, more than 50,000sq m of land near Callington has been planted with

trees, to soak up 1500 tonnes of carbon dioxide. The program is administered by the not-for-profit Canopy Project, with seedlings raised and then planted by Greening Australia.

The native trees grown from local seeds are registered on the land title to protect

them, even if the land is sold. CMI Toyota fleet clients who have signed on to the Carbon Neutral Program include ETSA, Tea Tree Gully Council and the Uniting Church of Australia.

Juliet Sandison from Semaphore purchased her 3L automatic turbo-diesel Toyota

Prado in October last year. She has children and wanted to drive a "safe, big car" but was also keen to offset her vehicle emissions to maintain the environment for future generations.

"I want to leave the beach the way I found it," she said.

"It's a really easy thing to do."



GREEN THINKING: Juliet Sandison with her turbo-diesel Toyota Prado, which will have its carbon emissions offset by specially planted trees.

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