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Heritage owners keen to sell

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HERITAGE Estate landowners have responded strongly to offers to buy their land for inclusion in the Jervis Bay National Park.

Less than two weeks after the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife announced it was buying back blocks within the troubled estate for \$5000 each, it had already received more than 50 inquiries and offers to sell from nine landowners.

"This is a very positive start for the project considering the landowners have not yet received information from the foundation," said Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife chief executive officer

Susanna Bradshaw.

She said paperwork informing Heritage Estate land owners of the offer to buy was not expected to be sent out until later this week.

The foundation has been given \$5.4 million from the federal government to buy back the estate's 1100 blocks of land covering 180 hectares.

Shoalhaven City Council is also handing over land it holds within the estate to the foundation.

Residents who have been campaigning for many years to protect the Heritage Estate land and ecology held a celebration on Saturday morning starting with a walk through the estate and a look at some of its environmental features.