

Summary of Kanso Technos project

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The 1000 hectare Project established by growers and The Oil Mallee Company in 2003 for the Japanese company Kanso Technos has continued to set benchmarks. The successful establishment of 24 individual mallee plantings including one property where 200 kilometers of belts were planted would be expanded if Australia ratified the international treaty on climate change – called the Kyoto Protocol.

Kanso Techos is owned by the Japanese electricity company Kansai Power which supplies power to the Osaka region including the ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto.

After a recent visit to Kanso Technos headquarters in Osaka, Tym Duncanson of OMC reports that “Kanso Technos are very satisfied with their project in Australia. A recent review of the project showed that 94% of the plantings are growing as or above expectation and 91% of growers are satisfied with the project.”

After two years the mallees are growing well and it is clear that plantings would increase if the Australian government signed up to global attempts to reduce greenhouse pollution.

Andrew and Carolyn Robinson of Wongan Hills, who planted 100 hectares of mallees during the project said *“the farm has been transformed in one year. We have been able to plant the trees that we wanted and re-fence the place much quicker than we thought. Our daughter (Ashley - 9 months) will inherit a farming enterprise that is sustainable. Although a disruption in the short term it will pay off over time.”*



**Dr Inoue of Japan in front of 2 year old
Eucalyptus loxophleba ssp lissophloia belts
B. Haeusler property January 2005**



**Fenceline Planting
Eucalyptus loxophleba ssp lissophloia (left)
with *Eucalyptus horistes* (right)
Robinson property March 2005**