

Environment, energy and water

In 2023–24, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$3.7 billion to support state environment, energy and water projects, including \$1.1 billion in Energy Bill Relief and \$2.6 billion in National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.9.

Table 2.9: Payments to support state environment, energy and water services^(a)

\$million	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Energy Bill Relief	-	1,109.8	384.9	-	-
National Partnership payments					
ACT Sustainable Household Scheme	-	7.5	-	-	-
Australian Fire Danger Rating System	2.3	-	-	-	-
Bilateral Energy and Emissions Reduction Agreements	30.0	-	-	-	-
Bolstering Australia’s Biosecurity System - Protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks	0.9	1.9	-	-	-
Borumba Pumped Hydro Project	-	nfp	-	-	-
Building resilience to manage fruit fly	-	30.0	-	-	-
CarbonNet	10.0	5.0	5.0	-	-
Community Solar Banks Program	-	50.5	50.5	-	-
Construction Softwood Transport Assistance	2.9	11.5	-	-	-
Disaster Ready Fund					
Coastal and Estuaries Risk Mitigation Program	50.0	-	-	-	-
Disaster Ready Fund – Round 1	-	200.0	-	-	-
Flood Recovery and Resilience Package	225.0	-	-	-	-
National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program	50.0	-	-	-	-
Disaster risk reduction	20.9	20.9	-	-	-
Ehrlichia canis pilot program	0.1	0.6	-	-	-
Enhance the National Soil Resources Information System	-	20.0	-	-	-
Environment Restoration Fund	5.4	-	-	-	-
Environmental assessment systems upgrade	1.1	-	-	-	-
Environmental management of the former Rum Jungle Mine site	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Fishing and Camping Facilities Program	4.6	-	-	-	-
Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund	11.2	17.9	11.4	-	-
Future Drought Fund					
Farm business resilience	45.0	15.0	-	-	-
Regional drought resilience planning	23.9	5.5	-	-	-
Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative	11.3	5.9	-	-	-
Horse traceability	0.6	0.6	-	-	-
Hydro Tasmania’s Tarraleah Hydro Power Station Redevelopment	13.0	19.2	23.0	-	-

**Table 2.9: Payments to support state environment, energy and water services^(a)
(continued)**

\$million	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Partnership payments					
Hydrogen energy supply chain project	3.8	3.8	-	-	-
Hydrogen Highways	-	20.0	8.0	7.0	20.0
Implementing water reform in the Murray–Darling Basin	17.3	23.0	-	-	-
Improving Compliance in the Murray–Darling Basin	-	6.0	6.0	6.0	4.6
Investing in Australia’s First Nations Culture and World Heritage	2.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	-
Management of established pests and weeds	8.6	5.3	5.0	-	-
Marine Parks Management – Northern Territory Marine Parks	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.9	-
Marinus Link	35.0	25.0	15.0	-	-
National Plant Health Surveillance Program	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	-
North Queensland Strata Title Resilience Pilot Program	-	28.0	12.0	-	-
On-farm emergency water infrastructure rebate scheme	22.5	8.0	-	-	-
Pest and disease preparedness and response programs	143.7	16.1	15.1	10.7	40.9
Raine Island Recovery Project	0.7	0.7	-	-	-
Recycling Modernisation Fund					
Plastics technology stream	5.8	20.8	20.8	12.8	-
Recycling Infrastructure	94.9	69.6	0.5	-	-
Reducing regulatory burden and streamlining audit arrangements in the dairy sector	0.4	-	-	-	-
Reef 2050 Plan					
Paddock to Reef Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program	-	4.3	4.1	4.6	-
Sustainable Fisheries	-	-	18.0	18.0	-
Regional fund for wildlife and habitat bushfire recovery	8.3	-	-	-	-
Strengthen Australia’s frontline biosecurity capability and domestic preparedness	6.0	8.0	6.0	-	-
Supporting Emissions Reduction in Queensland’s Energy Resources Sector	-	4.3	5.0	5.0	-
Sustainable rural water use and infrastructure program	449.5	876.6	153.8	-	-
Temporary cap on the price of coal	nfp	nfp	nfp	-	-
Transforming Digital Environmental Assessments	2.1	4.2	4.2	-	-
Urban Rivers and Catchments Program	5.0	13.2	22.8	22.8	13.7
Water for the Environment Special Account					
Implementation of constraints measures	56.7	90.6	-	-	-
Off-farm Efficiency Program	596.2	661.7	-	-	-
Water Efficiency Program	0.3	-	-	-	-

**Table 2.9: Payments to support state environment, energy and water services^(a)
(continued)**

\$million	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Partnership payments					
World Heritage Sites	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Yellow crazy ant control	3.0	8.2	6.8	6.8	-
Total National Partnership payments	2,160.4	2,587.9	966.9	170.9	161.0
Total	2,160.4	3,697.7	1,351.8	170.9	161.0

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

Energy Bill Relief

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	360.8	282.1	246.4	82.9	95.4	22.4	11.2	8.6	1,109.8
2024-25	120.3	94.0	82.1	27.6	31.8	22.4	3.7	2.9	384.9
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	481.0	376.2	328.5	110.5	127.2	44.8	14.9	11.5	1,494.7

The Australian Government will provide \$1.5 billion to establish the Energy Bill Relief Fund and partner with the states to deliver targeted energy bill relief to eligible Australian households and small businesses.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

National Partnership payments for environment, energy and water

ACT Sustainable Household Scheme

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.5	-	7.5
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.5	-	7.5

The Australian Government will provide funding to support the Australian Capital Territory's Sustainable Household Scheme.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Australian Fire Danger Rating System

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the implementation of the Australian Fire Danger Rating System. The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System will improve public safety and reduce the impacts of bushfires by improving decision making enabled by more accurate scientific information. Nationally consistent fire danger rating information will be available to the public, reducing confusion about how to react to a warning.

Bilateral Energy and Emissions Reduction Agreements

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.0	30.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.0	30.0

The Australian Government is providing up to \$30.0 million for 2 key projects in the Northern Territory to deliver reliable and affordable energy, reduce emissions and support economic recovery. The funding enables installation of a 35-megawatt big battery for the Darwin–Katherine Interconnected System and microgrids in up to 10 remote First Nations communities across the Northern Territory.

Bolstering Australia’s Biosecurity System – Protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	0.4	0.9
2023-24	-	-	0.6	0.6	-	-	-	0.8	1.9
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	0.8	0.8	-	-	-	1.2	2.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to build regional resilience through bolstering response/preparedness capability to manage biosecurity risks across the animal, plant and aquatic sectors in northern Australia. The funding supports targeted actions by developing an inter-jurisdictional plant biosecurity network that will enhance detection and response capacity within northern Australia to combat new detections of pest and diseases. The network will proactively enhance Australian Government partnerships with industry and First Nations people and strengthen links between partners as part of our strategy for defending northern Australia from biosecurity risks.

Borumba Pumped Hydro Project

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	nfp

The Australian Government will provide funding to support the Borumba Pumped Hydro Project in Queensland.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Building resilience to manage fruit fly^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	~	~	4.7	~	20.0	~	~	~	30.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	4.7	~	20.0	~	~	~	30.0

a) State allocations (except for QLD and SA) have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to build resilience of Australia’s fruit fly management system. This investment will reduce the significant impact of fruit flies by helping to stop their spread, driving down pest pressure in vulnerable areas and growing horticulture exports by providing critical post-harvest treatment and market access research infrastructure.

CarbonNet

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0
2023-24	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
2024-25	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	20.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.0

The Australian Government is providing up to \$20.0 million to support CarbonNet’s Stage 3 activities, focused on establishing a commercial carbon capture and storage network in Victoria’s Gippsland Basin. The funding will enable CarbonNet to undertake key regulatory works and complete the Front End Engineering Design for onshore and offshore infrastructure.

Community Solar Banks Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	50.5
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	50.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	101.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide funding to support community-scale solar and clean energy technologies for 25,000 households unable to access the benefits of these technologies. The Community Solar Banks Program will have a particular focus on those who live in low-income households and people in apartments and rental accommodation.

Construction Softwood Transport Assistance

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	2.8	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	2.9
2023-24	11.3	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-	11.5
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	14.1	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	14.5

The Australian Government is providing funding to the states to support forestry entities to transport bushfire-salvaged softwood to timber mills. Funding is available to reduce transport costs associated with moving bushfire-affected softwood to mills that have capacity to manufacture structural timbers for the domestic building industry, which has experienced timber shortages.

Disaster Ready Fund

The Australian Government is helping communities to prepare for natural disasters through the Disaster Ready Fund. The Disaster Ready Fund, initially established as the Emergency Response Fund, provides a dedicated ongoing source of funding for natural disaster resilience and risk reduction initiatives. The Disaster Ready Fund provides up to \$200.0 million each year from 2023–24 to invest in mitigation projects like flood levees, cyclone shelters, fire breaks and evacuation centres around Australia. The existing approved Emergency Response Fund commitments for 2022–23 are funded from the Disaster Ready Fund.

Coastal and Estuaries Risk Mitigation Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	4.7	9.0	8.4	19.2	6.7	2.0	-	-	50.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4.7	9.0	8.4	19.2	6.7	2.0	-	-	50.0

The Australian Government is providing \$50.0 million from the Disaster Ready Fund in 2022–23 to target high priority locally and nationally significant coastal and estuarine disaster risk mitigation projects.

Disaster Ready Fund – Round 1^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	200.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	200.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide \$200.0 million in 2023–24 under Round 1 of the Disaster Ready Fund to support disaster mitigation priorities. This will fund projects that build resilience to, prepare for, or reduce the risk of, future natural hazard impacts.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Flood Recovery and Resilience Package

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	150.0	-	75.0	-	-	-	-	-	225.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	150.0	-	75.0	-	-	-	-	-	225.0

The Australian Government is providing \$225.0 million from the Disaster Ready Fund in 2022–23 to support recovery activities in communities affected by the severe flooding disaster events in Queensland and New South Wales in February and March 2022.

National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	19.2	2.4	0.9	-	9.9	1.8	5.7	10.0	50.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	19.2	2.4	0.9	-	9.9	1.8	5.7	10.0	50.0

The Australian Government is providing funding from the Disaster Ready Fund in 2022–23 to states to support national flood mitigation infrastructure priorities to reduce the impacts of floods on Australian communities.

Disaster risk reduction

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	5.4	3.3	4.8	2.5	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	20.9
2023-24	5.4	3.3	4.8	2.5	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	20.9
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10.9	6.7	9.6	5.0	3.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	41.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to the states to reduce the risk and impact of disasters on Australians in line with the priorities of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework. The funding forms part of a broader \$130.5 million package over 5 years which commenced in 2019–20 to support resilience to disasters triggered by natural hazards.

Ehrlichia canis pilot program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.1
2023-24	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-	0.6
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	-	-	-	0.7

The Australian Government is providing funding to support states in their efforts to raise awareness about *Ehrlichia canis* in several remote First Nations communities and provide targeted information on how to control the disease.

This program includes funding that has been reclassified as a payment to the states since the October Budget.

Enhance the National Soil Resources Information System^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0

a) State allocations have not yet been finalised.

The Australian Government is committed to the goals of the National Soil Strategy and will provide \$20.0 million to support state initiatives that make progress against the 4 Priority Actions of the first National Soil Action Plan. The Australian Government will provide national coordination and leadership to drive progress against the nationally agreed Priority Actions, while working in partnership with the states to deliver programs and initiatives that are tailored to regional soil needs and conditions.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Environment Restoration Fund

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	0.1	2.9	0.3	-	2.3	-	-	-	5.4
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.1	2.9	0.3	-	2.3	-	-	-	5.4

The Australian Government has provided funding to improve water quality and manage erosion in coasts and waterways, support the recovery and recycling of waste, and protect threatened species and their habitats.

Environmental assessment systems upgrade

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	1.1
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	1.1

The Australian Government is providing funding to support activities to establish new and interoperable environmental assessment systems. The activities include developing an online environmental assessment portal, an environmental assessment system and a biodiversity data repository.

Environmental management of the former Rum Jungle Mine site

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp

The Australian Government is continuing to fund the program of work established to improve the management of the Rum Jungle Mine site. This funding supports the site's full rehabilitation, the participation of traditional owners in delivering work and ongoing engagement activities.

Fishing and Camping Facilities Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	0.3	1.1	1.7	-	0.1	1.4	4.6
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	0.3	1.1	1.7	-	0.1	1.4	4.6

The Australian Government is providing funding for local councils to improve, maintain or build new boating, marine rescue, fishing and camping facilities.

Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	1.2	~	2.0	2.1	~	~	-	~	11.2
2023-24	2.1	~	1.5	1.9	~	~	8.0	~	17.9
2024-25	1.7	~	1.4	1.6	~	~	5.0	~	11.4
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5.0	~	4.9	5.6	~	~	13.0	~	40.5

a) State allocations (except NSW, QLD, WA and the ACT) have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is investing \$40.5 million through the Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund to support infrastructure that will increase Australia's processing capacity and diversion of organic waste from landfill for productive use on Australia's soils. In addition to the infrastructure component, the Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund has been broadened to redirect \$10.0 million to a new program aimed at food waste avoidance. A further \$6.5 million has been redirected to better align with Government priorities.

New measures associated with this item are listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Future Drought Fund

The Future Drought Fund provides secure, continuous funding for drought resilience initiatives to help Australian farms and communities prepare for impacts of drought.

Farm business resilience^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	45.0
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	15.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	60.0

a) State allocations have not yet been finalised.

The Australian Government is working with state governments to provide farm businesses with learning opportunities to develop strategic management skills and support the development of Farm Business Plans. Participants are supported to develop a plan, tailored to their business and situation, and have the opportunity for professional feedback on the plan. Funding is provided from the Future Drought Fund.

Regional drought resilience planning^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	23.9
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.5
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	29.4

a) State allocations have not yet been finalised.

The Australian Government is working with state governments to support group partnerships of regional organisations, local government, communities and industry to develop regional drought resilience plans. Plans include actions identified by the region to prepare for and manage future drought risks. Small grants will be available for regions to take forward priority actions identified in their plans. Funding is provided from the Future Drought Fund.

Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	4.8	-	3.5	-	3.0	-	-	0.1	11.3
2023-24	1.3	-	1.3	-	3.2	-	-	0.1	5.9
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6.1	-	4.8	-	6.2	-	-	0.2	17.2

The Australian Government is providing funding under the Improving Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience Program (Extension to the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative) to continue the capping of uncontrolled bores and piping open bore drains to reduce water loss and recover groundwater pressure. In addition to infrastructure works, this program also funds education and communication programs and studies to assist with new water management arrangements.

Horse traceability^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	0.3	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.6
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.6
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	0.3	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.2

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing \$1.2 million to assist states in efforts to bring forward national traceability arrangements for all horses.

Hydro Tasmania's Tarraleah Hydro Power Station Redevelopment

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	13.0	-	-	13.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	19.2	-	-	19.2
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	23.0	-	-	23.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	55.2	-	-	55.2

The Australian Government is providing funding to support upgrade works on the Tarraleah hydro power scheme redevelopment in Tasmania's Central Highlands – a cornerstone project of the Battery of the Nation initiative.

Hydrogen energy supply chain project

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
2023-24	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.5

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the pre-commercialisation phase of the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain project. The project aims to transport liquid hydrogen produced through the gasification of brown coal in Victoria’s Latrobe Valley to Japan. The outcomes of the project’s pre-commercialisation phase will add to the knowledge obtained from its pilot phase, which concluded on 30 June 2022, and will inform the development of a commercial-scale project.

Hydrogen Highways^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.0
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.0
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	55.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide funding to roll out hydrogen refuelling infrastructure on key freight routes to help decarbonise heavy transport. This program forms part of the Driving the Nation Fund.

This program has been reclassified as a payment to the states since the October Budget.

Implementing water reform in the Murray–Darling Basin

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	7.5	5.5	2.0	-	1.6	-	0.8	-	17.3
2023-24	10.0	7.3	2.6	-	2.2	-	1.0	-	23.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17.4	12.8	4.6	-	3.8	-	1.8	-	40.3

The Australian Government is providing funding to Murray–Darling Basin jurisdictions (New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory) for new and ongoing activities required to implement water reform associated with the Basin Plan.

Improving Compliance in the Murray–Darling Basin^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	~	~	~	-	~	-	~	-	6.0
2024-25	~	~	~	-	~	-	~	-	6.0
2025-26	~	~	~	-	~	-	~	-	6.0
2026-27	~	~	~	-	~	-	~	-	4.6
Total	~	~	~	-	~	-	~	-	22.6

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide funding to improve the automated measurement of water use and the subsequent transmission of the data to regulators. This will provide more timely and accurate data on water use, and increase public confidence in the use of water across the Murray–Darling Basin and compliance with sustainable limits.

Investing in Australia’s First Nations Culture and World Heritage

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	0.9	1.2	-	0.3	0.1	-	-	-	2.5
2023-24	-	-	-	0.6	0.2	-	-	-	0.8
2024-25	-	-	-	0.7	0.1	-	-	-	0.8
2025-26	-	-	-	0.5	0.1	-	-	-	0.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.9	1.2	-	2.0	0.5	-	-	-	4.6

The Australian Government is providing funding to protect First Nations heritage and improve engagement with First Nations people to support their heritage. This funding aims to support the addition of First Nations heritage values to World Heritage and National Heritage listed areas, and progression of the World Heritage listing of Murujuga Cultural Landscape, the Flinders Ranges, Cape York Peninsula, the West Kimberley, Parramatta Female Factory and the Trades Halls transnational listing.

Management of established pests and weeds

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	1.1	1.8	1.0	0.6	2.3	0.7	0.3	0.7	8.6
2023-24	1.1	1.2	0.7	..	1.0	0.5	0.2	0.5	5.3
2024-25	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.3	5.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3.1	4.3	2.2	1.1	4.2	1.8	0.7	1.4	18.9

This program supports states to build the skills and capacity of land managers, communities and industry to better manage established pest animals and weeds, and undertake on-ground reduction and prevention activities for established pests and weeds.

Marine Parks Management – Northern Territory Marine Parks

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	0.4
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.9
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.9
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	2.3

The Australian Government is funding a partnership between the Director of National Parks and the Northern Territory Government to support integrated management across contiguous Commonwealth and Northern Territory marine parks.

Marinus Link

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	35.0	-	-	35.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	25.0	-	-	25.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	-	-	15.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	75.0	-	-	75.0

The Australian Government has committed \$75.0 million to progress the design and approvals phase of the Marinus Link project (including associated on-island transmission augmentation known as the North West Transmission Developments) to a final investment decision in 2024.

National Plant Health Surveillance Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	..	0.1	1.0
2023-24	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	..	0.1	1.0
2024-25	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	..	0.1	1.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	3.0

a) State allocations are indicative estimates only. Funding is allocated based on pest risk profiles.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support Australia’s plant biosecurity system through the National Plant Health Surveillance Program. The program focuses on early detection of national priority plant pests that can enter and establish in Australia. The program is implemented through effective collaboration with all Australian jurisdictions and aims to minimise the impact of pest incursions on agricultural industries, environmental assets and communities through timely pest detection, and provide surveillance data that supports trade and market access.

North Queensland Strata Title Resilience Pilot Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	28.0	-	-	-	-	-	28.0
2024-25	-	-	12.0	-	-	-	-	-	12.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	40.0	-	-	-	-	-	40.0

The Australian Government will provide funding to support strata title properties in North Queensland to undertake disaster mitigation works to improve resilience. The Queensland Government will implement and administer the initiative.

On-farm emergency water infrastructure rebate scheme^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	22.5
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	30.5

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government has made available funding for rebates to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers impacted by drought or natural disasters. The rebates provide support to farmers to replace damaged water infrastructure or build new infrastructure to improve water use efficiency and flexibility.

Pest and disease preparedness and response programs^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	40.8	5.5	78.5	13.9	1.0	-	-	4.0	143.7
2023-24	0.2	1.3	13.5	0.2	-	-	-	0.9	16.1
2024-25	0.2	1.3	12.5	0.2	-	-	-	0.9	15.1
2025-26	0.2	1.3	8.1	0.2	-	-	-	0.9	10.7
2026-27	0.2	1.3	38.3	0.2	-	-	-	0.9	40.9
Total	41.5	10.7	150.8	14.7	1.0	-	-	7.7	226.4

a) State allocations are indicative estimates only. Funding is conditional on agreed national responses to pest or disease incursions.

The Australian Government is supporting agricultural producers and protecting Australia's unique environment by contributing to the eradication of exotic animal, plant and environmental pests and diseases.

This program protects Australia's enviable animal and plant pest and disease status, enabling continued access to export markets. It also protects Australia's unique environment and the tourism industries it supports, with direct positive effects on rural communities, businesses and employees.

Raine Island Recovery Project

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	0.7
2023-24	-	-	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	0.7
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	1.3

The Australian Government is providing funding to re-establish and maintain Raine Island as a viable island ecosystem that supports sustainable populations of green turtles and seabirds through collaboration with Wuthathi and Meriam Nation (Ugar, Mer, Erub) Traditional Owners.

Recycling Modernisation Fund

The Australian Government is providing funding for improved recycling outcomes by addressing critical infrastructure and technology gaps in Australia’s waste management and resource recovery system.

Funding is being provided via a number of streams including a main Recycling Modernisation Fund stream, a Regional and Remote stream, a National Paper Solutions stream and a Plastics Technology stream.

Plastics technology stream^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.8
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.8
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.8
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	12.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	60.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is investing in advanced recycling technologies to build Australia’s recycling capability for hard-to-recycle plastics and address low plastics recycling rates. This will drive progress on the National Packaging Targets and deliver food grade recycled plastic for packaging.

Recycling Infrastructure^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	17.0	14.0	14.5	19.8	13.0	5.1	4.0	3.4	94.9
2023-24	8.9	15.1	26.6	11.9	2.3	1.3	2.0	1.5	69.6
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	25.8	29.1	41.1	31.7	15.3	6.4	6.0	5.4	165.1

a) State allocations may not sum to total due to unallocated funds.

The Australian Government is investing in waste recovery, processing and recycling infrastructure to respond to the ban on the export of waste paper, plastic, glass and tyres, agreed by all Australian governments in March 2020. Funding has been provided towards a national solution for paper recycling, projects that address regional and remote recycling challenges and to help overcome the urban-regional divide, and projects that increase Australia's waste processing and recycling capacity and support Australia's circular economy.

Reducing regulatory burden and streamlining audit arrangements in the dairy sector

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4

The Australian Government is working with Dairy Food Safety Victoria's RegTech 2022 project to explore the opportunities for using data in food safety assurance.

Reef 2050 Plan

The Australian Government is investing in implementation of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan) as part of its broader commitment to protect the Great Barrier Reef and secure reef jobs.

Paddock to Reef Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
2024-25	-	-	4.1	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
2025-26	-	-	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	13.0	-	-	-	-	-	13.0

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Queensland Government to support stronger paddock to reef monitoring, modelling and reporting. This will enhance Australia’s understanding of the impacts of investments in land and sea country restoration and measures to further prevent degradation. It will also better enable governments to track progress towards all water quality targets, produce report cards and provide information and tools for efficient targeting of investments to the highest priority areas and actions.

Sustainable Fisheries

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	18.0	-	-	-	-	-	18.0
2025-26	-	-	18.0	-	-	-	-	-	18.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	36.0	-	-	-	-	-	36.0

The Australian Government will provide funding to decrease risks to threatened and protected species listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and position reef fisheries at the forefront of best practice and sustainability.

Regional fund for wildlife and habitat bushfire recovery

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	6.4	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.3
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6.4	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.3

The Australian Government is providing funding to support strategic on-ground action for the most impacted native species, ecological communities and natural assets across 7 bushfire-affected regions.

Strengthen Australia’s frontline biosecurity capability and domestic preparedness^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	6.0
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.0
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	6.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined

The Australian Government is providing funding to support on-farm and off-farm transition to a national livestock traceability system, including for the individual electronic identification of sheep and goats, to be delivered and co-funded by state governments and industry.

Supporting Emissions Reduction in Queensland’s Energy Resources Sector

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
2024-25	-	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
2025-26	-	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	14.3	-	-	-	-	-	14.3

The Australian Government will provide \$14.3 million to establish a partnership with the Queensland Government to support research and development projects, technology trials and transfers to support emissions reduction and the broader decarbonisation of Australia’s energy resources sector and enhance energy security.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Sustainable rural water use and infrastructure program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	259.0	110.8	16.9	-	19.4	-	43.4	-	449.5
2023-24	560.7	213.3	19.7	-	62.9	-	20.0	-	876.6
2024-25	~	~	~	-	~	-	~	-	153.8
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	819.7	324.1	36.6	-	82.3	-	63.4	-	1,479.9

a) State allocations are indicative estimates only and to be determined on the signing of agreements. State allocations for 2024–25 have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government funds several measures under this program to support delivery of the Murray–Darling Basin Plan, including water recovery investment for ‘bridging the gap’ to Sustainable Diversion Limits. The program also funds implementation

of supply measures, support for communities throughout the Murray–Darling Basin and efforts to improve the health of wetlands and freshwater ecosystems.

Temporary cap on the price of coal

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2023-24	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2024-25	nfp	-	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	nfp	-	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	nfp

The Australian Government will provide funding to support the New South Wales and Queensland governments to implement a temporary cap of \$125 per tonne on the price of coal used for electricity generation.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

Transforming Digital Environmental Assessments

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	2.1
2023-24	0.6	0.6	0.6	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.2
2024-25	0.6	0.6	0.6	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	10.5

The Australian Government is building on previous work to implement programs, tools and mechanisms to harmonise and share biodiversity data among Commonwealth and state governments. Under this program, states will transform and share biodiversity data with the new National Biodiversity Data Repository that, among other activities, will support states to share environmental assessment processes and co-design environmental assessment portals.

Urban Rivers and Catchments Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.0
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	13.2
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	22.8
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	22.8
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	13.7
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	77.4

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve local waterways through an Urban Rivers and Catchments Program. Funding over 6 years from 2022–23 will restore natural habitats for aquatic species, improve water quality and improve community access

to nature, open green space and biodiversity. Projects will be delivered by local government, water utilities and non-government organisations, with funding to be provided via the states.

Water for the Environment Special Account

The Water for the Environment Special Account (WESA) sets aside Commonwealth funding to pay for projects that enhance environmental outcomes listed in the *Basin Plan 2012*.

Implementation of constraints measures^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	40.2	8.3	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	56.7
2023-24	27.2	~	-	-	~	-	-	-	90.6
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	67.4	8.3	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	147.3

a) State allocations may not sum to total due to unallocated funds.

The Australian Government is providing funding to ease or remove constraints in and along rivers of the southern Murray–Darling Basin that impede the delivery of water to environmental assets. Funding for constraints measures is also provided under the Sustainable Rural and Water Use and Infrastructure Program.

Off-farm Efficiency Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	84.9	84.0	~	-	2.7	-	~	-	596.2
2023-24	16.9	34.4	~	-	~	-	~	-	661.7
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	101.8	118.4	~	-	2.7	-	~	-	1,257.9

a) State allocations may not sum to total due to unallocated funds.

The Australian Government is providing funding for state-led efficiency measures in the Murray–Darling Basin under the WESA. This will improve the efficiency of water delivery infrastructure and increase the volume of environmental water in the Murray–Darling Basin, leading to improved river health, agricultural activity and generating benefits for the local and regional communities.

Water Efficiency Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	0.3
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	0.3

The Australian Government’s focus on off-farm efficiency projects means the remaining funding for the Water Efficiency Program is now available under the WESA: Off-farm Efficiency Program. Any successful legacy applications made under the now closed Water Efficiency Program will remain funded through this program, while any new state-led proposals will be considered through the Off-farm Efficiency Program.

World Heritage Sites

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.5
2023-24	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
2024-25	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
2025-26	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
2026-27	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
Total	4.1	-	15.6	2.1	0.5	25.5	-	-	47.9

The Australian Government provides funding to assist addressing critical threats such as feral animals and weeds, and changed fire regimes, to conserve and restore the biodiversity of World Heritage sites, and for Executive Officers and Advisory Committees who support the provision of advice to government on the protection of World Heritage sites.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures October 2023–24*.

Yellow crazy ant control

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2023-24	-	-	8.2	-	-	-	-	-	8.2
2024-25	-	-	6.8	-	-	-	-	-	6.8
2025-26	-	-	6.8	-	-	-	-	-	6.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	24.8	-	-	-	-	-	24.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to ensure a more concerted approach to Yellow Crazy Ant eradication activities in Townsville and in and adjacent to the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area in Cairns.