

Environment, energy and water

In 2026–27, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$1.5 billion in National Partnership payments to support state environment, energy and water projects. This is detailed in Table 2.9.

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

\$million	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Energy Bill Relief	1,732.9	-	-	-	-
National Partnership payments					
Environment and energy	1,192.6	693.5	542.2	365.8	562.1
Water services and infrastructure	718.2	808.9	310.0	97.9	-
Total National Partnership payments	1,910.8	1,502.3	852.2	463.6	562.1
Total	3,643.8	1,502.3	852.2	463.6	562.1

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

Energy Bill Relief

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	528.5	449.9	359.5	185.3	125.4	39.4	31.1	13.8	1,732.9
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	528.5	449.9	359.5	185.3	125.4	39.4	31.1	13.8	1,732.9

In the 2025–26 Budget, the Australian Government committed \$1.8 billion to extend energy bill relief rebates to 31 December 2025. The rebates have provided cost of living relief to households and eligible small businesses with active electricity accounts.

National Partnership payments for environment, energy and water

The Australian Government will provide a total of \$1.5 billion to the states in 2026–27 under the following categories:

- environment and energy services and infrastructure
- water services and infrastructure.

Environment and energy

In 2026–27, the Australian Government is estimated to provide \$693.5 million to support the delivery of environment and energy projects in the states.

Table 2.9.1: Environment and energy services and infrastructure^(a)

\$million	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
National Partnership payments					
Algal Bloom Support Package	66.3	-	-	-	-
Bolstering Australia's Biosecurity System – Protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks	1.4	-	-	-	-
Boosting HPAI biosecurity response capability	4.6	-	-	-	-
Building resilience to manage fruit fly	0.6	7.1	-	-	-
Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Program	17.1	-	-	-	-
Capacity Investment Scheme	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Community Solar Banks Program	37.8	11.8	8.8	-	-
Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative	5.4	1.9	-	-	-
Disaster Ready Fund	200.0	-	-	-	-
Environmental management of the former Rum Jungle Mine site	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	-
Explore the feasibility of new fuel security initiatives	-	10.0	-	-	-
Fast-tracking Approvals					
Bilateral Agreements and Bioregional Plans	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Strategic Assessments	-	nfp	nfp	-	-
Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund	5.7	9.8	8.4	-	-
Future Drought Fund					
Farm business resilience	20.9	20.0	20.0	20.0	-
Regional drought resilience planning	17.3	17.4	15.2	14.8	-
Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing)	114.8	106.1	-	-	-
Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing) – Expansion	1.0	36.7	167.4	168.6	100.7
Hydro Tasmania's Tarraleah Hydro Power Station Redevelopment	23.0	-	-	-	-
Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain Project	3.8	-	-	-	-
Implementation of the live sheep exports by sea phase out	16.3	15.6	10.5	0.2	-

Table 2.9.1: Environment and energy services and infrastructure^(a) (continued)

\$million	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
National Partnership payments					
Implementing Reforms for Regional Forest Agreements	-	12.0	10.5	-	-
Investing in Australia's First Nations Culture and World Heritage	1.6	1.4	-	-	-
Local Environment Projects – Heritage	9.7	-	-	-	-
Low Carbon Aluminium Credit for the Boyne Smelter	-	-	-	-	50.0
Macquarie Wharf 6 (Port of Hobart)	47.0	47.0	47.0	47.0	-
Management of established pests and weeds	3.3	2.9	-	-	-
Marine Parks Management – Northern Territory Marine Parks	0.9	-	-	-	-
Marinus Link	15.0	-	-	-	346.0
National Circularity Centre	2.8	4.5	1.2	-	-
National Hydrogen Technology Skills Training Centre	2.0	4.0	4.0	-	-
National Plant Health Surveillance Program	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	-
North Queensland strata title resilience pilot program	0.4	-	-	-	-
Partnering to implement the National Soil Action Plan	7.1	3.8	2.0	-	-
Pest and disease preparedness and response programs	176.8	131.2	80.8	29.7	21.7
Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience) Program	18.3	4.4	0.5	-	-
Recycling Modernisation Fund					
Plastics technology stream	3.7	3.6	-	-	-
Recycling Infrastructure	50.4	52.9	-	-	-
Reef 2050 Plan					
Paddock to Reef Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program	2.3	2.3	-	-	-
Sustainable Fisheries	17.0	10.0	-	-	-
Saving Native Species	0.6	-	-	-	-
Strengthen Australia's frontline biosecurity capability and domestic preparedness	1.0	-	-	-	-
Support Forestry Strategy Development	1.2	0.6	-	-	-
Urban Rivers and Catchments Program	30.5	18.9	11.9	1.0	-
Victorian Renewable Energy Zone Development Plan	96.6	4.4	-	-	-
World Heritage Sites	9.6	9.6	9.6	-	-
Yellow crazy ant control	6.3	5.9	3.0	-	-
Total	1,192.6	693.5	542.2	365.8	562.1

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

Algal Bloom Support Package

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	66.3	-	-	-	66.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	66.3	-	-	-	66.3

The Australian Government is providing funding to support South Australian Government initiatives to respond to the impacts of the harmful algal bloom in South Australia. The funding is delivering a comprehensive suite of measures focused on maintaining the social wellbeing of the community, protecting the environment, and ensuring business and industry resilience.

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

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	0.5	0.5	-	-	-	0.4	1.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	0.5	0.5	-	-	-	0.4	1.4

The Australian Government is providing funding to build regional resilience through bolstering response and preparedness capability to manage biosecurity risks across the animal, plant and aquatic sectors in northern Australia. This funding will be used for a network to 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.

Boosting HPAI biosecurity response capability

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	0.5	0.4	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	4.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.5	0.4	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	4.6

The Australian Government is committed to working with states to enhance Australia’s High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) preparedness and response capability. The Australian Government is providing funding for states to boost biosecurity response capability through the procurement of specialist equipment for biosecurity surveillance and response, to assist in the event of outbreaks in the production sector and/or Australian wildlife. Specialist equipment may include items such as mobile laboratories, biosecurity trailers, long distance drones and depopulation equipment.

Building resilience to manage fruit fly

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	0.6
2026-27	-	-	0.4	-	6.7	-	-	-	7.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1.0	-	6.7	-	-	-	7.7

The Australian Government is providing funding to build the 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.

Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	7.3	9.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.1
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7.3	9.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.1

The Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Program supports a small number of critical bushfire recovery and resilience projects that were not able to be completed under the former Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Program.

Capacity Investment Scheme

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2026-27	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2027-28	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2028-29	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
2029-30	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp
Total	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp

The Australian Government is providing support for additional clean dispatchable energy capacity projects, such as battery storage projects, through an expansion of the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap 2023 Round 2 – Firming Infrastructure Tender. The partnership with NSW is designed to improve reliability outcomes of the energy system in NSW by bringing on additional clean dispatchable capacity sooner whilst ensuring that support is consistent with the objectives and scope of the national Capacity Investment Scheme.

Community Solar Banks Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	28.0	5.1	-	3.7	1.0	-	-	-	37.8
2026-27	-	2.0	-	-	7.9	-	0.9	1.0	11.8
2027-28	-	6.1	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	8.8
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	28.0	13.2	-	3.7	8.9	-	0.9	3.7	58.3

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

Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	~	0.2	~	-	~	0.1	~	0.2	5.4
2026-27	-	0.1	0.2	1.4	-	0.1	-	0.1	1.9
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	0.4	0.2	1.4	~	0.2	~	0.3	7.3

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is helping the critical minerals sector, by collaborating with states to identify potential common user facilities for critical minerals processing.

Disaster Ready Fund

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	69.3	40.8	52.6	12.1	10.0	9.7	3.9	1.5	200.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	69.3	40.8	52.6	12.1	10.0	9.7	3.9	1.5	200.0

The Australian Government is helping communities to prepare for natural disasters through the Disaster Ready Fund. The Disaster Ready Fund provides a dedicated ongoing source of funding for natural disaster resilience and risk reduction initiatives. The Australian Government is providing \$200.0 million in 2025–26 under Round 3 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.

Environmental management of the former Rum Jungle Mine site

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nfp	nfp

The Australian Government is continuing to fund the program of work established to improve the management of the former Rum Jungle Mine site. This funding is to progress rehabilitation at the former Rum Jungle Mine site in the Northern Territory by prioritising leading sources of environmental contamination.

Explore the feasibility of new fuel security initiatives^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide \$10.0 million to support pre-feasibility or feasibility studies into new or expanded refinery capabilities, with a requirement for joint funding from state governments. This funding will strengthen Australia's fuel security by supporting states to investigate options to build new or expand existing refineries.

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 2026–27*.

Fast-tracking Approvals

The Australian Government is providing funding to fast-track approvals under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, by working with states to finalise bilateral agreements, bioregional plans and strategic assessments.

Bilateral Agreements and Bioregional Plans

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2027-28	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2028-29	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2029-30	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Australian Government is providing targeted funding to negotiate approvals of bilateral agreements across all jurisdictions to reduce duplication with states on environmental assessment and approval processes.

Funding is also being provided for bioregional plans in priority regions that will accelerate approvals by establishing clear ‘go’ and ‘no-go’ zones for developers that remove the need for a project-level approval while delivering better environmental outcomes.

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 2026–27*.

Strategic Assessments

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2027-28	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Australian Government is providing funding to progress strategic assessments in priority regions. These will streamline approvals under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* by allowing classes of actions to be assessed and approved together, rather than separately.

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 2026–27*.

Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	0.9	0.2	1.0	2.3	..	-	1.0	-	5.7
2026-27	0.2	-	1.8	1.4	-	0.5	6.0	-	9.8
2027-28	-	-	1.5	0.9	-	-	6.0	-	8.4
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1.1	0.2	4.2	4.5	..	0.5	13.0	-	23.9

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is investing funding through the Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund to support infrastructure that will increase Australia's processing capacity and divert organic waste from landfill for productive use on Australia's soils.

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 2026–27*.

Future Drought Fund

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

Farm business resilience^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	5.4	4.8	4.2	2.1	2.1	0.8	0.2	0.3	20.9
2026-27	5.4	4.8	4.2	2.1	2.1	0.8	0.2	0.3	20.0
2027-28	5.4	4.8	4.2	2.1	2.1	0.8	0.2	0.3	20.0
2028-29	5.4	4.8	4.2	2.1	2.1	0.8	0.2	0.3	20.0
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	21.6	19.4	16.8	8.5	8.5	3.1	0.9	1.2	80.9

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is working with states to provide farm businesses with learning opportunities to build skills and capabilities to plan for and manage all kinds of risk, including drought and other climate risks. Funding is provided from the Future Drought Fund.

Regional drought resilience planning^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	3.8	4.1	3.4	2.0	1.8	0.8	0.3	0.4	17.3
2026-27	4.0	4.4	3.6	2.1	1.9	0.8	0.3	0.4	17.4
2027-28	3.5	3.8	3.1	1.9	1.6	0.7	0.3	0.4	15.2
2028-29	3.4	3.6	3.0	1.8	1.6	0.7	0.3	0.4	14.8
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	14.7	15.9	13.1	7.8	6.9	3.0	1.1	1.5	64.7

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is working with states 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. Implementation funding is provided for eligible activities in approved plans, and regions are supported to govern and improve their plans. Funding is provided from the Future Drought Fund.

Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	30.5	34.8	22.5	10.9	8.0	3.4	2.2	2.5	114.8
2026-27	30.6	31.1	13.1	18.3	9.3	-	2.5	1.1	106.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	61.1	65.9	35.6	29.3	17.3	3.4	4.7	3.6	220.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to support energy performance upgrades to social housing, co-funded and delivered in partnership with states. Co-funding will target a range of high value energy upgrades to deliver energy and cost saving benefits to households in both public and community social housing.

Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing) – Expansion^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	1.0
2026-27	~	15.1	~	~	2.0	4.4	4.3	~	36.7
2027-28	~	55.4	~	~	11.5	4.8	4.3	~	167.4
2028-29	~	49.8	~	~	11.5	4.4	4.3	~	168.6
2029-30	~	-	~	~	11.1	~	~	~	100.7
Total	~	120.3	~	~	36.1	14.6	12.9	~	474.4

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to expand the existing Household Energy Upgrades Fund (Social Housing) to improve energy efficiency and access to solar and batteries to households in both public and community social housing, in partnership with states.

Hydro Tasmania’s Tarraleah Hydro Power Station Redevelopment

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	23.0	-	-	23.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	23.0	-	-	23.0

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
2025-26	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the pre-commercialisation phase of the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) 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 inform further decisions for the HESC consortium and partners.

Implementation of the live sheep exports by sea phase out

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	16.3	-	-	-	-	16.3
2026-27	-	-	-	15.6	-	-	-	-	15.6
2027-28	-	-	-	10.5	-	-	-	-	10.5
2028-29	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.2
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	42.5	-	-	-	-	42.5

The Australian Government is providing funding to expand onshore processing supply chain capacity and activities to foster community wellbeing and strengthen community resilience as part of the transition support package for the phase out of live sheep exports by sea.

Implementing Reforms for Regional Forest Agreements

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	4.5	-	-	3.0	-	4.5	-	-	12.0
2027-28	4.0	-	-	2.5	-	4.0	-	-	10.5
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8.5	-	-	5.5	-	8.5	-	-	22.5

The Australian Government is providing funding to enable states with Regional Forest Agreements to transition their forest management systems to meet the requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

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 2026–27*.

Investing in Australia’s First Nations Culture and World Heritage

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	1.5	0.1	-	-	-	1.6
2026-27	0.9	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	1.4
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.9	-	-	1.5	0.7	-	-	-	3.0

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.

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 2026–27*.

Local Environment Projects – Heritage

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	9.7	-	-	9.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	9.7	-	-	9.7

The Australian Government is providing funding to support conservation, management and/or maintenance projects at three sites in the Australian Convict Sites World Heritage Property: Port Arthur, Woolmers Estate and Brickendon Estate.

Low-Carbon Aluminium Credit for the Boyne Smelter

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	50.0	-	-	-	-	-	50.0
Total	-	-	50.0	-	-	-	-	-	50.0

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Boyne Aluminium smelter to support the facility's green energy transition and decarbonisation, enable the production of green aluminium and secure the future of aluminium smelting in Central 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 2026–27*.

Macquarie Wharf 6 (Port of Hobart)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	47.0	-	-	47.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	47.0	-	-	47.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	47.0	-	-	47.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	47.0	-	-	47.0
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	188.0	-	-	188.0

The Australian Government is providing a funding contribution to the redevelopment of Macquarie Wharf 6 in the Port of Hobart to provide a long-term, fit-for-purpose home berth with shore power for the Australian Antarctic Division's icebreaker, RSV Nuyina. These works will also support other Commonwealth, Antarctic and commercial vessels.

Management of established pests and weeds

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.3	3.3
2026-27	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	-	0.2	0.5	2.9
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.8	6.2

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
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.9
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.9

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
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	-	-	15.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	346.0	-	-	346.0
Total	-	-	-	-	-	361.0	-	-	361.0

The Australian Government committed \$75.0 million over three years from 2022–23 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). The Australian, Victorian and Tasmanian Governments (collectively the shareholder governments) reached a positive Final Investment Decision to proceed with Stage 1 of Marinus Link on 1 August 2025.

The Australian Government will also provide support for network cost reductions to defray the increased costs borne by Tasmanian consumers due to Project Marinus.

National Circularity Centre

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
2026-27	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5
2027-28	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.5

The Australian Government will support the delivery of a National Circularity Centre in Bega, New South Wales. The centre will include a circular economy education centre, café and restaurant, tourist information and heritage centre, and a location for circularity experts to come together to research and collaborate to drive the circular economy. The project is expected to deliver increased collaboration and information sharing, diversification in local jobs and industries and increased supply chain collaboration.

National Hydrogen Technology Skills Training Centre

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
2026-27	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
2027-28	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0

The Australian Government is providing funding of \$10.0 million over three years from 2025–26 to establish a National Hydrogen Technology Skills Training Centre in Victoria. The training centre will provide a focal point for hydrogen workforce development, benefiting both those seeking to learn new competencies and those seeking to teach the new techniques required for the hydrogen sector.

National Plant Health Surveillance Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2
2026-27	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2
2027-28	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.3
2028-29	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.3
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	5.0

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 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
2025-26	-	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	0.4

The Australian Government is providing 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.

Partnering to implement the National Soil Action Plan

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	1.1	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.5	7.1
2026-27	-	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.7	3.8
2027-28	-	-	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	2.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1.1	2.4	1.7	2.1	2.0	1.6	0.7	1.4	12.9

The Australian Government is providing funding to support state initiatives that make progress against the Four Priority Actions of the first National Soil Action Plan (2023–28). The Australian Government is providing 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.

Pest and disease preparedness and response programs^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	21.3	23.3	92.7	27.2	5.2	-	0.9	6.2	176.8
2026-27	15.2	-	107.1	8.0	-	-	-	0.9	131.2
2027-28	5.0	-	73.2	2.0	-	-	-	0.6	80.8
2028-29	-	-	28.4	1.3	-	-	-	-	29.7
2029-30	-	-	21.7	-	-	-	-	-	21.7
Total	41.5	23.3	323.1	38.4	5.2	-	0.9	7.7	440.2

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.

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 2026–27*.

Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience) Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	3.6	..	2.2	5.7	0.1	0.1	-	6.5	18.3
2026-27	0.9	-	0.6	1.9	-	-	-	1.0	4.4
2027-28	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.5
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4.4	..	2.8	8.1	0.1	0.1	-	7.5	23.1

The Australian Government is delivering important disaster resilience projects across Australia that were identified by communities to improve their disaster resilience. Announced ahead of the 2022 and 2025 Federal Elections, the program is being delivered in two tranches. Tranche 2 commenced in 2023–24 and provides \$34.5 million for 17 projects nationally, administered through the states.

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

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	0.9	1.5	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
2026-27	1.8	0.6	-	-	1.2	-	-	-	3.6
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.7	2.1	1.3	-	1.2	-	-	-	7.3

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.

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 2026–27*.

Recycling Infrastructure

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	7.2	1.9	17.2	16.1	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.0	50.4
2026-27	11.9	3.1	19.2	12.4	1.2	-	3.0	2.2	52.9
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	19.1	5.0	36.4	28.5	3.4	1.7	5.0	4.1	103.3

The Australian Government is investing in waste recovery, processing and recycling infrastructure to respond to the decision to regulate 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.

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
2025-26	-	-	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
2026-27	-	-	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	4.6

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
2025-26	-	-	17.0	-	-	-	-	-	17.0
2026-27	-	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	10.0
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	27.0	-	-	-	-	-	27.0

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.

Saving Native Species

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	0.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	0.6

The Australian Government is supporting South Australia to create a new safe haven on Flinders Island for nationally threatened bird and mammal species, to protect and enhance the island's unique ecosystems.

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

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

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

Support Forestry Strategy Development^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.2
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.6
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.8

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide \$1.8 million to assist states to participate in a review of the 1992 *National Forest Policy Statement* to ensure it meets Australia’s contemporary forest management objectives.

Urban Rivers and Catchments Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	4.3	10.6	2.7	3.9	4.0	3.0	0.9	1.1	30.5
2026-27	3.6	2.2	1.7	3.9	3.3	2.2	0.9	1.1	18.9
2027-28	3.4	1.1	1.3	2.2	1.0	2.3	..	0.6	11.9
2028-29	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	12.2	13.9	5.7	9.9	8.3	7.5	1.8	2.9	62.2

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve local waterways through an Urban Rivers and Catchments Program. Funding over six 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 are being delivered by local government, water utilities and non-government organisations, with funding provided via the states.

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 2026–27*.

Victorian Renewable Energy Zone Development Plan

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	96.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	96.6
2026-27	-	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	101.0

The Australian Government is providing funding to support projects in Stage 1 of the Victorian Renewable Energy Zone Development Plan. The funding will support the Australian Government’s commitment to providing reliable, secure and affordable energy to all Australians.

World Heritage Sites

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
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
2027-28	0.8	-	3.1	0.4	0.1	5.1	-	-	9.6
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.5	-	9.4	1.3	0.3	15.3	-	-	28.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to address 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.

Yellow crazy ant control

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	6.3	-	-	-	-	-	6.3
2026-27	-	-	5.9	-	-	-	-	-	5.9
2027-28	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	15.2	-	-	-	-	-	15.2

The Australian Government is providing funding to ensure a more concerted approach to yellow crazy ant control activities in Townsville and adjacent to the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area in Cairns.

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 2026–27*.

Water services and infrastructure

In 2026–27, the Australian Government is estimated to provide \$808.9 million to support the delivery of water services and infrastructure in the states.

Table 2.9.2: Water services and infrastructure^(a)

\$million	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
National Partnership payments					
Great Artesian Basin Water Security Program	6.4	12.7	9.7	-	-
Implementing water reform in the Murray–Darling Basin	18.0	15.0	9.0	-	-
Improving Compliance in the Murray–Darling Basin	9.0	4.3	-	-	-
Restoring the upper Murrumbidgee River program	7.3	6.0	1.0	1.0	-
Sustainable rural water use and infrastructure program	479.2	357.1	3.0	-	-
Water for the Environment Special Account					
Implementation of Constraints Measures	35.4	69.3	-	-	-
Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program	139.0	210.4	131.8	-	-
Sustainable Communities Program	15.9	72.5	55.5	46.0	-
Total	718.2	808.9	310.0	97.9	-

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

Great Artesian Basin Water Security Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	3.8	-	2.0	-	-	-	6.4
2026-27	-	-	10.0	-	1.2	-	-	1.4	12.7
2027-28	-	-	7.5	-	1.2	-	-	0.6	9.7
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	21.3	-	4.5	-	-	2.0	28.8

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding under the Great Artesian Basin Water Security 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.

Implementing water reform in the Murray–Darling Basin^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	7.7	5.7	2.1	-	1.7	-	0.8	-	18.0
2026-27	6.4	4.8	1.7	-	1.4	-	0.7	-	15.0
2027-28	3.9	2.9	1.0	-	0.8	-	0.4	-	9.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	18.0	13.4	4.8	-	3.9	-	1.8	-	42.0

a) A portion of funding is not for publication due to ongoing Basin Plan negotiations.

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

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	4.9	0.7	1.9	-	1.5	-	-	-	9.0
2026-27	0.9	0.9	0.6	-	1.9	-	-	-	4.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5.8	1.5	2.6	-	3.4	-	-	-	13.3

The Australian Government is providing 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.

Restoring the upper Murrumbidgee River program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	4.7	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	-	7.3
2026-27	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	-	6.0
2027-28	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	1.0
2028-29	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	1.0
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9.5	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	-	15.3

The Australian Government is providing funding to New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory for activities that will improve the health of the upper Murrumbidgee River. This includes projects that will address the decline in river health, and science and monitoring activities.

Sustainable rural water use and infrastructure program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	313.4	126.4	1.5	-	31.6	-	-	-	479.2
2026-27	289.8	41.9	-	-	24.7	-	-	-	357.1
2027-28	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	3.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	603.2	168.3	1.5	-	59.3	-	-	-	839.4

a) State allocations are indicative estimates only and to be determined on the signing of agreements.

The Australian Government funds several measures under this program to support delivery of the Murray–Darling Basin Plan, including implementation of supply measures. The program also funds support for communities throughout the Murray–Darling Basin and efforts to improve the health of wetlands and freshwater ecosystems.

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 2026–27*.

Water for the Environment Special Account

The Water for the Environment Special Account (WESA) sets aside Commonwealth funding to pay for projects that contribute to enhancing the environmental outcomes that can be achieved by the Basin Plan. This may include improving the water efficiency of irrigation infrastructure, purchasing water for the environment, or addressing any detrimental social or economic impact associated with a project or water purchase.

Implementation of Constraints Measures^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	8.4	2.3	-	-	22.8	-	-	-	35.4
2026-27	12.5	6.5	-	-	49.8	-	-	-	69.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	20.9	8.8	-	-	72.7	-	-	-	104.7

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

The Australian Government is providing funding to New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia to ease or remove physical and operational constraints that restrict the delivery of water to environmental assets. Measures are being implemented in and along the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Goulburn rivers of the Murray–Darling Basin. Funding for constraints measures is also provided under the Sustainable Rural and Water Use and Infrastructure Program.

Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	33.6	2.0	-	-	19.6	-	-	-	139.0
2026-27	12.3	75.2	-	-	6.7	-	-	-	210.4
2027-28	~	50.0	-	-	4.9	-	-	-	131.8
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	45.8	127.2	-	-	31.2	-	-	-	481.2

a) Totals include unallocated funding.

The Australian Government is providing funding for state-led water management, water delivery and efficiency measures to recover water towards Murray–Darling Basin Plan recovery targets in the WESA. This investment reduces water losses and improves water management by upgrading infrastructure leading to improved river health, agricultural activity and generating benefits for the local and regional communities. This program replaced the Off-farm Efficiency Program to deliver against the *Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023*.

Sustainable Communities Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	2.9	nfp	nfp	-	13.0	-	-	-	15.9
2026-27	64.5	nfp	nfp	-	8.0	-	-	-	72.5
2027-28	54.5	nfp	nfp	-	1.0	-	-	-	55.5
2028-29	46.0	nfp	nfp	-	-	-	-	-	46.0
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	167.9	nfp	nfp	-	22.0	-	-	-	189.9

a) A portion of funding is not for publication due to ongoing Basin Plan negotiations.

The Australian Government is providing funding for community adjustment assistance to minimise socio-economic impacts of water purchase towards the Murray–Darling Basin Plan recovery target of 450 gigalitres per year of additional environmental water.