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1. Program overview

These guidelines set out the funding rules for the Improving Your Local Parks and Environment program (the program) to deliver on specific election commitments made throughout the 2016 federal election campaign. The program aims to build environmental awareness and ensure communities have better and more accessible green spaces. Funding will support communities to revitalise, maintain and improve local parks, nature reserves, rivers, coastal areas and community facilities. It will be a non-competitive round open only to pre-determined applicants for 24 identified projects at Appendix B.

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science is responsible for administering the program on behalf of the Department of the Environment and Energy, according to the requirements of the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines](#).¹

The program, which will run over four years from 2016-17 to 2019-20, was announced as part of the Support Your Local Parks and Environment program². Other sub-components of the Support Your Local Parks and Environment program include an expanded solar communities program, and assisting surf lifesaving clubs.

The objectives of the program are to:

- protect, enhance, rehabilitate and/or restore ecosystems and natural habitats
- control and eradicate weeds and invasive species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species
- promote an understanding of the importance of conserving biological diversity
- promote and recognise the role of indigenous people in conserving biological biodiversity
- promote and encourage ecologically sustainable practices
- facilitate adaption to climate change.

The Australian Government can invest in activities within the Commonwealth's constitutional and legislative powers. This includes activities that fulfil Australia's obligations under international environment treaties and agreements. The program's objectives contribute to one or more of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets under the *Convention on Biological Diversity* (CBD).

The Australian Government recognises the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem services through its *Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010–2030* (ABCS). The Australian Government also has a national scheme of environment and heritage protection and biodiversity conservation under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

This program will help the Australian Government meet its national and international obligations, including under the CBD and the EPBC Act. All funded projects must align with the program objectives.

By investing in local and regional projects, the Australian Government recognises the important contribution local communities play in assisting Australia to realise its national and international obligations.

The grants will be delivered through a single funding round starting in early 2017. This round is open to the 24 projects worth \$14.35 million that the government identified during the 2016 election

¹ <http://www.finance.gov.au/resource-management/grants/>

² [Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2016-17](#)

campaign. A list of these projects is provided at Appendix B. In addition to the pre-determined projects, the Minister may select discretionary proposals, providing such proposals meet the objectives of the program.

We will publish the [opening and closing dates](#) on business.gov.au. We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in Appendix A.

You should read this document carefully before you fill out an application.

2. Grant amount and grant period

2.1 Grants available

During the 2016 election campaign, the government committed to fund 24 projects targeting its objective to build environmental awareness and ensure communities have better and more accessible green spaces.

The selected projects and maximum grant funding amount for each project under the Improving Your Local Parks and Environment program is provided at Appendix B.

The awarding of grants for projects will depend upon receipt of an eligible application that satisfactorily addresses the selection criteria.

If you are able to deliver your project for less than the amount indicated at Appendix B then the grant amount will be reduced.

If you are unable to complete your project with the funding amount indicated in Appendix B and are not able to co-contribute the additional funds needed, you may still apply for the project activities that you are able to complete with the nominated funding amount.

The final amount of any grant awarded will be at the discretion of the Minister for the Environment and Energy. The funding allocated is subject to the Minister's discretion, allowing funds to be allocated in the most effective, efficient, economical and ethical way.

2.2 Project duration

Projects must be completed by 30 June 2020 or earlier.

3. Eligibility criteria

3.1 Who is eligible?

Only organisations undertaking a project identified in Appendix B of these guidelines are eligible to apply. If your project is listed in Appendix B you must have an ABN, and be one of the following:

- an incorporated entity or association
- an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- a publicly funded research organisation (PFRO) as defined in Appendix A
- a not for profit organisation, including community groups with voting and/or financial membership of at least five individuals
- a local government agency or body
- an Australian state/territory government agency or body.

If you do not meet these requirements, you must partner with an eligible organisation.

Joint applications are acceptable, provided you have a lead applicant who is the main driver of the project and is eligible to apply.

3.2 Additional eligibility requirements

In order to be eligible you must provide evidence from your Board (or support from the owner or Chief Executive Officer if there is no Board) that the project is supported, and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding.

3.3 Eligible projects

To be eligible for funding, projects must

- be consistent with the project description in Appendix B
- meet one or more of the objectives of the program.

If you cannot complete the project for the nominated funding amount, you can apply to change the project scope as outlined in Appendix B, providing that the revised scope meets the program objectives and is within the agreed funding.

Projects completed before you enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth are not eligible.

3.4 Eligible expenditure

You can only spend grant funds on eligible expenditure you have incurred on an agreed project as defined in your grant agreement.

Eligible expenditure can include:

- salaries for staff and direct salary and on-costs for personnel directly employed for the project activities (on a pro-rata basis relative to their time commitment)
- contractor costs or expert advice directly related to the project
- research costs to help support the project outcomes
- communication and promotional costs directly related to the project
- costs you incur to obtain planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals during the project period. However, associated fees paid to the Commonwealth, state, territory and local governments are not eligible.
- materials and equipment hire and or purchase directly related to the project.

The Program Delegate (who is an AusIndustry general manager with responsibility for the program) makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

We will not make any grant payments until there is an executed grant agreement in place. We are not responsible for any of your project expenditure until a grant agreement is in place. If you choose to start your project before you have an executed grant agreement, you do so at your own risk.

3.5 Ineligible expenditure

Ineligible expenditure includes

- routine operation or running costs including accommodation, office facilities, printing and stationery, postage, legal and accounting fees and bank charges
- costs incurred prior to your grant agreement being executed

- any in-kind contributions
- financial costs, including interest
- any costs associated with the development of an application (for example, preparation of applications)
- costs of purchasing, leasing, depreciation of, or development of land.

This list is not exhaustive and applies only to the expenditure of the grant funds. Expenditure may also be ineligible where we decide that it does not directly support the achievement of the planned outcomes for the project or is contrary to the objective of the program.

4. The merit criteria you need to address

To be funded, you must have the capacity, capability and resources to undertake the project. Your project must also meet the policy objectives and achieve value for relevant money. This applies to all grant spending proposals including those identified in election commitments.

We will assess your application against each of the merit criteria using equal weighting.

4.1 Merit criterion 1

How will your project contribute to the program objectives? (10 points)

- a. Provide a project description and brief overview of the proposed work.
- b. Provide a statement as to how the project will meet the program objectives.

4.2 Merit criterion 2

The value for money offered by your project (10 points)

- a. Provide a budget for your project.
- b. Provide quotes to show the costs of the proposed works.

4.3 Merit criterion 3

Your capacity, capability and resources to carry out the project (10 points)

- a. Describe your plan for carrying out the project.
- b. Demonstrate you have or will have all necessary planning, regulatory or other approvals required.

5 How we assess your application (selection process)

We first assess your application against the eligibility criteria and then against the merit criteria. Only eligible applications will proceed to the merit assessment stage.

To be recommended for funding your application must score highly against each merit criterion.

We will assess any changes you have proposed to project activities and locations, outlined in Appendix B, against the program objectives and in terms of value for money.

If the assessment process identifies unintentional errors in your application, we may contact you to correct or clarify the errors, but you cannot make any material alteration or addition.

5.1 Final decision

The Minister for the Environment and Energy will decide which grants to approve taking into account the funding recommendations and the availability of grant funds.

If you are successful, you will receive a written offer.

If you are unsuccessful, we will notify you in writing and give you an opportunity to discuss the outcome with us.

The Minister's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the approval of applications for funding
- the grant funding amount to be awarded
- the terms and conditions of funding.

The Minister will not approve funding if there is insufficient funding available across financial years.

We cannot review decisions.

6. How to apply

Before applying you should read these guidelines and the grant agreement. View the [grant agreement](#) at business.gov.au.

To apply, you must:

- complete the online Improving Your Local Parks and Environment [application form](#) on business.gov.au
- provide all the information we need to assess your application
- address all eligibility and merit criteria
- include all necessary attachments.

When you submit your online application we will provide you with an automated receipt number and a link. The link goes to a page where you can enter your email address to receive acknowledgment and a copy of your complete application.

You are responsible for making sure your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code 1995 (Cth)*. We will investigate any false or misleading information and may not consider your application for the grant. If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should phone us immediately on 13 28 46.

If we find an error or information that is missing we may ask for clarification or additional information from you that will not change the nature of your application. However we can refuse to accept any additional information from you that would change your submission after the application closing time.

If you need further guidance around the application process or if you are unable to submit an application online [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling us on 13 28 46.

6.1 Attachments to the application

We require the following documents with your application

- evidence of support from the board, owner or CEO (mandatory)
- evidence of any planning approvals for the project, including the permission of the landowner or land manager for any project on private or public land (where relevant)

- project partner letters of support (mandatory for joint applications).

You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

6.2 Joint applications

We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a group to deliver a project. In these circumstances, you must appoint a lead organisation. Only the lead organisation will enter into, and be responsible for the grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The lead organisation must complete the application form and identify all other members of the proposed group. The application should also include a letter of support from each of the project partner organisations involved in the proposal. Each letter of support should include:

- details of the project partner organisation
- an overview of how the organisation will work with the lead organisation and any other project partner organisations to successfully complete the grant activity / project
- an outline of the relevant experience and/ or expertise the organisation will bring to the group
- the roles/ responsibilities the organisation will undertake, and the resources it will contribute (if any)
- details of a nominated management level contact officer.

7. If your application is successful

7.1 Grant agreement

You must enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, acting on behalf of the Commonwealth. Two types of grant agreements will be used for the program. The type of grant agreement will depend on the size and complexity of your project. Sample [grant agreements](#) are available on [business.gov.au](#).

We will not make any grant payments until there is an executed grant agreement in place. We are not responsible for any of your project expenditure until a grant agreement is in place.

The funding approval may have specific conditions as a result of the assessment process or other considerations made by the Minister. We will identify these in the offer of funding.

If you enter an agreement under the program, you cannot receive other grants for this project from other Commonwealth, state or territory granting programs.

You must complete all program activities by 30 June 2020.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

7.1.1 Exchange of letters agreement

We will use an exchange of letters to enter into a grant agreement for projects receiving up to \$60,000 (GST exclusive). This grant agreement comprises your completed application form and the letter of offer we send you advising that your application has been successful. The agreement is considered to be executed from the date you sign and send the letter back to us.

7.1.2 Low risk grant agreement

We will use a low risk grant agreement for projects receiving more than \$60,000 (GST excl.).

You will have 30 days from the date of a written offer to execute this grant agreement with the Commonwealth ('execute' means both you and the Commonwealth have signed the agreement). During this time we will work with you to finalise details. The offer may lapse if both parties do not execute the grant agreement within this time. Under certain circumstances we may extend this period. We base the approval of your grant on the information you provide in your application. We will review any required changes to these details to ensure they do not impact the project as approved by the Minister.

7.2 How we pay the grant

The grant agreements will state the maximum grant amount.

We will not exceed the maximum grant amount under any circumstances. If you incur extra eligible expenditure, you must meet it yourself.

For grants up to \$60,000 (GST excl.), grant funding will be paid as a single payment within 30 days of you signing the approval letter or grant agreement.

For grants over \$60,000 (GST excl.), we make an initial payment on execution of the grant agreement covering up to 6 months of eligible expenditure. We will make subsequent payments progressively based on your progress reports and your eligible expenditure. We set aside ten per cent of the total grant funding for the final payment. We will pay this when you submit a satisfactory final report. We may need to adjust your progress payments to align with available program funds across financial years and to ensure we retain a minimum 10 per cent of grant funding for final payment.

7.3 How we monitor your project

You must submit progress and financial reports in line with your grant agreement. We will provide sample templates for these reports as appendices in the grant agreement. You will also be able to download them from business.gov.au. We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due. We will expect you to report on:

- progress against agreed project milestones
- project expenditure, including expenditure of grant funds.

The amount of detail you provide in your reports should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount.

We will monitor the progress of your project by assessing reports you submit. Occasionally we may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments.

7.4 Progress report

Progress reports must:

- include evidence showing you have completed the agreed project activities
- show the total eligible expenditure incurred to achieve milestones
- be submitted by the report due date, within four weeks of the milestone due date.

We will only make grant payments when we receive satisfactory progress reports.

You must discuss any project or milestone reporting delays with us as soon as you become aware of them.

7.5 Final report

At the completion of the project, you must submit a final report.

Final reports must:

- include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement
- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred for the project
- be submitted within four weeks of completing the project
- be in the format provided in the grant agreement.

7.6 Ad hoc report

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your project. This may include progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the project.

7.7 Project variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect project progress. In these circumstances, you can request a change to your project, including:

- changing project milestones
- extending the timeframe for completing the project without going beyond 30 June 2020.

You must request any changes in writing and we must agree in writing before you assume the variation is approved.

The program does not allow for:

- material changes to approved project activities that change the outcome of the project
- an increase to the agreed amount of grant funds
- extending the timeframe for completing the project beyond 30 June 2020.

If you want to propose changes to the grant agreement, you must put this in writing before the grant agreement end date. We can provide you with a variation request template. We will not consider changes after the grant agreement end date.

If a delay in the project causes milestone achievement and payment dates to move to a different financial year, you will need a variation to the grant agreement. We can only move funds between financial years if there is enough program funding in the relevant year to allow for the revised payment schedule. If we cannot move the funds, you may lose some grant funding.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on factors such as:

- how it affects the project outcome
- consistency with the program policy objective and any relevant policies of the department
- changes to the timing of grant payments
- availability of program funds.

7.8 Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your project or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your project, carry on business and pay debts due.

You must also inform us of any changes to your

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details.

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the grant agreement you must contact us immediately.

7.9 Evaluation

An evaluation of the program will be conducted to determine the extent to which the funded activity is contributing to the objectives and outcomes of the program. We may use information from your application and project reports. We may also interview you, or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted the grantees and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes. You may be contacted up to one year after you finish your project for more information to assist with this evaluation.

7.10 Tax obligations

If you are registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST), we will add GST to your grant payment and provide you with a recipient created tax invoice (RCTI).

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#). We do not provide advice on tax.

7.11 Other obligations

You must comply with any legislation, policies, planning requirements and industry standards required in undertaking your funded project.

8. Conflicts of interest

For staff, technical experts and others who help to manage, assess and evaluate the program, a conflict of interest can exist if there is a conflict between:

- their program duties, roles and responsibilities; and
- their private interests (where these interests could inappropriately influence the way they manage the program).

Private interests include an individual's own personal, professional or business interests or the interests of individuals or groups they are closely associated with. This includes relatives, friends or other affiliations.

A conflict of interest can be:

- real (or actual)
- apparent (or perceived)
- potential.

8.1 How we manage conflicts of interest

We manage conflicts of interest according to the *APS Code of Conduct (section 13 (7) of the Public Service Act 1999)*. We publish our conflict of interest policy on the [Department of Industry, Innovation and Science³](#) website.

Officials must declare any conflicts of interest. A delegated authority receives all declarations and assesses them to determine whether a conflict of interest exists and whether it is significant. In the event that a conflict of interest is found, that individual will be advised what they must do to manage the conflict. For example, if a conflict of interest is a cause for concern, that official will not take part in the assessment of applications under the program.

If the Minister cannot make a decision under the program without a conflict of interest arising, the Finance Minister will become the final decision maker.

9. How we use your information

9.1 How we treat your information

We'll treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets one of the four conditions below:

1. You clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential.
2. The information is commercially sensitive.
3. Revealing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else.
4. You provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

We may share the information you give us with other Commonwealth agencies for any purposes including government administration, research or service delivery and according to Australian laws, including the:

- *Public Service Act 1999* (Cth)
- *Public Service Regulations 1999* (Cth)
- *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (Cth)
- *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth)
- *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth)
- *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

9.1.1 When we may reveal confidential information

We may reveal confidential information:

- to Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the program effectively
- to employees and contractors of our department, so we can research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities

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<http://www.industry.gov.au/AboutUs/InformationPublicationScheme/Ourpolicies/Pages/Library%20Card/ConflictofInterestInsideTradeExpectationsofInnovationEmployees.aspx>

- to employees and contractors of other Commonwealth agencies for any purposes, including government administration, research or service delivery
- to other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agencies in program reports and consultations
- to the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- to the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister
- to a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

We may also reveal confidential information if:

- we are required or allowed by law to reveal it, or
- you agree to the information being revealed before we reveal it, or
- someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

9.2 How we use your personal information

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988*. This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- who we give your personal information to.

We collect personal information from you, and may give that information to our employees and contractors, the [committee], and other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can:

- manage the program
- research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities.

We, or our Minister, may:

- announce the names of successful applicants to the public
- publish personal information on the department's websites.

Please read our [Privacy Policy](#)⁴ on the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science website for more information on:

- what is personal information
- how we collect, use, store and reveal your personal information
- how you can access and correct your personal information.

9.3 Public announcement

We will publish non-sensitive details of successful projects on business.gov.au and the [Department of the Environment and Energy](#)⁵ website. We do this as per the reporting requirements of the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines* and consistent with the [Australian Government Public Data Policy Statement](#)⁶, unless otherwise prohibited by law. This information may include:

- name of your organisation

⁴ <http://www.industry.gov.au/Pages/PrivacyPolicy.aspx>

⁵ <https://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/accountability-reporting/grants-listing>

⁶ <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/resource-centre/data/australian-government-public-data-policy-statement>

- title of the project
- description of the project and its aims
- amount of grant funding awarded
- Australian Business Number
- business location
- your organisation's industry sector.

We publish this information to ensure open access to non-sensitive data within Australian Government agencies to enable greater innovation and productivity across all sectors of the Australian economy.

9.4 Freedom of information

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) applies to all documents we create, receive or store about the program. If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you and/or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

10. Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](#) or through our [online enquiry form](#) on business.gov.au.

We may publish answers to your questions on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

The AusIndustry [Customer Service Charter](#) is available at business.gov.au. AusIndustry uses customer satisfaction surveys to improve its business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, call us on 13 28 46. We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact:

Head of Division
AusIndustry Business Services
GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#)⁷ with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

⁷ <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/>

Appendix A. Definitions of key terms

In these *Guidelines* unless otherwise defined:

Applicant means an entity that submits an *application* for Improving Your Local Parks and Environment *program funding*.

Application form means the document issued by the *Program Delegate* that *applicants* use to apply for funding under the *program*.

AusIndustry means the division of the same name within the *Department of Industry, Innovation and Science*

Department means the *Department of Industry, Innovation and Science*.

Eligible application means an application or proposal for *grant funding* under the *program* that the *Program Delegate* has determined is eligible for assessment in accordance with these *guidelines*.

Eligible expenditure means the expenditure incurred by a *Grantee* on a *project* and which is eligible for funding support. This is decided by the *Program Delegate* in accordance with these *guidelines* and the *grant agreement*.

Grant agreement means a single agreement for a grant received under the *program* for a *project*.

Grant funding or **Grant funds** means the funding made available by the Commonwealth of Australia to successful *applicants* under the *program*.

Grantee means an entity that has been offered funding and has entered into a *grant agreement* with the Commonwealth in relation to the *program*.

Local Government agency or body is generally referred to as a local council, as defined by the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*.

Minister means the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

Personal Information means the same as in the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*.

Program means the Improving Your Local Parks and Environment program.

Program Delegate means an employee of the *department* who is authorised by the *Minister*, or is otherwise duly authorised, to carry out the relevant functions in respect of the *program*.

Program funding or **Program funds** means the funding made available by the Commonwealth for the *program* in any given financial year. This is the funding specified in the Portfolio Budget Statement (as varied by any Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement or by the *Minister*) for that year.

Project means a project described in an *application* for Improving Your Local Parks and Environment *program funding*.

Publicly funded research organisation means all higher education providers listed in Table A and Table B of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth)* as well as corporate Commonwealth entities, state and territory government departments or agencies which undertake publicly funded research.

Appendix B - Eligible projects

Project Title	Organisation	State	Description	Funding amount (GST excl)
Keep Australia Beautiful	Keep Australia Beautiful	N/A	To reduce litter entering waterways to keep local environments healthy	\$300,000
Clean Up Australia	Clean Up Australia	N/A	To reduce litter entering waterways to keep local environments healthy.	\$300,000
Tangaroa Blue	Tangaroa Blue	N/A	Towards reducing marine debris.	\$120,000
Banksia Foundation	Banksia Foundation	N/A	To support and recognise sustainable practices across Australia.	\$100,000
Tuggerah Lakes River Recovery	Central Coast Council	NSW	Clean up and maintain Tuggerah Lakes, including installation and replacement of gross pollutant traps, clean-up of foreshore areas and catchment and creek maintenance works.	\$3 million
Cooks River Recovery - Stage 1	Inner West Council and City of Canterbury Bankstown Council	NSW	Water Sensitive Urban Design and Recreation Node and shade planting at HJ Mahoney Reserve; Removal of lower branches on vegetation and plantings at Steel Park; stormwater works for Illawarra Road and Thornley Street; and Bank stabilisation and riparian corridor protection and enhancement at Waterworth Park.	\$1 million
Georges River Recovery Plan	Georges River Council and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and City of Canterbury Bankstown Council	NSW	Rehabilitation of Georges River through revegetation, removal of invasive species and track work and installation of exclusion fencing to reduce environmental degradation.	\$1 million
Fairfax Local Environment Plan	Descendants of the Australia South Sea Islanders Association Inc	QLD	Construction of a new boardwalk for Descendants of the Australia South Sea Islanders Inc Indigenous Land to connect indigenous land to existing heritage trail, south of Maroochy River in Bli Bli.	\$200,000

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Brisbane River Recovery	Healthy Waterways and Catchments Ltd	QLD	Project includes vegetation of Water Smart Street Trees, Rain Gardens and other water sensitive urban design, to reduce storm water and road run off; funding to tackle sediment run off at Teneriffe Park; riparian planting and erosion control projects for tributaries into the Brisbane River, including Enoggera Creek and funding for the Waterways Clean Up program to directly remove litter from the river.	\$560,000
Moreton Environmental Action	Brisbane City Council	QLD	Rehabilitation of the Granard Wetlands and creating habitat in the Eight Mile Plains Billabong.	\$300,000
Whitehaven Beach Circuit Track - Stage 1	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service	QLD	Construction of a hardened circuit walking track and a lookout deck at the southern end of Whitehaven Beach in the Whitsundays to help address issues of overcrowding at the popular tourist destination.	\$300,000
Multi-use bike path in Burrum Heads	Fraser Coast Regional Council	QLD	Construction of a bike path in Burrum Heads.	\$250,000
Marine Discovery Centre Upgrade	Star of the Sea Catholic Parish Primary School Henley Beach	SA	Upgrade to interactive models and facilities to improve learning experience of children who visit the centre	\$100,000
Mersey Bluff Sea Walk	Rotary Club of Devonport North	TAS	Feasibility study for the proposed cantilevered walkway around the Devonport Bluff. The sea walk would offer immersive and interpretative experience that highlights the geomorphological aspects and the Aboriginal history of the Mersey Bluff.	\$60,000
Circular Head Duck River Eastern Foreshore Rockwall	Circular Head Council	TAS	Construction of the Eastern Foreshore Rockwall from the Duck River Bridge to Murray Street, Smithton. The rockwall will open up the foreshore for the council to create more park and recreational facilities.	\$250,000
Dandenong Ranges commitment	CSIRO	VIC	Biological control of bushfire-promoting weeds such as ivy and sycamore.	\$1 million

Project Title	Organisation	State	Description	Funding amount (GST excl)
Swan-Canning River Recovery – Stage 2	Perth NRM	WA	Project will support the removal of the aquatic weed hydrocotyle in the Swan-Canning River System, raising community awareness, assisting with riverbank stabilisation and replanting.	\$1 million
Joondanna Community Garden	Joondanna Community Food Garden Incorporated	WA	For the installation of a permanent gazebo to be used as a community engagement and learning centre at the Joondanna Community Garden.	\$10,000
Robertson Local Environment Plan	Central Coast Council	NSW	Funding to support the upgrade of the Five Lands Walk track and construction of a boardwalk between Willow Road and Balfour Close to protect the Springfield Street Wetland Reserve. Funding will also be provided for Clean4Shore for cleaning of waterways.	\$1.5 million
Cook Local Environment Plan	Sutherland Shire Council and Georges River Council	NSW	Restoration of Carss Park Channel and regeneration of local bushlands in the Sutherland Shire Council area.	\$1.2 million
Geographe Bay Artificial Reef	Regional Development Australia (South West)	WA	Trial artificial reef construction in Geographe Bay to allow for coral development and the enhancement of fish species.	\$300,000
Shoalhaven River Embankment	Shoalhaven City Council	NSW	Project will combine plantings with rock structures to improve bank stability of the Shoalhaven River embankment near Bolong Road.	\$300,000
Korean Themed Community Garden	Strathfield City Council	NSW	Proposal includes construction of a community garden to ensure protection of nearby wetlands, including construction of additional car parking and infrastructure and development of Korean themed landscaping and architectural elements in Bressington Park, Homebush.	\$1 million
Koala habitat restoration in Richmond	Tweed Shire Council	NSW	For Koala habitat restoration projects identified in the Tweed Coast Koala Plan of Management.	\$200,000