



Australian Government

**National
Landcare
Programme**



Community information sessions



Cleaner Environment Plan

Four pillars:

1. Clean Air

includes 20 Million Trees – also Clean Land

2. Clean Land

includes Green Army and National Landcare Programme

3. Clean Water


includes Reef 2050 and Reef Trust

4. National Heritage



Agriculture

Commitment to a vibrant, innovative and competitive agricultural sector

- Informed by the White Paper on the Competitiveness of the Agricultural Sector
 - Supported by National Strategic documents such as
 - Australian Weed Strategy
 - Vertebrate Pests Strategy
 - RD&E Soil Strategy
 - RD&E Strategy for Water Use in Agriculture
 - National Fishing and Aquaculture Research, Development and Extension (RD&E) Strategy
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Investing \$2 billion over four years in managing our natural resources




National Landcare Programme

Australian Government's key natural resource management programme

- \$1 billion over four years
- The National Landcare Programme will contribute to:
 - The **Clean Land** and **Clean Air** pillars of the Government's Cleaner Environment Plan and;
 - The Government's commitment to support a vibrant, innovative and competitive agriculture sector

National Landcare Advisory Committee

- Will be comprised of expert members from the NRM community
 - Will provide advice to the Natural Heritage Ministerial Board on:
 - Investment priorities
 - Implementation and effectiveness
 - Community consultation & engagement
 - Achievement of outcomes
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National Landcare Programme

So what's changed?

Simple

Local



Long-term

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Strategic Objectives

Strategic objectives	Strategic outcomes
<i>Strategic objective 1: Communities are managing landscapes to sustain long-term economic and social benefits from their environment.</i>	<i>Maintain and improve ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes.</i>
<i>Strategic objective 2: Farmers and fishers are increasing their long term returns through better management of the natural resource base.</i>	<i>Increase in the number of farmers and fishers adopting practices that improve the quality of the natural resource base, and the area of land over which those practices are applied.</i>
<i>Strategic objective 3: Communities are involved in caring for their environment.</i>	<i>Increase engagement and participation of the community, including landcare, farmers and Indigenous people, in sustainable natural resource management.</i>
<i>Strategic objective 4: Communities are protecting species and natural assets.</i>	<i>Increase restoration and rehabilitation of the natural environment, including protecting and conserving nationally and internationally significant species, ecosystems, ecological communities, places and values.</i>

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Regional Stream

National Stream

NRM Groups

- Regional plan
- Small, Medium and Large projects

\$454m over 4 years

Large Projects >\$200,000

Medium Projects \$50,000 to \$200,000

Small Projects <\$50,000 (\$90m over 4 years)

Local Programmes

- Coastal River Recovery
- Whales and Dolphins
- Cane toads
- Dandenong Ranges
- Cumberland conservation corridor
- Clean up Australia and Keep Australia beautiful grants

World Heritage

Indigenous Protected Areas

Reef Programme

Environmental Stewardship Programme

Target Area Grants

Landcare Networks

Small grants

20 Million Trees

Biosecurity Incursion Management

Landcare representation and community engagement

Landcare groups and other land and environment managers

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Biosecurity Incursion Management

Cost-shared agreements with state/territory governments

- All levels of government and affected industries work cooperatively to implement national eradication programs
- Undertaken when the elimination of a pest or disease is justified and feasible and a national cost-sharing agreement is in place
 - Examples include: Red Imported Fire Ant, Banana Freckle, Avian Influenza

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20 Million Trees Programme



Competitive Grants

- \$8 million over four years for competitive grants between \$20,000 & \$100,000
- Guidelines will be released in coming months.

National Service Provider(s)

Tender process to engage one or more national service providers.

Service provider/s will be contracted to deliver larger-scale revegetation projects.

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Local Programmes

- Coastal River Recovery initiatives
 - Torrens; Swan Canning; Tamar; Tuggerah Lakes; Yarra
- Keep Australia Beautiful and Clean Up Australia
- Cumberland Conservation Corridor
- Dandenong Ranges Programme
- Kimberley Cane Toad Clean Up
- Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan



National Stream

Support for national and state Landcare network

\$1 million in 2014-15 for state, territory and national Landcare networks to:

- Build network capacity
- Share knowledge and deliver projects
- Involve groups in Green Army & 20 Million Trees
- Strengthen links between NRM organisations and Landcare networks



National Stream

25th Anniversary Landcare Grants

- Grants of between \$5,000 & \$20,000 for local community groups, including landcare, farmers, and other land managers
- For projects that:
 - actively engage communities in NRM activities
 - build community awareness and skills in NRM
 - protect, restore and conserve environment
- Call for applications around mid September

Regional Stream

Design principles

- Focus on locally driven NRM activities
- Community engagement & participation
- Public good outcomes
- Simpler, robust monitoring and reporting
- Appropriate risk management



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Regional Stream

Delivery through regional NRM organisations

- **\$454 million over four years**
- Minimum of 20% to be invested in local NRM community projects and engagement
 - \$90 million over 4 years
- Apply under new guidelines or renegotiate existing contracts



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- **Community engagement / participation**
 - Landcare groups
 - Farmer groups
 - Community groups
 - Land managers

Small & medium projects
- **NRM planning to guide investments**
 - with community input
 - sound scientific basis

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natural resource management community



- Community
 - landholders and land managers, community groups, including Landcare and Indigenous groups, farmers etc.
- Work with regional NRM organisations and Landcare networks to set priorities
- Plan and deliver small projects



Community

- Build organisational capacity across networks
- Work with regional NRM organisations to set priorities
- Coordinate and engage volunteer groups in NRM activities

Landcare networks

- Key delivery agents
- Greater autonomy
- Regional planning – using science and community to set priorities
- Strong governance
- Partner with community and industry
- Accountable



Regional NRM organisations

- Address statutory NRM responsibilities
- Partner with regions
- Coordinate with Australian Government on integrated delivery
 - Maximise co-investment opportunities

Local, state and territory governments

Australian Government Role

- Provide leadership on nationwide NRM issues
- Address strategic or emerging issues
- Support Landcare networks
- Facilitate regional natural resource management organisation excellence
- Reduce red tape
- Ensure accountability and transparency





Before (1989)



After (2009)

Programme integration

Green Army Programme



- Green Army teams delivering outcomes across environmental themes
- Complementary to the National Landcare Programme
- Delivered by five Service Providers
 - Landcare Australia with Manpower Services; CVA; Job Futures; Workskil Australia; and Campbell Page with Skillset
- Regional NRM organisations acting as brokers
 - linking community groups with service providers



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National Landcare Programme Consultation Survey

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****Closes 29 August 2014****