

2017 State Budget Breakdown - NRM and Landcare 'Protecting the Environment'



Items identified as protecting environment	Total (\$m)	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	Comments / Questions	Budget paper reference / relevant gov't department
Plastic Bag Ban	?	?	?	?	?	Mentioned in media statements could not source in budget. Please confirm and specify allocations.	
Rehabilitating the Beelihar Wetlands	?	?	?	?	?	Mentioned in fact sheets but could not source in budget. Could be part of allocated \$1.6m (see below)? Can you please confirm and specify allocations?	
*NRM Program	21.8	3.7	5.7	6.2	6.2	\$1.6m allocated in 17/18 for metro areas. Recognised oversight in future years for Metro NRM/ Landcare, govt working on appropriations, confirmation to WALN TBC. \$14.6m as part of RFR	Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Aboriginal Ranger Program	16	4	4	4	4	Plus 4m for 21 / 22? \$20m announced, perhaps budget from other than RFR also?	Vol 1 Part 6 Division 12 p195 - 213 Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions Royalties for regions funding Vol 3 p226
*Bushfire Mitigation on Crown Land Regional Townsites	14.3	5	5	4.3		Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components	Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Regional Estuaries Initiative	13.6	5.7	4.6	3.3			Not sourced in budget papers Water and Environmental Regulation? Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Murujuga Joint Management	12	9	1	1	1	Unsure if this is included in Murujuga NP and Burrup Infrastructure item \$4m funding from RFR	Vol 1 Part 6 Division 12 p195 - 213 Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Enhanced Prescribed Burning Program	11	5.5	5.5			Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components	
*Managing Western Australia's Natural Resources: Supporting Community Involvement	10.2	6.2	4			Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components. WALN to compile further info on this project. How does this relate to State NRM program?	Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
Wild Dogs Action Plan 'Works in Progress'	10.1	6.8	2.7	0.6		2.4m allocated for 16/17 See also below	Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development
Abrolhos Island Sustainability	10			5	5	Is this all 'protecting environment'?	Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development
Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program	8.6	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.25	.15m allocated for 16/17	Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development
Murujuga NP and Burrup Peninsula 'Infrastructure', inc 'Living Knowledge Centre'	8					Is this all 'protecting environment'? Cannot locate in budget. Maybe this is 'Murujuga Joint management identified below.	
*Watering Western Australia	6.5	1	2.5	3		WALN to compile further info on this project Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components	Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Great Kimberly Marine Park	5.8	5.8				Unsure how this fits into other Kimberly Park funding from Dept BCA	Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Public Recreation and Joint Management Arrangements for the Ningaloo Coast	4.8	2.4	2.4			Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components	Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Marine Parks Management	4.3	1.8	2	0.6			Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Yawuru Joint Management	3.95	0.65	1.1	1.1	1.1	\$4.0m from RFR	Vol 1 Part 6 Division 12 p195 - 213 Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
Coastal Zone Management	3.75	0.9	0.95	0.95	0.95	.9m allocated for 16/17 Does this include Coastwest? Estimated \$.45m grants/ coastcare from previous allocations	Vol 2 Part 16 Division 25 p417 - 436
*Revitalising Waterways of Geopraphe Bay	3.5	2.2	1.2	0.1			Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Living Lakes (Stages 1-3)	3.4	2	1.4			WALN to compile further info on this project	Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Carnarvon Flood Mitigation Works	3.1	0.1	1.9		1.1	Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components	Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Lake Kepwari Collie Tourism Precinct	3	0.5	1	1.5		Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components	Vol 1 Part 6 Division 12 p195 - 213 Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
Peel Harvey Estuary	1.8		0.5	0.5	0.5	Where is other .3m? Does this include onground action or just planning as identified in fact sheets?	Vol 1 Part 7 Division 13 p217 - 233 Water and Environmental Regulation
Wanjari Nature Reserve	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	Unsure if this is included in above need confirmation if part of \$126m	Vol 1 Part 6 Division 12 p195 - 213 Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions
*Peel Harvey Estuary Grants	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.6		\$1.5m in budget papers	Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development
Container Deposit Scheme	1.68	?	?	?	?	Identified in part 7 but could not locate in budgeted items.	Vol 1 Part 7 Division 13 p217 - 233 Water and Environmental Regulation
Wild Dogs Action Plan	1.133	0.633	0.5			1.133m allocated for 16/17 Minister announcement of 28.6m yet cannot see these figures in budget apart from those in table. Is this \$28m	Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development
Establish Park and Reserve Network for Kimberly Buccaneer Archipelago	1	1					Vol 1 Part 6 Division 12 p195 - 213 Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions
*Albany Oyster Reef Restoration Project	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25		Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
*Lucky Bay Campground Redevelopment Stage 2	0.9	0.9				Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components	Not sourced in initial budget papers. Vol 3 p226- 227 RFR expenses table
Community Group Restoration Works along Swan and Canning Rivers	0.9		0.3	0.3	0.3		Vol 1 Part 6 Division 12 p195 - 213 Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions
Pest Animal and Weed Management in Drought Affected Areas	0.5	0.5					Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development
Peel Harvey Estuary 1 FTE	0.345	0.113	0.115	0.117			Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development
*Revitalise Collie River	0.3	0.125	0.125			Need to clarify and justify 'protecting the environment' components. Rounded up in RFR table	Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development Vol 3 p 226-227 RFR Table
Wellington Dam walk trails	0.2	0.2				Is this all 'protecting environment'?	Vol 1 Part 6 Division 12 p195 - 213 Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions"
Boosting Bio-Security Defences	0.154	0.154				.487 included in current 16/17 bringing total to .641	Vol 1 Part 10 Division 16 p285 - 307 Primary Industries and Regional Development
<b>Totals</b>	<b>191.212</b>						

\* Announced as part of R4R, may not be total amount as identified, total could be combined from other budgets.

Queries, clarifications and a bit of a win!

The WA State Budget was released on September 7. It was immediately apparent that there was a major gap in funding available to metropolitan coast and landcare groups in this budget. This is largely due to the key components of Landcare and NRM funding coming from the Royalties for Regions pool. The West Australian Landcare Network (WALN) committee and staff members have been working to address this issue and also make sense of the 'protecting the environment' items and allocations announced.

WALN has written to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Minister McTiernan, who leads the State NRM program, seeking urgent clarification on this matter, and a number of urban landcare groups have also been in touch with their local members of parliament on this issue.

We have also compiled a summary from the budget papers and public announcements made by the McGowan Government, please see spreadsheet attached. From this we have identified a range of questions that need answering, and some clarifications required. This has been sent to the state government and representatives from political opposition parties who are also seeking further clarification.

Last Wednesday we had a win in regard to the metropolitan funding gap, with a senior representative from Minister McTiernan's office responding to let us know they have been made aware of the oversight. We were told \$1.6m was currently available in the 17/18 year and were planning to address the shortfalls for 2019 -2021. We have requested a confirmation of this and further information as to how it will be allocated.

WALN would like to thank all the landcare groups and their members who contacted their local MP's to raise this issue. It shows once again that a strong collective voice for community landcare enables groups to be heard with positive outcomes.

We urge members with further information or concerns about the State Budget to get in touch so we can include any additional concerns in our representations. We will update you as soon as we have further response from the State Government.

Overall questions and recommendations

- Minister McTiernan announced Friday to Pastoralists 15th Sept, \$28.6m for Wild Dog Action Plan . Cannot find these amounts in budget. How is this funding related to protecting the environment?
- Can gov't clarify that all items are based on protecting environment? See comments for specific items in table.

Findings/ recommendations

- State Government will be commended on aboriginal ranger, joint management programs and continued NRM funding in regional areas.
- Metropolitan areas to be allocated further funding for landcare and NRM, confirm amounts and allocations
- Some items seem to be more recreation/ tourism or agriculture related than 'protecting the environment', need to clearly identify and justify components that protect environment. For example the Wild Dog Action Plan included in 'protecting the environment' is clearly about perceived pastoral and agricultural benefits, with possible detrimental impacts for wildlife and the environment.
- Environmental protection actions difficult to source and combine from budget.
- Recommend research into all state funding (including nature conservation Dept BCA and Local government Natural Area programs and compare to previous years. Incorporate this research into State of Landcare in WA.