

Understanding your landscape levy

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With the establishment of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 (the Act), NRM levies have been replaced by regional landscape and water levies.

These levies are raised by the Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Board, to fund projects and to enable landholders, industry, and the community to manage our region's landscapes. The regional landscape levy is placed on all rateable land in the Hills & Fleurieu region, and the water levy on all water licences and allocations.

The Board invests levies based on priorities outlined in its Business Plan. Key priorities for the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board will be managing water, sustainable agriculture, pest animals and plants, and biodiversity. The board is looking forward to working together with Councils and the community on the issues that matter in our local landscapes.

Regional landscape levy basis

You may notice that the 'NRM Levy' on your rates notice this year is now called the 'Regional Landscape Levy'.

The landscape levy is applied to all rateable land based on the capital value of the property.

The total amount of income collected from the landscape levy in 2020-21 will increase by 1.9% (in line with CPI) on the amount collected last year.



Frequently asked questions

Why is the regional landscape levy included on my council rates notice?

As required by the Act, your Council continues to collect this levy on behalf of the State Government and the landscape board to help fund management of our landscapes. The Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board pays councils a collection fee each year for providing this service.

Why has my levy gone up by more than CPI?

The CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase is applied to the total amount of income collected from the landscape levy from all councils across the region. Each year, an individual landowner's levy may increase more or less than CPI depending on changes in the capital value of their property.

For landscape levy enquiries, contact the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board



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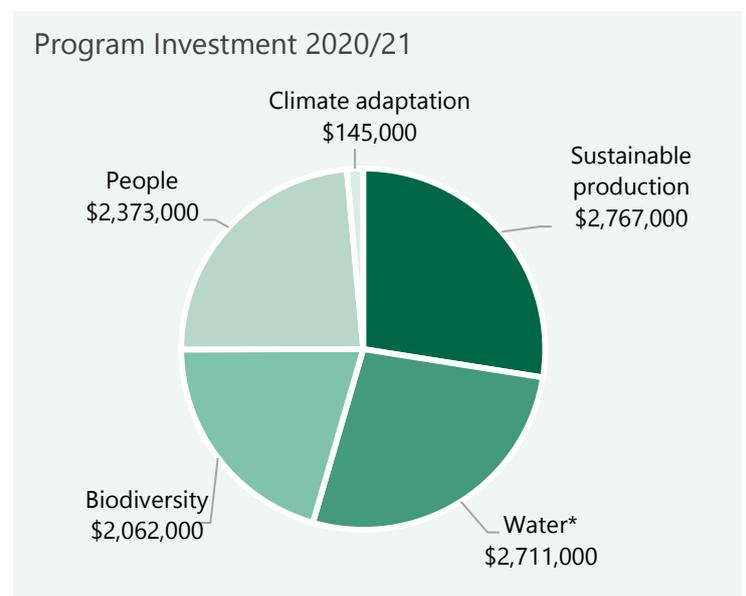
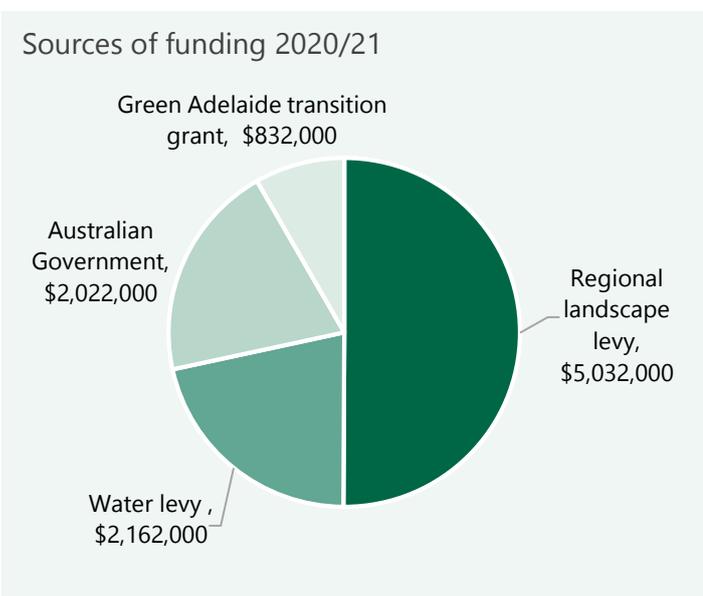
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What services does the Board deliver?

Through regional landscape levies, this year the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board will deliver the following services:

 <p>Sustainable production (includes land and pest management)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting landholders to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adopt sustainable land management practices undertake land management responsibilities (compliance actions where required) increase groundcover and water quality in bushfire affected areas Controlling emerging weeds and pests
 <p>Water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water allocation planning to support sustainable use of water resources Integrated water management and implementing low flows to improve aquatic ecosystem health Support effective stormwater management planning
 <p>Biodiversity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve capacity and involvement of landholders, Aboriginal people and community in restoration of coastal, terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity
 <p>People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community involvement and partnering in landscape planning and board programs Aboriginal people engaged in planning and delivery of landscape projects
 <p>Climate adaptation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate climate adaptation into planning and program delivery, including advice for urban centres and regenerative agriculture

How the levy and funding is spent



*This includes \$1,404,000 as a contribution towards State water planning and management costs, including water licensing, water monitoring, compliance activities and policy advice to support the management of water resources.