

Understanding your landscape levy

Understanding Regional Landscape and Water Levies

With the establishment of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (the Act), NRM levies have been replaced by regional landscape and water levies.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 Limestone Coast 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 Limestone Coast, and the water levy on all water licences and allocations.

The Board invests levies based on priorities outlined in its Business Plan. The four priority investment areas are: soil, water, pest plants and animals, and biodiversity.

Regional landscape levy basis

The landscape levy is applied to all rateable land in the Limestone Coast.

It is a fixed charge that depends on the purpose for which rateable land is used. The categories for purpose of use are primary production, commercial, industrial and residential, vacant land and other.

A landscape levy based on land use purpose aligns with a 'beneficiary pays' principle (e.g. primary production landholders pay a higher rate for the land levy as they use natural resources to generate an income and they are more likely to receive benefit from landscape programs).

The total amount of income collected from the landscape levy in 2020/21 will increase by 1.9% in line with CPI (September 2019).



Frequently asked questions

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

Your council is required to collect the landscape levy on behalf of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, in accordance with the Act.

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board pays councils a collection fee each year for providing this service.

How can I change my land use category?

Your land use category is assigned by the State Valuation Office. Please contact your council who can help you to apply to change the land use category assigned to your property.

What if I have multiple farm enterprises?

If you're a primary producer with more than one rateable property within a Limestone Coast council area, you can apply to council to have your properties treated as a single farm enterprise. This means your enterprise will be charged a landscape levy once annually.

If you own land in more than one council area, the landscape levy is payable in each council area.



For more information on levies contact the Limestone Coast Landscape Board
08 8735 1177.



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What services does the Board deliver?

Through regional landscape levies, this year the Limestone Coast Landscape Board will deliver the following services:

Maintaining water quality and availability



- Landholder advice on managing surface water
- Revision of Tatiara and Padthaway Water Allocation Plans
- Ongoing scientific investigations to support the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan
- Development of science to support revision of the Morambro Creek and Tintinara – Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plans
- Engaging schools and community on water issues
- Advice and compliance on Water Affecting Activities

Minimising impacts of pest plants and animals



- Landholder advice and compliance on managing pests
- Control programs for targeted species, including new incursions and feral deer
- Monitoring and mapping pests
- Engaging schools and community about pest management

Maintaining the health of soils and land



- Landholder advice on managing soils, land management and water use efficiency
- Weather stations providing data to farmers
- Monitoring of regional soil and land resources
- Engaging schools and community about maintaining soils

Conserving native vegetation, wetlands and coastal habitats

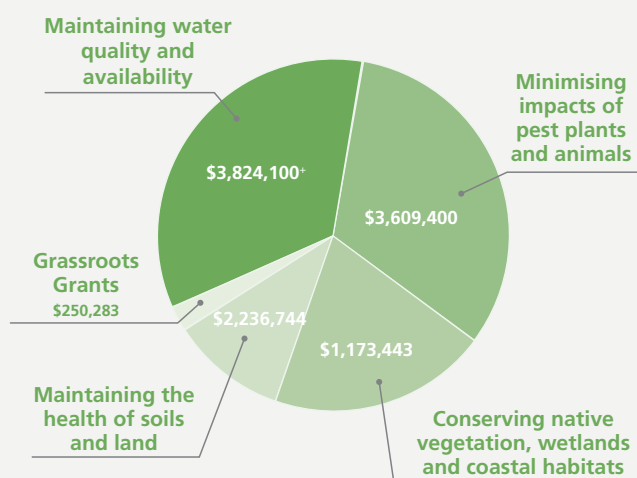


- Landholder advice on conserving and establishing native vegetation on private land, and restoring wetlands
- Community-led habitat projects
- Engaging schools and community about conserving habitats and the value of native vegetation, wetlands, and biodiversity

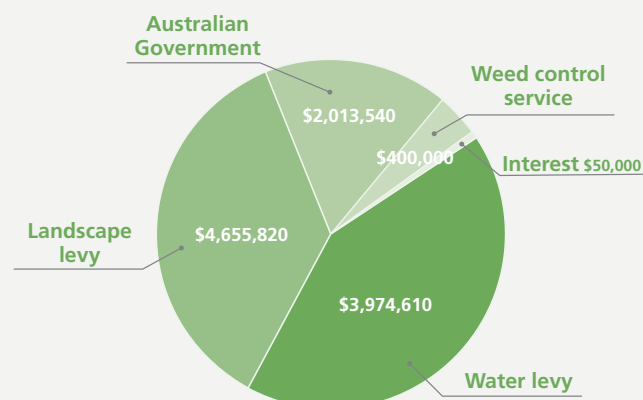
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How your levy is spent

Program Investment 2020/21



Sources of Funding 2020/21



*This includes \$2,496,000 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. The total includes employing staff in the Limestone Coast to undertake these activities.



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