

Understanding your Landscape levy 2022/23

Limestone Coast Landscape Board

Understanding Regional Landscape and Water Levies

With the establishment of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (the Act), the Limestone Coast Landscape Board receives regional landscape and water levies from landholders and water licensees in the region.

These levies are raised by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, to fund projects and to support 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 Limestone Coast Landscape Board invests levies based on priorities outlined in its Business Plan. The five priorities are:



Educating and partnering to sustainably manage our landscapes



Growing sustainable primary production



Protecting and balancing our region's water resources



Working collaboratively to manage pest plants and animals



Conserving and enhancing our region's 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 purpose of use category is determined by the Valuer-General and is a representation of the predominant use of the land. 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 2022/23 will increase in line with CPI, as per the Act (Section 66).

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 may be payable in each council area.

What services does the Board deliver?

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board works with landholders to sustainably manage our landscape.

In 2022/2023 we can provide support with

Working together to sustainably manage pest plants and animals:

Our Landscape Officers are located across the Limestone Coast and are here to help landholders control declared pest plants and animals

Encouraging biodiversity: Using native vegetation on your property can provide many economic and productive benefits to your land management practices

Supporting protection and restoration of native vegetation, soils, wetlands, watercourses and coastal habitats

Your journey to soil health: Working with you to develop the steps for understanding, building and maintaining soil health to improve productivity for your property

First Nations Partnerships: Walking together with First Nations to manage our landscape and supporting First Nations to maintain their cultural and spiritual obligations

Water resource management for the future: Working with you to understand our region's water resources and water affecting activities in the Limestone Coast



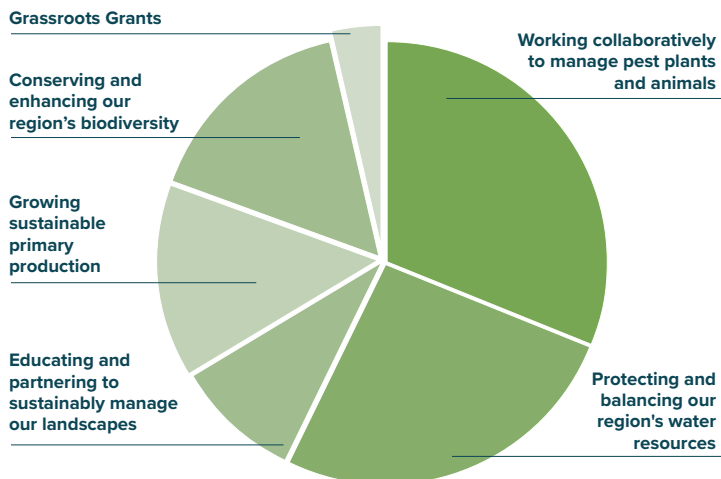
Empowering sustainable land management through grants and funding: Educating and promoting the various opportunities available to support sustainable land management

Grassroots Grants: Community-centred small grants program seeking on ground, local, environmental and productivity benefits

Landscape Education: Creating generational change through immersion opportunities that connect our youth with their local landscape

For more information on Board priorities and projects please visit our Regional Landscape Plan at www.landscapesa.gov.au/lc.

Priority Investment 2022/23



Sources of Income

