

Understanding your Landscape levy 2021/22

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 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 2021/22 will not increase by CPI, as a response to COVID-19 cost pressures.

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?

In 2021/22 the Limestone Coast Landscape Board will be delivering a suite of projects that align with multiple board priorities.

Integrated Water Resource Management: Strategic works to manage the region's groundwater resources and its dependent ecosystems

Farming for the Future: A back-to-basics approach to support primary producers to adopt best practice farm systems in relation to natural resource management

Carbon Roadmap: Through development of a roadmap this project will lead the region in the adoption of carbon smart land management

Priority Pest Plants and Animals: Strategic and targeted priority pest control enabling management by the community at low cost

First Nations Partnerships: Walking together with First Nations to manage our landscape

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

Habitat Conservation: Engagement, capacity building and incentives for vegetation and wetland management to build capacity around the benefits of biodiversity on farm

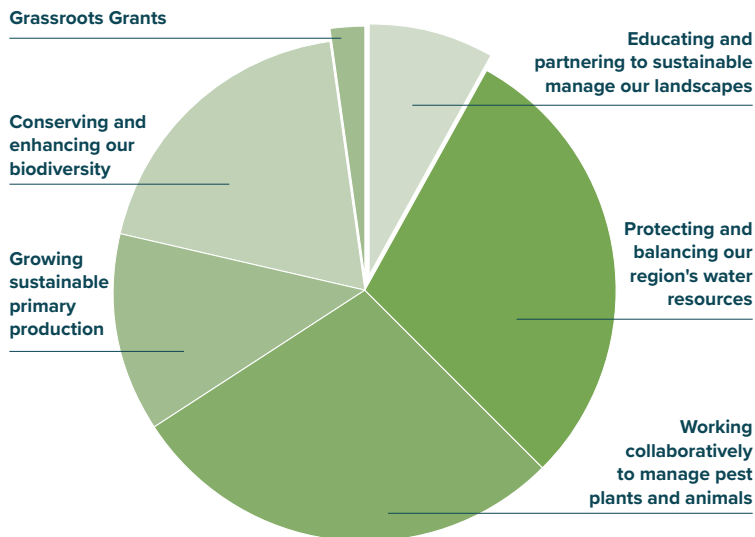
Paddock Trees: Through education, technical support and financial assistance to landholders this project will assist in both preventing the loss, and increasing recruitment of paddock trees in the Limestone Coast

Eight Mile Creek Restoration Feasibility: Strategic investigation to support large scale, impactful restoration of a high value biodiversity asset

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



Priority Investment 2021/22



Sources of Income

