

Department of Environment and Science Budget highlights 2019–20



The Department of Environment and Science (DES) recognises the enormous value a clean environment, innovative society and economy, and vibrant culture makes to our lives. These shared values directly contribute to the well-being, health and happiness for all Queenslanders, now and for generations to come.

The department's 2019–20 operational budget of **\$797 million** in environment, science, heritage and the arts will enrich Queenslanders' lives now and into the future. This funding will also contribute to the Queensland Government's economic plan for the next decade by supporting sustainable business and industry development and jobs creation.

Major funding allocations



\$318.7 million
parks, wildlife and
conservation services



\$228.3 million
environmental
protection services



\$146.2 million
Arts Queensland



\$94.4 million
science services



\$6.7 million
heritage protection
services

Capital works

In 2019–20, **\$100.6 million** has been allocated to the department's capital works programs, including:

National parks:

- **\$7.5 million** towards the redevelopment of the Mon Repos Turtle Centre
- **\$6.7 million** to support ecotourism opportunities and tourism recovery in the Whitsunday Islands National Park
- **\$3.8 million** to enhance critical infrastructure to support tourism activities at Glass House Mountains National Park, Noosa National Park and D'Aguilar National Park
- **\$3.1 million** towards the replacement of major vessels for marine parks management
- **\$2.4 million** under the Growth Area and Regional Infrastructure Investment Fund, to upgrade visitor access to the Magnetic Island Fort Complex
- **\$1.7 million** for enhanced parks and forests fire management

Arts Queensland:

- **\$9.1 million** to renew and replace critical infrastructure items across the Queensland Cultural Centre
- **\$8.5 million** for priority infrastructure projects across state-owned arts and cultural facilities, delivered through the Arts Infrastructure Investment Fund
- **\$5.2 million** towards the construction of a new performing arts venue at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre
- **\$4.4 million** to implement sustainability and energy efficiency measures at the Queensland Cultural Centre
- **\$3.2 million** to renew and replace large critical infrastructure items at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre

Science:

- **\$3.5 million** under the Accelerating Science Delivery Innovation Program, to modernise systems to enhance our environmental science capability



Key initiatives

Protecting the environment

- **\$8.9 million** over two years to support environmental monitoring of land impacted by underground coal gasification by-products

Engaging Queenslanders in science

- **\$6.4 million** over four years to maintain support for engaging Queenslanders in science and international science partnerships

Cape York Peninsula national park management

- **\$15.6 million** over four years and **\$975,000** per annum ongoing for the continuation of the Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program

Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) national park management

- **\$8.7 million** over four years to support the construction and operation of a permanent ranger base on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island)
- **\$8.5 million** over four years for Traditional Owners to implement the North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) Townships Fire Management Strategies

Koala rehabilitation initiatives

- **\$816,000** over two years for renewal of infrastructure at the Moggill Koala Rehabilitation Centre
- **\$729,000** in 2019–20 for operations at the Moggill Koala Rehabilitation Centre, the Daisy Hill Koala Centre, and RSPCA oversight of the 1300 WILDLIFE HOTLINE

Protecting the Great Barrier Reef

- **\$261 million** over five years from 2017–22 to fund key initiatives from the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan which aim to improve water quality
- **\$12.7 million** in 2019–20 for the Great Barrier Reef Joint Field Management Program to protect and maintain marine and island ecosystems

Delivering better waste management

- **\$85.3 million** over four years for waste levy operation, compliance and waste reform initiatives
- **\$1 million** over two years deliver a waste management data strategy that will guide decision making on future waste infrastructure needs and opportunities for investment in resource recovery and recycling

Helping businesses be more efficient

- **\$1 million** to continue the delivery of the Queensland Government's flagship eco-efficiency program, ecoBiz

Upgrading infrastructure on national parks

- **\$10 million** in new funding for national parks capital works

Local eradication of the Yellow Crazy Ant in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area

- **\$9 million** over three years from 2019–20 for activities in and adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area to control the Yellow Crazy Ant

Enhanced fire management on national parks

- **\$16 million** over four years from 2019–20 to enhance fire management activities on national parks and forests

Crocodile management and education

- **\$6 million** over two years for crocodile management, including the Crocwise public safety education program and the crocodile monitoring program which will inform the long-term management of crocodiles in Queensland

Boost investment in research infrastructure

- **\$25 million** for the Advance Queensland Research Infrastructure Co-investment Fund to leverage Australian Government and industry funds and deliver a more coordinated and strategic approach to investment in research infrastructure

Protecting our heritage

- **\$1.5 million** for urgent remedial conservation works to identified State heritage buildings

Arts Queensland

Queensland Cultural Centre

- **\$5 million** over two years from 2019–20 to modernise QPAC luminaries via the installation of energy efficient LED lighting
- **\$7 million** over two years from 2019–20 to continue the critical infrastructure works program at the Queensland Cultural Centre which includes the renewal of the central energy plant

Rockhampton Art Gallery

- **\$4 million** in 2019–20 as part of the **\$15 million** commitment for the construction of the new Rockhampton Art Gallery

Arts Infrastructure Investment Fund

- **\$6 million** to revitalise state-owned arts and cultural facilities, including the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts and the Cairns Centre of Contemporary Arts

Queensland Museum

- **\$16.2 million** for an expanded off-site research and biodiversity collection storage facility, ensuring the museum's collection is maintained to the highest possible standard
- **\$3 million** for the 2020 World Science Festival

First Nations Cultural Centre

- **\$2 million** over two years to develop an options assessment to explore the development of a First Nations Cultural Centre

New blockbuster exhibitions

- **\$4 million** over two years to secure blockbuster exhibition at GOMA that are exclusive to Brisbane