



## PRIME MINISTER

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### NATIONAL ESTATE - QUEENSLAND

The Federal Government will provide a major boost in funds to help protect Queensland's natural and cultural heritage.

We will increase funds to Queensland under the National Estate Program by 28 per cent to \$446,000 this financial year.

Specific projects have not yet been finalised. I will be writing to the Queensland Premier shortly about the Program.

The National Estate Program was established in 1973. It has funded conservation work in Queensland on :

- . The Venus Gold Battery at Charters Towers
- . Small Churches on Sabai and Darnley Islands in the Torres Strait
- . The former Australian Inland Mission Hospital at Birdsville
- . The Quinkan Aboriginal Cave Gallery in Cape York
- . The Normanton-Croydon Railway
- . The Mt Isa Tent House
- . The Lark Quarry dinosaur tracks near Winton

It has also financed studies in Queensland on early coalmining, pre-history sites and historic shipwrecks location and identification.

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