



## **PRIME MINISTER**

### **LAUNCH OF THE NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST**

The \$1.25 billion Natural Heritage Trust launched today represents the commencement of the Howard Government's long term agenda to repair Australia's environment.

It was with a feeling of great pride that I launched the Trust today.

The Trust was one of the main promises of the last election and, despite the strident opposition from the ALP, Democrats and Greens, we have been able to deliver.

In fact, the Government has overdelivered and is spending \$100m more than we promised at the election.

The Natural Heritage Trust seeks to tackle our environmental problems in a consolidated and thoughtful way.

The money will be spent on real projects and real work; there have been enough reports and research on the extent of the problems.

Importantly, it will create many thousands of jobs at the same time as repairing our environment.

The Government is keen to get on with the job after so many delays in the Senate and so I have announced a number of projects across Australia where work can start (attached).

These projects will allow the benefits of the Trust to start flowing to Australians and their environment.

In coming months, I look forward to many more projects being funded across Australia as we embark on the greatest environmental restoration project in our nation's history.

22 May 1997

Attachment A

**PROJECTS FOR POSSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENT AT  
LAUNCH OF THE NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST**

**ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM**

Total funding for 1996-97: \$2 548 396

**NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service**

Title	1996/1997
Fontainea oraria Recovery Plan	\$24 096
Elaeocarous williamsianus Recovery Plan	\$1 588
Achrocnychia littoralis Recovery Plan	\$9 500
Diploglottis campbellii Recovery Plan	\$1 015
Pterostylis gibbosa Recovery Plan	\$22 100
Cynanchum elegans Recovery Plan	\$31 806
Olearia flocktoniae Recovery Plan	\$5 100
Grevillea caleyi Recovery Plan	\$2 050
Grevillea beadleana Recovery Plan	\$2 000
Zieria prostrata Recovery Plan	\$2 400
Epacns hamiltonii Recovery Plan	\$6 000
Gould's Petrel Research Plan	\$47 800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161 455</b>

**Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory**

Title	1996/1997
Mala Recovery Plan	\$140 000
Greater Bilby Recovery Plan	\$35 000
Gouldian Finch Recovery Plan	\$100 000
Ptychosperma bleeseri Recovery Plan	\$10 500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$285 500</b>

**WA Department of Conservation and Land Management**

Title	1996/1997
Eucalyctus rhodantha (Rose Mallee) Recovery Plan	\$1 000
Thevenard Island Mouse Research and Recovery Plan	\$9 000
Chuditch Recovery Plan	\$86 200
Shark Bay Mouse Recovery Plan	\$77 000
Noisy Scrub-bird Recovery Plan	\$42 300
Western Swamp Tortoise Recovery Plan	\$65 100
Banksia cuneata (Matchstick Banksia) Recovery Plan	\$6 500
Lake Tcolibin Recovery Plan	\$75 000
Numbat Recovery Plan	\$102 200
Merredin district, Declared Rare Flora, Program No 9 Determine and review management priorities.	\$44 100
Rulingia sp. (Tringwell Bridge, Tringwell's Rulingia) Recovery Plan	\$500
Grevillea scabigera (Corrigin Grevillea) Recovery Plan	\$34 500
Dibbler Research Plan	\$39 790
Gilbert's Potoroo Recovery Plan	\$64 150
Threatened flora in the Moora District, Wildlife Management Program implementation	\$48 400
Narrogin District, Implementation of the Wildlife Management Program	\$44 200
Implementation Interim Wildlife Management Guidelines and Recovery Plan for 11 critically endangered WA plant taxa	\$59 800
Phytocnoure cinnamoni Recovery Research	\$500 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$799 740</b>

Queensland Department of Environment

Title	1996/1997
Bridled Naittail Wallaby	\$103 000
Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat Recovery Plan	\$85 912
Proserpine Rock Wallaby	\$87 630
Manogany Glider Research Plan	\$84 000
Golden-shouldered Parrot Recovery Plan	\$24 000
Northern Bettong Research Plan	\$4 300
Monitoring of Threatened Frogs in the Eungella Region	\$4 500
Monitoring of Threatened Frogs in the Wet Tropics	\$19 500
Declining frogs project, North East NSW and South East Queensland, (spp. include. mixophys fleavi)	\$6 307
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$399 149</b>

SA Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Title	1996/1997
Kangaroo Island Glossy Black Cockatoo Recovery Plan	\$82 300
Caladenia behrii (Pink Spider Orchid) Recovery Plan	\$525
Caladenia gladiolata (Bayonet Spider Orchid) Recovery Plan	\$360
Caladenia rigida (White Spider Orchid) Recovery Plan	\$200
Greater Stick-nest Rat Recovery Plan	\$12 300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$93 185</b>

Victorian Department of Natural Resources and Environment

Title	1996/1997
Black-eared Miner Recovery Plan	\$105 000
Scotted Tree Frog Research Plan	\$39 606
Long-footed Potoroo Recovery Plan	\$41 800
Helmeted Honeyeater Recovery Plan	\$45 000
Regent Honeyeater Recovery Plan	\$58 900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$290 306</b>

Tasmanian Department of Environment and Land Management

Title	1996/1997
Peccor Galaxias Recovery Plan	\$12 100
Eucalyptus morrisovi Recovery Plan	\$1 548
Barbara australis Recovery Plan	\$3 935
Swan Galaxias Recovery Plan	\$7 950
Phacalium daviesii Recovery Plan: Management Phase	\$6 250
Swift Parrot Recovery Plan	\$132 300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$164 083</b>

Other projects

State	Title	1996/1997
QLD	Declining Frogs of Queensland and northern NSW	\$53 243
QLD	Austromyrtus gonoclada Recovery Plan	\$9 500
QLD	Recovery Plans for five marine turtles.	\$15 000
QLD	Artesian Springs Fishes Recovery Plan	\$88 145
SA	Mt Lofty Ranges Emu Wren Recovery Plan	\$56 850
SA	Brachyscome muelieri Research Plan	\$7 500
SA	Acacia whibleyana Research Plan	\$4 400
SA	Pultenea trichophylla Recovery Plan	\$9 600
SA	Pterostylis arenicla Recovery Plan.	\$15 100
SA	Prostanthera euryoides Recovery Plan	\$13 600
SA	Acacia creataea Recovery Plan	\$15 100
SA	Pygmy Blue-tongue Research Plan	\$57 000
VIC	Prasochyllum correctum Recovery Plan	\$9 940
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$354 978</b>

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**NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAM****Aerial Geophysical Surveys for Salinity Management**

State	Location	Funding
Queensland	Balfes Creek Catchment, North Qld	\$170 939
NSW	Liverpool Plains, Central NSW	\$229 180
Victoria	Willaura, Western District	\$150 450
WA	Chapman Valley, Northern Agricultural Zone	\$264 025
WA	Tcolibin Catchment, South west	\$107 689
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$922 283</b>

**Hawkesbury/Nepean Regional Strategy**

Announce an allocation of \$1m for the forthcoming year for the Hawkesbury/ Nepean Regional Strategy, to give some security to initial planning and implementation.

**Queensland**

Approximately \$900 000 to control rubber vine and prickly acacia as part of the Government's commitment to implement the National Weeds Strategy.

**NATIONAL RESERVE SYSTEM****Southern Ironstone \$25 500**

Land acquisition to protect a critical remnant of a threatened ecological community on the Swan Coastal Plain (a high priority region) in Western Australia.

**Cobar Penepain Bioregional Conservation Strategy \$325 000**

**NATIONAL WETLANDS PROGRAM 1996/97: PROJECTS APPROVED**

State	Project Title	Agency	Funding
New South Wales	Investigation of wetlands outside reserves in New South Wales for possible Ramsar nomination	New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service	\$6 000
	Towra Point Nature Reserve Ramsar wetland - Revision of Plan of Management and erosion remediation options, NSW	New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service	\$100 000
Northern Territory	Identification and management planning for significant habitats within the Cobourg Marine Park Ramsar wetland, Northern Territory	Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory	\$20 000
Queensland	Management Plan for Currawinya Lakes Ramsar wetland, Queensland	Queensland Department of Environment	\$38 267
	Preparation of a submission for Ramsar nomination of the Great Sandy Straits, Qld	Queensland Department of Environment	\$13 650
	Wetland Inventory Program for important wetlands of the Desert Uplands, Brigalow Belt North and Einasleigh Uplands bioregions, Queensland	Queensland Department of Environment	\$46 725
South Australia	Documentation of the Water Valley wetlands leading to Ramsar nomination, South Australia	South Australian Wetlands and Wildlife Trust	\$14 754
	Interpretive signage for the Riverland Ramsar site, South Australia	Bookmark Biosphere Trust	\$10 000
	Management plans for The Coorong and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert Ramsar wetlands - Phase 2 of 3, South Australia	South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources	\$56 000
	South Australian Wetlands database	South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources	\$40 642
	Waterbirds of Lake Hope, Lower Cooper creek, Strezlecki creek, Lake Blanche and Lake Callacanna, South Australia	New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service	\$36 000
Tasmania	Management plan for Clarence Plains Rivulet and Catchment, Tasmania	Clarence Plains Landcare Group (Tasmania)	\$15 000
	Management plans for Tasmanian Ramsar sites - Phase 3 of 4	Tasmanian Department of Environment & Land Management	\$41 800
Victoria	Identification and assessment of nationally important wetlands in Victoria for inclusion in the 3rd edition of <i>A Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia</i>	Victorian Department of Natural Resources and Environment	\$30 000
Western Australia	Management Plan for the Lower Ord Ramsar wetland, Western Australia	Western Australian Department of Conservation and Land Management	\$49 000
	Survey and inventory of Western Australian wetlands for the 3rd edition of <i>A Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia</i>	Western Australian Department of Conservation and Land Management	\$9 000
National	Technique development and databases for enhanced wetland inventory in northern Australia. Designing the scope of the National Wetlands Inventory.	Environment Research Institute of the Supervising Scientist	\$40 000
	A review of management issues affecting wetlands on the National Estate Register	World Wildlife Fund for Nature	\$37 850
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$604 688</b>