



# The National Landcare Network 2023–24 Federal Budget Submission A Summary

## Recommendations

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\$250m over 5 years

### On-ground funding

\$250 million investment over 5 years to the grassroots Landcare network. Grants distributed by the NLN and peak bodies in large and small streams.

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\$1.09m pa

### Core funding for peak bodies

Increase funding to the NLN and peak bodies from \$1.09m pa to \$1.64m pa to support the growing demand for the expertise and services of the State and Territory Landcare Organisations and the NLN.

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\$10m trial fund

### Natural Disaster Rapid Response Fund

A \$10 million trial fund allowing rapid deployment of funds and resources to Landcare and related groups. Aims to protect and repair the significant investments made by the Government and community in environmental assets that are damaged by natural disasters and extreme weather events.

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To be determined

### Guidelines for resisting damage from natural disasters

A project engaging with scientists, land managers and restoration practitioners to develop clear and robust guidelines to maximise the likelihood that future project investments can better resist damage from natural disasters.

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To be determined

### Landcare Network participates in regional planning

The NLN, representing the 8 peak bodies, would like to participate in the design and implementation of a new model of regional planning that will improve environmental protection, as announced by the Minister for the Environment and Water on 25 August 2022.



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To be determined

## Consistency in regional planning

As part of the planning reforms recently announced by the Minister for the Environment and Water, the Government requires NRM Regional Plans that are funded through the NLP be made consistent with Australian Government Regional Plans, as they develop.

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\$2m over 4 years

## A National Landcare Facilitator

The NLN hosts two National Landcare Facilitators who coordinate multiple programs, provide advice to Ministers, advocate for Landcare needs, and more.

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To be determined

## 500 Landcare Rangers

Up to 500 of the committed 1,000 national Landcare Rangers to be hosted by the State and Territory Landcare Organisations to help local groups with project management, environmental restoration and better overall outcomes.

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\$2m over 4 years

## A stronger national campaign for Landcare

A national campaign to be run jointly by the National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia Ltd, drawing upon their different and complementary roles to promote the Landcare brand.

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To be determined

## Representative Conference and Awards

The National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia Ltd jointly organise and deliver the biennial National Landcare Conference and Awards for a more representative program.







# Why Landcare?

6,000+

Landcare Groups Nationally

160,000+

Landcare Volunteers

All eight peak State and Territory Landcare Organisations are supporting a national push for renewed funding to further enable grassroots networks.

Together, we are seeking an investment of \$50 million per year over 5 years, generating up to \$350 million per annum for regional and remote communities.

We are committed to working across the National Landcare Network, in partnership with Government, community and the private sector to prevent even further land degradation and biodiversity loss, act on climate change and deliver better environmental outcomes across Australia.

