

# Budget highlights 2022–23



As stewards of our state’s environment, the Department of Environment and Science plays a leading role in protecting and managing the diverse natural and cultural assets that make Queensland unique.

From our policies and programs to our partnerships and research, our work is vital to delivering better environmental outcomes. This, in turn, supports the health, wellbeing and

way of life that Queenslanders cherish and contributes to our continued economic prosperity.

The department’s 2022–23 operating and capital budget of **\$801 million** will enable us to continue existing and undertake new actions for the environment, science, heritage and youth.

## Key initiatives

### Delivering environmental protections

# \$964.2m

over five years, as part of the ten-year **\$2.1 bn** Waste Package, to transform Queensland’s waste and resource recovery industry and drive the transition to a zero waste society

# \$32.6m

over four years, including an annual ongoing commitment of **\$4.8 million**, to enhance climate science and emissions modelling capability and deliver a program to support communities to reduce emissions

### Protecting, promoting and restoring national parks and protected areas

# \$262.5m

over four years to continue implementing the *Protected Area Strategy 2020–2030* for land acquisitions and capital works to increase Queensland’s public protected area estate

# \$38.5m

over four years and **\$1.2 million** per annum ongoing for the continued support of the Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program

### Conserving and restoring Queensland’s unique biodiversity and wildlife

# \$14.7m

over four years and **\$1 million** per annum ongoing to enhance Queensland’s protection and recovery of threatened species including the assessment, protection and recovery of species most at risk of extinction

# \$24.6m

over four years and **\$1 million** per annum ongoing to extend and accelerate implementation of the *South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2020–2025* including increased support for the South-East Queensland Wildlife Hospital Network



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## Capital program highlights

**\$54.9m** includes:

**\$33.4m**

capital works investment which includes:



**\$1.6m**

to replace marine parks major vessels to improve management and protection of our precious marine areas, including Moreton Bay, Great Sandy Marine Park and the Great Barrier Reef

**\$2.8m**

towards the Government Science Platform

**\$3.6m**

for remedial conservation works at Newstead House

**\$1.1m**

to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Bunya Mountains National Park

**\$1.8m**

to upgrade infrastructure including walking tracks, bike trails, car park and visitor access at the Daisy Hill Conservation Park

**\$3m**

to provide wongari (dingo) fencing at Orchid Beach on K'gari (Fraser Island)

**\$1.5m**

to upgrade the visitor trails network in the Magnetic Island National Park

**\$1.5m**

to extend the Ngaro walking track in the Whitsunday Islands National Park

**\$1m**

to enhance public boat moorings and improve visitor access to Great Barrier Reef islands

**\$500k**

to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Crater Lakes National Park

**\$25m**

An additional \$25m will be held centrally by Queensland Treasury and available in 2022–23 for land acquisitions and capital works to support the *Protected Area Strategy 2020–2030*.

