

STRENGTHENING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) – Enhanced Administration

\$70.6 million over four years⁸

- Improves assessment performance of new proposals against statutory timeframes to protect matters of national environmental significance and reduce costs and uncertainty for industry.
- Delivers a new strategic approach for the protection of heritage places, threatened species and ecological communities.
- Creates a new list of Overseas Places of Historic Significance to Australia.



Environment Protection Policy – continuation of funding

\$38.0 million over four years

- Manages environmental impacts and sets environmental standards to provide a cleaner, healthier environment for Australians.
- Regulates and monitors the use of environmental pollutants harmful to human and environmental health.

Law Enforcement and Environmental Management Presence in the Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve

Customs

\$31.7 million over four years

- Supports the lease of a suitable vessel to maintain an effective law enforcement and environmental management presence at Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve.
- Will enable Customs to respond to threats outside of Ashmore Reef while maintaining its enforcement and environment protection roles at the reef.



Australian Biological Resources Study

\$4.8 million over four years⁹

- Continues the Australian Government's commitment to the authoritative identification and documentation of Australia's plants and animals.
- Supports Australian biosecurity through the accurate identification of pest species, and underpins bioprospecting and biodiscovery activities.

⁸ This measure brings funding for administration of the EPBC Act to \$185 million over four years.

⁹ This measure brings funding for the Australian Biological Resources Study to \$12.8m over four years.