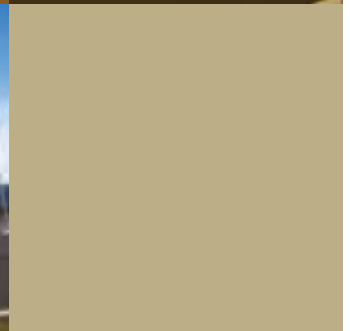
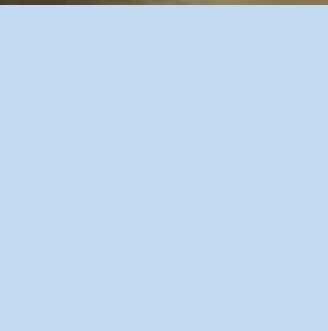
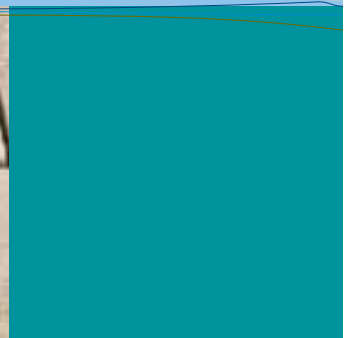


MEETING THE SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE



The government is supporting a range of measures to help the nation use its resources more sustainably, and to meet the challenge of climate change.

The government is setting the benchmark by providing a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, waste, energy, and water use across all its operations.

In addition to the measures listed in this chapter, a suite of climate change measures will also be delivered and are detailed in the Climate Change Budget Overview 2008-09.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Department of Defence

- Provides \$8.0 million from existing resources to progress a Combat Climate Change Program to reduce energy consumption by the Department of Defence. The program aims to increase awareness of the greenhouse gas emissions implications of energy use.
- The program includes:
 - identification and implementation of energy, water and waste efficiency projects and initiatives;
 - development of the Climate Change Strategy for Defence, which will support other program areas including Green Buildings Implementation and energy, water and waste management activities; and
 - ongoing review to ensure continuing effectiveness of the Defence Energy Management, Water Management and Waste Minimisation policies and strategies, and update when necessary to encompass new or emerging government requirements.



CONTINUATION OF DEFENCE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND WORKS

Department of Defence

- Continues to deliver a range of programs that deliver a benefit to the environment, investing an additional \$61.6 million from existing resources in 2008–09.
- Programs being continued include:
 - Green Buildings Implementation Program (\$12.0 million);
 - Environmental Works (\$17.6 million);
 - Heritage Management Program (\$1.9 million);
 - Contaminated Sites Management and Pollution Prevention Program (\$16.0 million);
 - Environmental Management System Program (\$0.9 million);
 - Environmental Monitoring (\$0.6 million);
 - Assessments and Approvals (\$4.0 million); and
 - Fisheries Protection Survey and Charting Project (\$8.6 million).

POINT NEPEAN: UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE RENTAL GUARANTEE⁸

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Provides funding of \$2.4 million over seven years to the University of Melbourne as a guaranteed annual rental contribution for the establishment of a national teaching and research Centre for Coasts and Climate with a focus on environmental issues, including climate change, at Point Nepean, Victoria.
- Supplements the \$27.0 million that was provided in 2006 to the Point Nepean Community Trust to facilitate transfer of this former defence and quarantine site to the State of Victoria for inclusion in the Point Nepean National Park.

⁸ This measure was previously reported in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007–08.



