



Australian Government

Australia's National Programme of
Action for the Protection of the Marine
Environment from Land-Based Activities

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introduction

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) specialises in management, risk assessment and safety for conservation volunteer programs. CVA is an independent non-profit organisation that has been operating for 20 years. It is involved in more than 1,500 conservation projects across Australia each year.

In 2005, community involvement totalled 240,000 project days contributing more than \$28.8 million of practical assistance to the preservation of the Australian environment.

Of immediate relevance to the objectives of addressing land-based sources of marine pollution is the *Revive our Wetlands Program*, which started in 2000 and has involved more than 17,000 project days.

management context

CVA is a national organisation with regional offices addressing regional projects. It operates through website and other media advertisements to recruit volunteers for projects which it manages under contract for local government and other clients providing a basically trained volunteer workforce and managing issues including work environment safety, insurance and liability protection.

CVA manages the conservation volunteer program of the Townsville and Thuringowa cities *Creek to Coral Program*.