

Barton Deakin Brief: Coalition's Cleaner Environment Announcement

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This morning, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg announced a \$203 million package for the environment. The announcement included pledges to improve recycling, minimising food waste, protecting endangered and threatened species and restoring the Australian coast and waterways.

Overview:

This morning's policy announcement included the following funding allocations:

- \$100 million Australian Recycling Fund – Recycled products manufacturers will have access to finance to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions in the manufacturing process
- \$20 million for the [Product Stewardship Investment Fund](#) – industries will be encouraged improve industry wide recycling schemes. This will enable better recycling of batteries, electrical and electronic products, photovoltaic systems and plastic oil containers.
- \$20 million in [Cooperative Research Centres Projects \(CRC-P\)](#) grants available to research plastic recycling and waste management solutions
- Up to \$5.8 million to support organisations such as Clean Up Australia, Keep Australia Beautiful, the Australian Council of Recycling, Planet Ark, the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation and OzHarvest
- \$16 million to support the Pacific Ocean Litter Project
- \$15 million for the [Environment Restoration Fund](#) to specifically address waterways including up to \$5 million to lead campaigns in cleaning up Australian rivers and beaches
- \$10 million for the Environment Protection Fund to protect native species from feral threats
- \$6 million to protect the koalas in South-East Queensland and Northern New South Wales
- \$6 million to protect other threatened species

To read the Coalition's environment policy, click [here](#).

To read the Coalition's joint media release, click [here](#).

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