

Understanding your Regional Landscape levy

The Regional Landscape levy (previously known as the NRM levy) is paid by all ratepayers across South Australia – recognising that all landowners are responsible for sustaining and managing our state's landscapes for the benefit of all community members. It's not a new levy, but it has been improved to help fund the state's regional Landscape boards (previously known as NRM boards).

Regional Landscape levies are raised by the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board to fund projects and programs to enable landholders, industry and the community to be directly responsible for sustainably managing their region's landscapes with an emphasis on land and water management, biodiversity and pest animal and plant control.

There are two levies paid by rate payers; **a land levy** on all rateable land in the Eyre Peninsula, and a **water levy** on all water licences and allocations which is collected by the Department for Environment and Water.

The board invests Regional Landscape levies into services that support the region as outlined in its Business Plan 2020/21.

How the levy is calculated

The Regional Landscape land levy is a fixed charge that depends on the purpose for which land is used.

The categories for purpose of use are primary production, commercial, industrial and residential, vacant land and other.

The total amount of income collected from the Landscape land levy in 2020/21 will increase by 1.9 % in line with CPI.



Frequently asked questions

Why is the Regional Landscape levy included on my council rates notice instead of the NRM levy?

From 1 July, the new *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* will replace the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* as the new framework for managing the state's land, water, pest animals and plants and biodiversity. As a result, 2020/21 Council rates notices includes a Regional Landscape (RL) levy charge, instead of a NRM levy charge.

Your council is required to collect the Landscape land levy on behalf of the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board, in accordance with the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*.

The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board pays councils a collection fee each year for providing this service.

How can I change my land use category?

Your land use category is assigned by the State Valuation Office. Please contact your council who can help you to apply to change the land use category assigned to your property.

What is single farm enterprise?

If you're a primary producer with more than one rateable property within a council area, you can apply to council to have your properties treated as a single farm enterprise. This means your enterprise will be charged the Landscape land levy once annually.

If you own land in more than one council area, the land levy is payable in each.

For more information on your levy contact the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board on **8688 3111** or email ep.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au.



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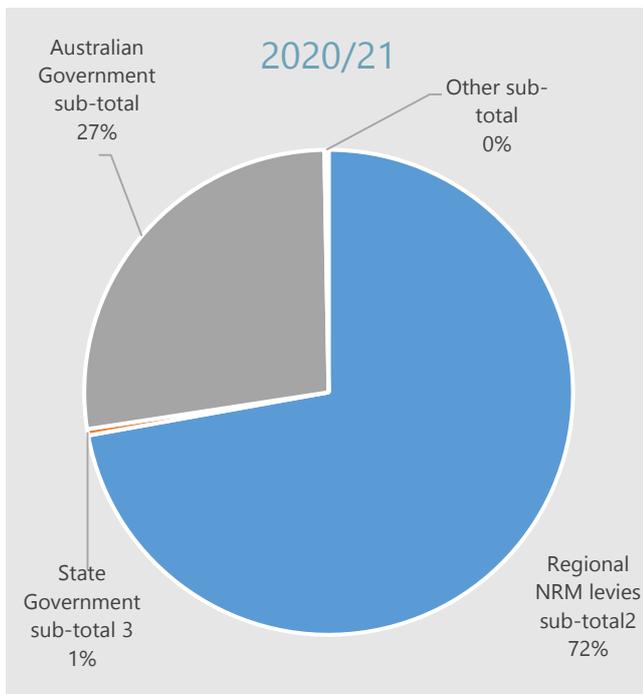
What services does the EP Landscape Board deliver?

Landscape levies will this year help to fund the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board to deliver the following services:

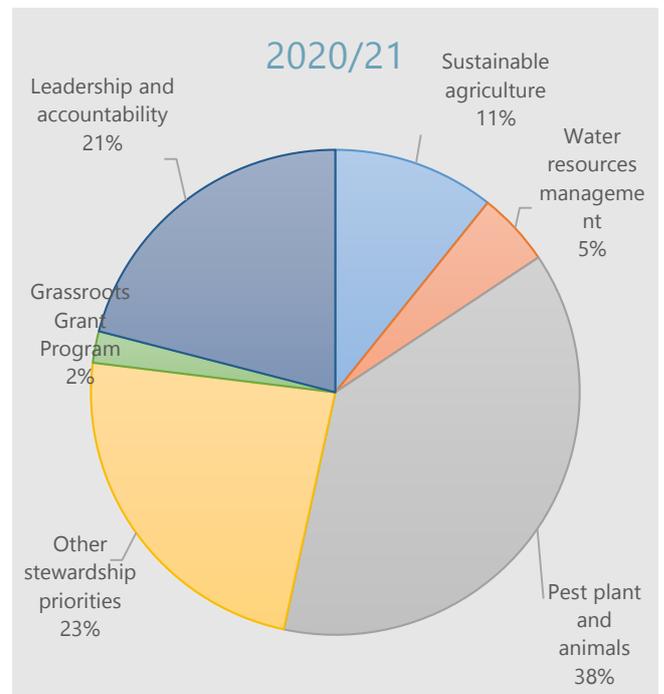
Sustainable Agriculture		Regional Land Partnership (RLP) Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF) program, Regenerative Agriculture Program and other initiatives
Water resources management		Water Allocation Plan implementation, water planning and management and water affecting activities
Pest plant and animals		Pest plant and animals activities in line with pest management plans through Landscape Officer District delivery model
Other stewardship priorities		RLP Saltmarsh Threat Abatement and Recovery project, RLP Core Services, education and communications, compliance program
Grassroots Grant Program		Grassroots Grants Program to support, community organisations and groups working at the local level on a not-for-profit basis, by making grants to undertake work or activities to achieve outcomes that promote the objects of the landscape legislation at the local level.
Leadership and accountability		Council cost recovery, Board administration, regional management and business administration

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Funding sources



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