

Understanding your Landscape levy 2023/24

Limestone Coast Landscape Board

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board is...

Leading water resource management through partnerships, research, on ground works and policy development.

Providing advice and support to landholders in the control of declared pest plants and animals on their property.

Supporting landholders in sustainable land management practices from farming with biodiversity to interpreting soil health.

Creating change by connecting youth with their local landscapes.

Supporting the protection and restoration of native vegetation, wetlands, watercourses and coastal habitats.

Providing local community Grassroots Grants to kick-start or expand on projects that undertake natural resource management activities to help achieve landscape benefit.

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board is committed to walking with First Nations to manage our landscape.



Prioritising our investments 2023/24

Grassroots Grants

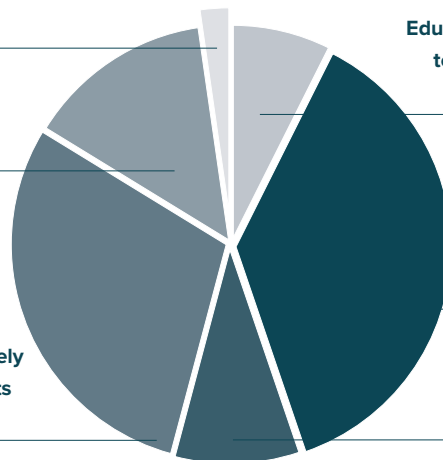
Conserving and enhancing our region's biodiversity

Working collaboratively to manage pest plants and animals

Educating and partnering to sustainably manage our landscapes

Protecting and balancing our region's water resources

Growing sustainable primary production



Understanding Regional Landscape and Water Levies

Under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (the Act), the Limestone Coast Landscape Board receives regional landscape and water levies from landholders and water licensees in the region.

These levies are raised by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, to fund projects and to support landholders, industry, and the community to manage our region's landscapes. The regional landscape levy is placed on all rateable land in the Limestone Coast, and the water levy on all water licences and allocations.

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board invests levies based on priorities outlined in its Business Plan. The five priorities are:



Educating and partnering to sustainably manage our landscapes



Growing sustainable primary production



Protecting and balancing our region's water resources



Working collaboratively to manage pest plants and animals



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Regional landscape levy basis

The landscape levy is applied to all rateable land in the Limestone Coast.

It is a fixed charge that depends on the purpose for which rateable land is used. The purpose of use category is determined by the Valuer-General and is a representation of the predominant use of the land. The categories for purpose of use are primary production, commercial, industrial and residential, vacant land and other.

A landscape levy based on land use purpose aligns with a 'beneficiary pays' principle (e.g. primary production landholders pay a higher rate as they use natural resources to generate an income and are more likely to receive benefit).

The total amount of income collected from the landscape levy in 2023/24 will increase in line with CPI, as per the Act (Section 66).

Frequently asked questions

Why is the regional landscape levy included on my council rates notice?

Your council is required to collect the landscape levy on behalf of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, in accordance with the Act.

The Limestone Coast 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.

I am being charged the wrong land use rate, how can I get this changed?

If you are being charged the incorrect land use rate please contact your council who can help you with this issue.

What if I have multiple farm enterprises?

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

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