

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Inquiry into the 2018-19 Budget Estimates



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Environment and Climate Change



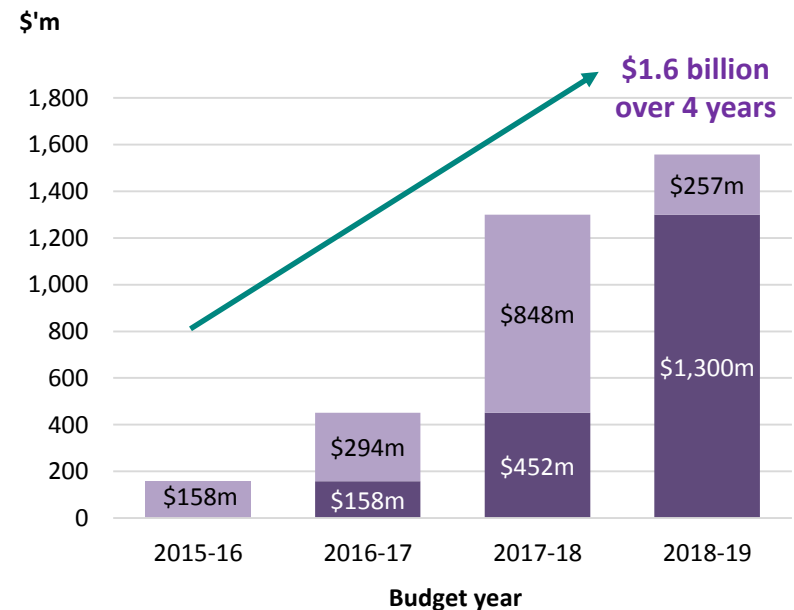
Environment,
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Investment in Energy, Environment and Climate Change

Our last four state budgets have delivered unprecedented investment, with almost **\$1.6 billion** in new funding approved, including record investment from the Sustainability Fund of over **\$600 million**.

The 2018-19 budget builds on this investment by providing an additional **\$257 million**.

Cumulative Investment in Energy, Environment and Climate Change over four years



■ Prior year(s) funding approved
 ■ New funding approved

* Energy new investment only included from 2017-18 budget.

Cumulative investment from the Sustainability Fund



2018-19 Budget Highlights

**\$104.4 million to
protect our
Natural
Environment**

**\$54.1 million
to address Energy
Affordability and
Security**

**\$38.2 million to
improve the
Management of
Forests**

**\$29.0 million
to deliver
Reforms in
Environment
Protection**

**\$25.9 million to
protect
Victorian's from
Waste and
Pollution**

**\$5.8 million
invested in
Climate Change**

\$104.4 million to protect our natural environment for generations of Victorians including:

- \$83.6 million to Secure the Benefits of Parks for all Victorians (including \$13 million for the Shrine to the Sea concept)
- \$8.3 million protect Port Phillip Bay and its Beaches
- \$3.0 million to protect our Faunal Emblems
- \$3.0 million to complete the master plan and finalise the land tenure arrangements for the Patterson River precinct
- \$2.1 million for Improving the Olinda Precinct



\$54.1 million to help households bust their energy bill, modernise our energy system and to maintain an affordable energy market

- \$47.8 million for Power Saving Bonus
- \$4.6 million to Support Energy Reform
- \$1.4 million for Capturing the Benefits of Victoria's Renewable Energy Contracts
- \$0.3 million for the development of a Hume Renewable Energy Strategy



\$38.2 million to improve the management of Victoria's forests and enhance Regional Victorian Communities

- \$35.9 million to Deliver Greater Community Value from our Forests
- \$2.1 million for Walking together – a Partnership to Improve Community Connection and Access to Country
- \$0.2 million for Jobs for Aboriginal People in Natural Resource Management



\$29.0 million to deliver landmark reforms in environment protection



- \$19.9 million to maintain EPA's core services while they undergo a reform process
- \$7.9 million for the Clean-Up of Contaminated Public Land
- \$1.2 million for the Development of an Air Quality Strategy

\$25.9 million to protect Victorians from waste and pollution

- \$14.5 million Recycling Industry Assistance package
- \$9.1 million for the continuation of the Illegal Dumping Strikeforce
- \$2.2 million to Protect People and the Environment from Hazardous Waste

Over \$80 million over the past four years provided for waste and resource recovery



\$5.8 million to ensure Victoria continues as a leader on climate change

- \$4.8 million to Prepare the Barwon Region for Climate Change and Improve Access to Public Land
- \$1.0 million to ensure we can continue to Meet the Government's climate change obligations

Takes the total to over \$70 million over the past four years invested in climate change

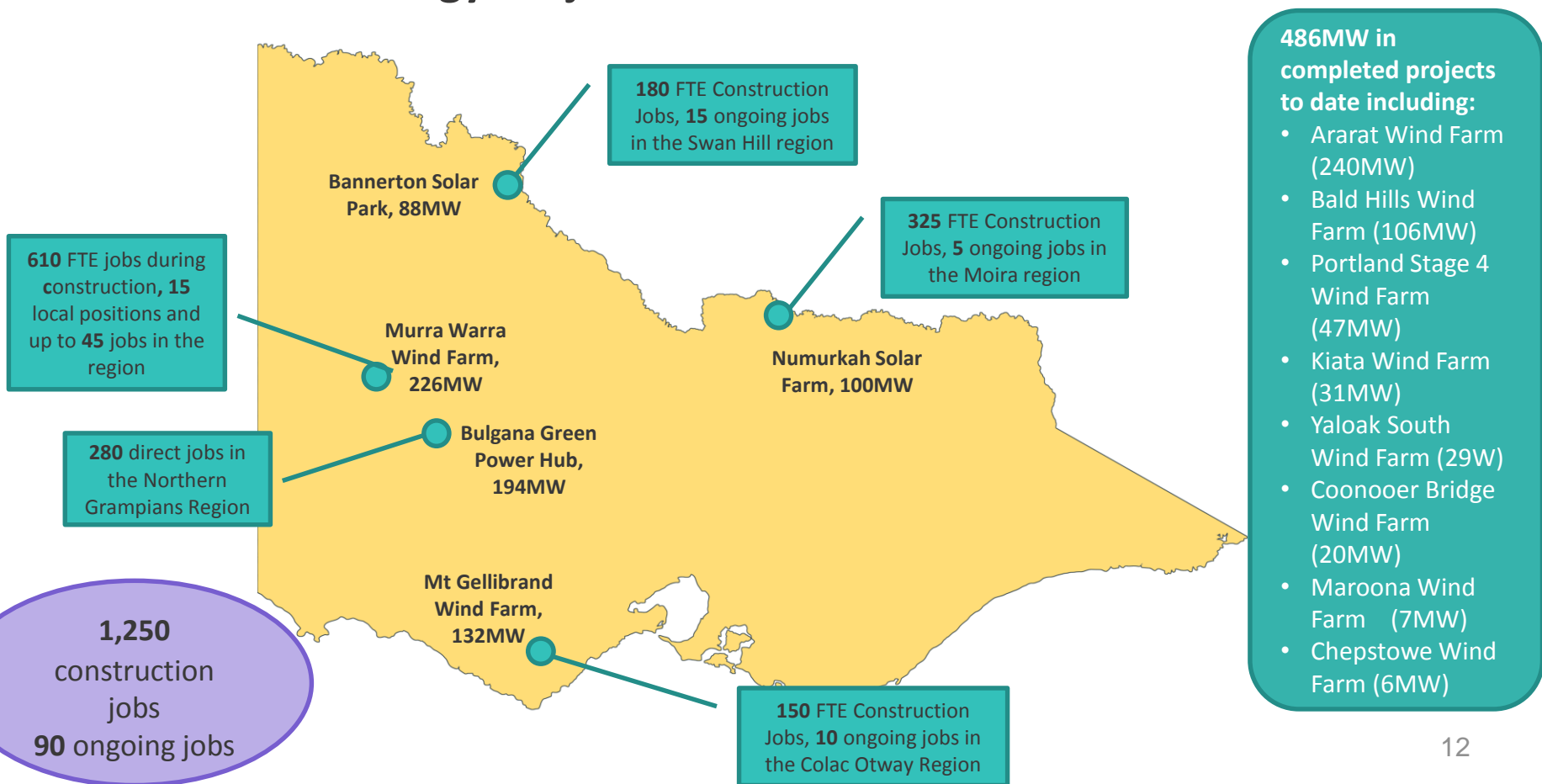


We have also delivered on our commitments

- Commenced construction of two large scale batteries, as part of the Victorian Government's energy storage initiative
- Improved emergency response capability in Western Victoria with the opening of a new incident control centre at Horsham
- Launch of the first interactive app 'More to Explore' to help Victorians get out and explore our forests
- Release of 2018 round of Community and Volunteer Action Grants, to help protect the future of Victoria's biodiversity
- Delivering on the significant investment of \$273.3 million made in the 2017-18 Budget for the 'Reducing Bushfire Risk initiative'

Victorian Renewable Energy Target

As at June 2018, there is over **1,771 MW** of Victorian Large Scale-Renewable Energy Projects under construction



Clean Energy

Supporting hydrogen fuel cell and electric vehicle technology

- SEA Automotive \$0.5 million
- Renewable hydrogen refueling station for Moreland City Council

Planning for future

- Committed resources
- Investing in targeted projects which leverage funding
- Recognise that not just funding is required

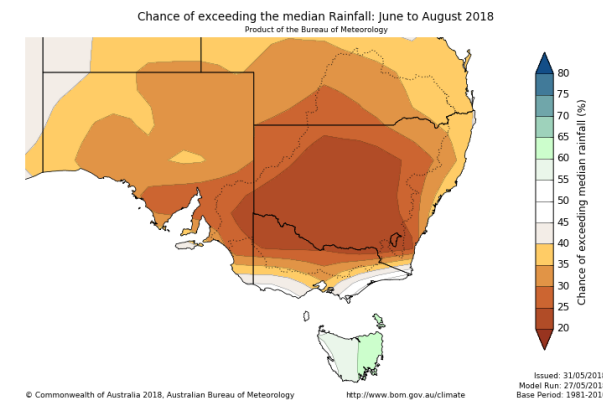
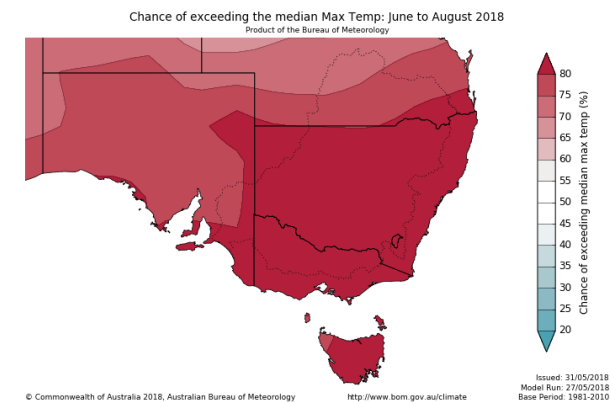
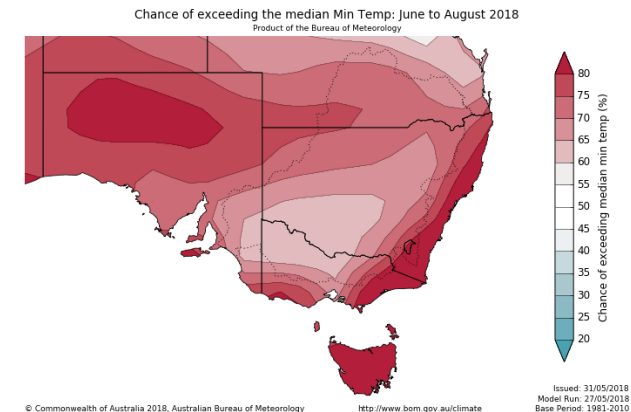


Management of bushfires – fuel management in 2017-18 (to date)

- 358 burns - 64,978 ha treated
- Mechanical works - 9,750 ha
- 43 of 71 high priority risk reduction burns completed.
- Preliminary 2018 residual risk estimated to be 65%

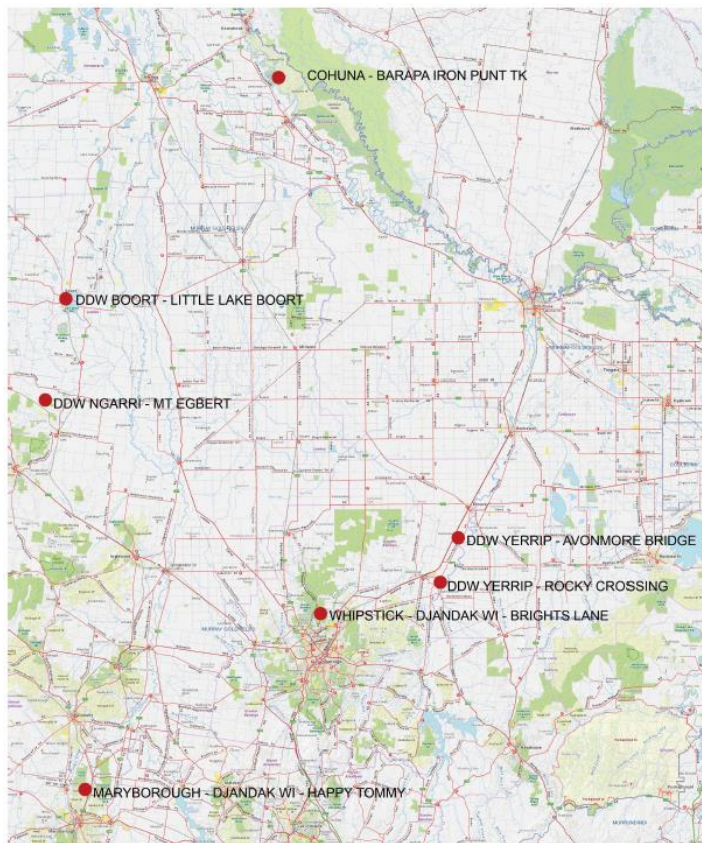
Autumn 2018 – warm with below average rainfall

- State rainfall 39.2% below average (lowest since 2008)
- Temperature 1.2 degrees above average (4th warmest on record)



Traditional burns and Aboriginal Fire Management

- Local partnerships created between Traditional Owners and land management authorities
- Seven traditional burns scheduled in the Loddon Mallee region



Stawell tyre stockpile

- Assessed as presenting the greatest risk in Victoria with catastrophic social, environmental and economic impacts
- In the period 9 August 2017 to 16 October 2017, the EPA successfully removed approximately 1 million tyres (9,500 tonnes) from the site
- EPA have commenced legal proceedings to recover costs of the clean up from the duty holder



Energy, Environment and Climate Change portfolio

Investment through the 2018-19 budget ensures that we continue to:

- **Take action on climate change**
- **Protect our environment for this generation and the next**
- **Deliver a reliable, sustainable and affordable energy supply to Victoria**

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