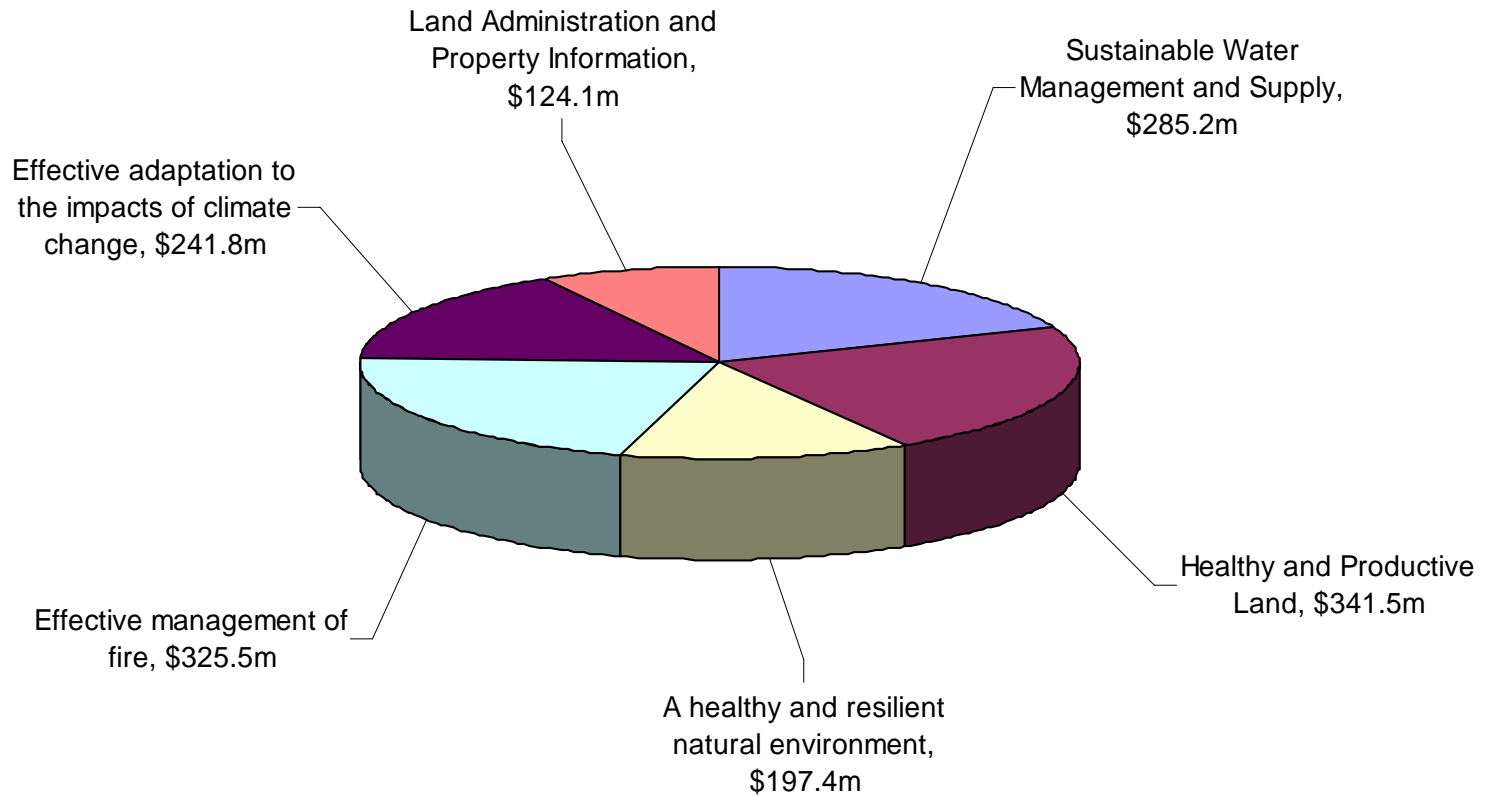


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Output Summary – DSE Budget by Portfolio 2011-12






January 2011 Floods

- During late 2010 heavy rains caused severe flooding in the north east region of Victoria
- In early 2011, further high intensity rainfall caused major flooding across much of the northern and western parts of Victoria
- In many cases the recorded flows in early 2011 were the highest or second highest on record
- In both the late 2010 and early 2011 floods, damage was sustained to critical public infrastructure, including roads and bridges.



Flood Recovery Program

- Since the 2010-11 Budget, \$175 million for State-wide flood recovery plans have been committed to affected areas
- Environment and Climate Change Portfolio projects include:
 - \$30 million to Flood Recovery Community Infrastructure Fund
 - \$34 million to Flood recovery and repair on public land
 - \$3.9 million to Flood response support activity
 - \$60.2 million to Restoring and reopening Victoria's Parks




Communities Caring for the Environment

- \$20 million over four years to support community environmental action through grants to local community groups addressing local environment priorities.
- \$12 million over four years is provided to support 60 Landcare coordinators across Victoria and help local community volunteers protect and restore Victoria's environment.
- \$1.2 million is provided over four years for a Wildlife Shelter Capital Grants program
- \$0.3 million to retain Victoria's Catchment Management Authorities




Parks & Land

- \$9.6 million is provided to continue renewal and replacement of built assets in priority parks of the Parks Victoria estate.
- \$9.6 million over five years for the management of Alpine National Park.
- \$16.6 million over four years to take a lead role in the management of invasive plants and animals on public land.
- \$30.5 million over four years to continue 65 park ranger positions.
- \$9.6 million to undertake periodic beach renourishment of Port Phillip Bay beaches.
- \$46.7 million to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability of Parks Victoria
- \$1.6 million for to consolidate and support the expansion of the Vicmap Position GPSnet network
- \$0.2 million for a comprehensive review of the policy and regulatory framework for identification and allocation of bee keeping sites on public land.

A close-up photograph of several green fern fronds, showing their intricate, feathery structure. The leaves are vibrant green and appear to be backlit, giving them a glowing appearance. They are set against a dark, blurred background.

Acting Sustainably

- \$5 million to implement a voluntary business sustainability accreditation program for Victorian small and medium enterprise.
- \$5 million for energy efficiency rebates for low income homes.
- \$8.4 million to continue and build on the existing ResourceSmart Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative program, including the provision of one-off Education Facility Energy Efficiency Grants
- \$0.1 million to conduct a feasibility study into generating green power from Ballarat's green waste



Supporting Recreational Opportunities and Other Commitments

- \$10.7 million to subsidise zoo entry for all children under 16 years of age on weekends, public holidays and during school holiday.
- \$3.6 million to continue support of the operations of Mt Baw Baw and Lake Mountain alpine resorts.
- \$0.7 million for a shotgun education program
- \$0.4 million for local park improvements

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