



Adaptation in Australian Government policies

National Adaptation Plan supplement

Our climate is changing. These changes affect systems that support us – from the natural environment to health, infrastructure, the economy, and more.

There is a path forward and we are taking it. The Australian Government is already delivering policies to address the climate risks facing Australia. These policies include strategies to strengthen our adaptation, emissions reduction and disaster risk management.

Mainstreaming climate adaptation is central to Australia’s collective adaptation progress. Many policies will contribute to adaptation without necessarily being called ‘adaptation’ policies.

In broad terms, policies that contribute to adaptation can be categorised as:

1. **Flagship plans.** These include flagship sectoral frameworks, policies or legislation. The net zero sectoral plans, for example, will focus on emissions reduction but also support climate adaptation and resilience.
2. **System policies.** These are other policies and programs with an opportunity to enhance adaptation or reduce risks from climate impacts across the ‘systems’ identified in the National Adaptation Plan. The Indigenous Rangers Program, the Murray–Darling Basin Plan, and the National Construction Code are examples.
3. **Adaptation policies.** These are policies that specifically target adaptation, or where adaptation is a central feature. Examples include the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) and the Resilient Landscapes Program.

The first 2 kinds of policies (flagship and system) present both a challenge and an opportunity in ensuring they are designed to be effective under future climatic conditions. This is key to the concept of mainstreaming adaptation.

Table 1 outlines some of the Australian Government’s key policies and strategies for each system within the National Adaptation Plan. It includes the major policies discussed in the National Adaptation Plan Issues Paper and in the National Adaptation Plan. This collation is not intended to be exhaustive. Further adaptation actions may be accessed via the [Australian Adaptation Database](#), developed by the National Environmental Science Program Climate Systems Hub Project on Enabling Adaptation Best Practice.

Table 1: Australian Government policies relevant to adaptation as at August 2025.

Policy / program	Agency	System	Description	Type
Better Connectivity Plan	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Includes a 5-year, \$656 million package to improve mobile coverage in rural and regional communities. This program improves mobile and broadband connectivity and resilience in rural and regional Australia.	System policy
Growing Regions Program	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Provides funding of between \$500,000 and \$15 million to local government entities and incorporated not-for-profit organisations for capital works projects that will enhance liveability, bolster social cohesion and support local amenity throughout Australia's regions.	System policy
National Reconstruction Fund	Department of Industry, Science and Resources	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Aims to support, diversify and transform Australian industry and the economy to help drive regional development and secure jobs.	Flagship plan
National Urban Policy	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Outlines the Australian Government’s goals and objectives to enable our urban areas to be liveable, equitable, productive, sustainable and resilient.	Flagship plan

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Northern Australia Action Plan 2024–2029	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Reaffirms the Australian Government’s commitment to the north and recognises the potential of northern Australia to build on its comparative advantages of natural resources, strategic location, unique environment, cultural heritage and resilient communities.	Flagship plan
Regional Investment Framework	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Sets out a new approach to delivering regional investment, coordinating across government to make investment work better for our regions and placing regions and their people at the centre of decision-making.	System policy
Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Seeks to support transformative investment in regional, rural and remote Australia based on the principles of unifying places, growing economies and serving communities. It focuses on a partnerships approach, bringing together governments and communities to deliver multi-purpose precincts that are place-based, tailored to local needs and positioned around a shared vision, need or theme.	System policy
Transition Support Network	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Works with employment facilitators across Australia to assist retrenched workers to find a new job as soon as possible.	System policy
Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Communities – urban, regional and remote	Supports transformative investment in urban Australia based on the principles of unifying urban places, growing economies and serving communities. The objectives of the program include adapting to the changing climate.	System policy

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Disaster Ready Fund	National Emergency Management Agency	Cross-cutting	Supports projects that address the physical and social impacts of disasters caused by climate change and other natural hazards on Australian communities.	Flagship plan
Measuring What Matters	The Treasury	Cross-cutting	The first iteration of Australia’s national wellbeing framework. The framework can help us understand what matters most to Australians and build a healthy, secure, sustainable, cohesive and prosperous Australia for everyone.	Flagship plan
National Agreement on Closing the Gap	A Partnership Agreement between the Australian Government, state/territory governments, the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations (the Coalition of Peaks) and the Australian Local Government Association	Cross-cutting	The objective of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap is to enable First Nations people and governments to work together to overcome the inequality experienced by First Nations peoples, and achieve life outcomes equal to all Australians. It has been developed in genuine partnership between Australian governments and the Coalition of Peaks, and sets out 4 priority reforms and 19 measurable targets.	Flagship plan
National Circular Economy Framework	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Cross-cutting	Sets Australia’s 10-year commitment to double the circularity of the Australian economy and transform how we use, reuse, and regenerate resources across the economy.	Flagship plan
National Energy Performance Strategy	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Cross-cutting	Establishes a framework for long-term coordinated action to deliver the government’s vision that ‘all Australians enjoy the economic, climate and health benefits of improved energy performance’.	Flagship plan

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Net Zero Plan and sector decarbonisation plans	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Cross-cutting	Lays out and extends Australia’s action on climate change. Six sectoral emissions reduction plans will support the Net Zero Plan. Adaptation and resilience were considered through development of the plans.	Flagship plan
Sustainable Communities Program	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Cross-cutting	Provides \$300 million over four years for adjustment assistance to minimise the social and economic impacts of water recovery on Murray-Darling Basin communities.	System policy
Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Resilience Centre	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Cross-cutting	The centre is a \$15.9 million investment over 6 years (2022–23 to 2027–28) and grants of \$10.8 million have now been administered for the recruitment and training of local First Nations climate resilience officers. These officers will lead practical climate adaptation projects and community education.	Adaptation policy
2024 National Defence Strategy	Department of Defence	Defence and national security	Sets out the government’s approach to addressing Australia’s most significant strategic risks from a national defence perspective.	System policy
Australia’s Second National Action Plan under the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework	National Emergency Management Agency	Defence and national security	Effectively coordinates and aligns action to reduce systemic disaster risk to create stronger, more secure and more resilient communities before, during and after disasters.	System policy
National Emergency Management Stockpile	National Emergency Management Agency	Defence and national security	The National Emergency Management Stockpile Capability helps roll out critical goods and services quickly following a disaster. It is maintained by NEMA for the Australian Government and aims to increase agility and speed in supporting states and territories in crisis.	System policy

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Australia's Sustainable Finance Taxonomy	The Treasury	Economy, trade and finance	Developed by the Australian Sustainable Finance Institute for the Council of Financial Regulators' Climate Working Group. It covers activities that contribute to climate change mitigation in 6 priority sectors. Other climate and environmental objectives, including climate adaptation and resilience, have been incorporated in the Taxonomy's 'do no significant harm' framework.	System policy
Hazards Insurance Partnership (HIP)	National Emergency Management Agency	Economy, trade and finance	An enduring partnership between the Australian Government and the insurance industry. Through the partnership, the government and insurers are working together to address insurance affordability and availability issues as driven by natural hazard risk, to reduce risk for communities and improve Australia's resilience to natural hazards.	System policy
Mandatory disclosure of climate-related risks	The Treasury	Economy, trade and finance	These disclosures will provide investors with greater transparency and more comparable information about entities' exposures to climate-related financial risks, opportunities and their climate-related plans and strategies.	System policy
National Sustainability Framework for the Visitor Economy	Australian Trade and Investment Commission	Economy, trade and finance	Sets out a common understanding and vision for sustainable tourism in Australia and outlines 4 pillars of sustainable tourism.	System policy
Sustainable Finance Strategy	The Treasury	Economy, trade and finance	Supports Australia's pathway to net zero by providing an ambitious and comprehensive framework for reducing barriers to investment into sustainable activities.	Flagship plan
Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031	Department of Social Services	Health and social support	Sets out a plan to change the lives of people with disability over 10 years. The Strategy's vision is for an inclusive Australian society that ensures people with disability can fulfil their potential, as equal members of the community.	Flagship plan
Climate Change and Environmental Health Indicators:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Health and social support	Developed to meet identified gaps in both the National Preventive Health Strategy and the National Health and Climate Strategy.	System policy

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Reporting Framework				
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Strategy	National Indigenous Australians Agency	Health and social support	Aims to refocus investment and policy to ensure all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are supported to grow up strong and proud in culture, as future Elders and Custodians of Country across Australia.	System policy
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021–2031	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Health and social support	Establishes a nationally agreed policy framework to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the course of a decade.	Flagship plan
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Health and social support	The target of the plan is for First Nations people to be fully represented in the health workforce by 2031. It includes actions to attract, recruit and retain workers across all roles, levels and locations within the health sector.	System policy
National Digital Health Strategy	Australian Digital Health Agency	Health and social support	A 5-year plan that sets the vision and pathway for our digital health future and places people at the centre of a connected and digitally enabled healthcare system.	System policy
National Disaster Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework	National Emergency Management Agency	Health and social support	Represents national agreement on how governments and all recovery partners can prepare for and support mental health and wellbeing in the context of national disasters.	System policy
National Environment Protection Measure for Ambient Air Quality	National Environment Protection Council	Health and social support	Establishes national protection goals for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, carbon monoxide, particles and lead.	System policy
National Health and Climate Strategy (2023)	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Health and Social Support	Sets out a whole-of-government plan for addressing the health and wellbeing impacts of climate change while also addressing the contribution of the health system to climate change.	Adaptation policy

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National Mental Health Workforce Strategy 2022–2032	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Health and social support	Provides a high-level vision and roadmap to build a sustainable workforce that is skilled, well-distributed and supported to deliver mental health treatment, care and support that meets the current and future population needs.	Flagship plan
National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032	Department of Social Services	Health and social support	Provides an overarching national policy framework that will guide actions towards ending violence against women and children in one generation.	Flagship plan
National Preventative Health Strategy (2021–2030)	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Health and social support	Aims to create a stronger and more effective prevention system and recognise that a whole-of-government response is required at all levels.	System policy
National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing 2017–2023	National Indigenous Australians Agency	Health and social support	Sets out a comprehensive and culturally appropriate stepped care model that is equally applicable to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific and mainstream health services. It helps guide and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health policy and practice and is an important resource for policy makers, advocates, service providers, clients, consumers and researchers.	System policy
National Strategy for Food Security in Remote First Nations Communities	National Indigenous Australians Agency	Health and social support	Aims to improve prices, quality and availability of food and other essential groceries.	System policy
National Strategy Framework for Chronic Conditions	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Health and social support	Sets the directions and outcomes to help Australians live healthier lives through effective prevention and management of chronic conditions.	System policy
National Clean Air Agreement	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Health and Social Support Natural environment	Sets a framework for national collaboration on air quality issues to deliver health, environmental and economic outcomes for Australians.	System policy

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Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy and Plan	Department of Home Affairs	Infrastructure and built environment	Guides work with critical infrastructure entities and all levels of government to enhance the security and resilience of Australia's critical infrastructure.	System policy
Infrastructure Australia's Assessment Framework	Infrastructure Australia	Infrastructure and built environment	Provides a national standard for best-practice infrastructure development and explains their requirements for assessing proposals.	System policy
National Construction Code	Australian Building Codes Board	Infrastructure and built environment	Sets out the minimum requirements for the design and construction of buildings in Australia. This includes for the safety, health, amenity, accessibility and sustainability of certain buildings.	System policy
National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Infrastructure and built environment	A holistic, coordinated and multi-modal approach to freight and supply chains agreed by all jurisdictions. It sets an agenda for government and industry action across all freight modes and includes actions relating to infrastructure.	Flagship plan
Road and Rail Supply Chain Resilience Review	Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics	Infrastructure and built environment	This review identified and analysed Australia's critical road and rail freight routes and the risks they face, including identifying current resilience initiatives which are addressing these risks.	Adaptation policy
Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Infrastructure and built environment	Co-funds upgrades with state and territory governments to help social housing residents access the benefits of the energy transition.	System policy
Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Infrastructure and built environment	Aims to achieve net zero energy and carbon-ready commercial and residential buildings in Australia.	System policy
Australia's Strategy for Nature	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	Provides the over-arching framework for all national, state and territory and local strategies, legislation, policies and actions that target nature.	Flagship plan

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Australia's Sustainable Ocean Plan	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	The plan will share an agreed national vision for our ocean to 2040 and identify actions to grow our ocean economy sustainably now and into the future, underpinned by a healthy ocean.	Flagship plan
Australian Marine Park management plans	Director of National Parks	Natural environment	Statutory management plans set out the approach to managing 60 Australian Marine Parks.	System policy
Australian National Botanic Gardens	Director of National Parks	Natural environment	Features 4,000 plant species representing one fifth of Australia's known native plants. With over 78,000 plants growing onsite, it is the largest living collection of our native plants in the world. This includes 331 nationally threatened plant species listed under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .	System Policy
Blue Carbon Conservation, Restoration and Accounting Program	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	Implements carbon restoration, scales up investment in coastal blue carbon ecosystems, and quantifies improved outcomes for climate, biodiversity and livelihoods.	System policy
Climate Action for World Heritage through Capacity Development Project	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	The project builds the capacity of World Heritage property managers to better respond to climate change impacts on properties globally, including the development of a global climate action toolkit.	Adaptation policy
Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2019	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	Provides a framework for governments, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, water users and other stakeholders to achieve economic, environmental, cultural and social outcomes for the Great Artesian Basin and its users.	System policy
Great Artesian Basin Water Security Program	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	Provides \$32 million to support the delivery of strategic investments in immediate and long-term measures that improve water security for the environment, First Nations peoples and all water users reliant on the Great Artesian Basin.	System policy

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Great Barrier Reef Blueprint for Climate Resilience and Adaptation	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Natural environment	Identifies the priority current and proposed actions to protect Great Barrier Reef resilience and support climate adaptation.	Adaptation policy
Indigenous Protected Areas	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water / National Indigenous Australians Agency	Natural environment	Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) are areas of land and sea Country managed by First Nations groups in accordance with Traditional Owners' objectives. IPAs deliver biodiversity conservation outcomes for the benefit of all Australians.	System policy
Indigenous Rangers Program	National Indigenous Australians Agency	Natural environment	Assists First Nations peoples in managing Country according to Traditional Owners' objectives. Indigenous rangers use traditional knowledge and cultural practices, combined with Western science, to manage land, river and sea Country and deliver environmental, cultural, social and economic development outcomes.	System policy
Island Parks management plans	Director of National Parks	Natural environment	The Director of National Parks has responsibility for three island parks: Christmas Island, Pulu Keeling and Norfolk Island National Park; managed through statutory management plans.	System Policy
National Agreement on Closing the Gap – Inland Waters Target	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	Uses a jurisdictional rather than national approach so that state/territory governments are not reliant upon each other to achieve better water outcomes for First Nations peoples but will be accountable and responsible to ultimately increase First Nations peoples' water ownership and management within a jurisdictional footprint.	System policy
National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	The system includes 62 Commonwealth-managed marine protected areas, state/territory marine protected areas, and covers 52% of Australian waters. Australia is a world leader in marine protected area management.	System policy

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National Seed Bank	Director of National Parks	Natural environment	Conserves Australian native seeds, assisting with the conservation of threatened species and restoration potential for damaged ecosystems.	System policy
National Water Agreement	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	The agreement will help ensure a safe and secure supply of sufficient water quality and quantity to sustain communities, culture, natural environments and economic prosperity, adapting to varying climate and competing demands.	Flagship plan
Nature Repair Market	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	The Nature Repair Market is a legislated, national, voluntary market. It enables people to take action to restore and protect the environment. Projects under the Nature Repair Market encourage land management practices that improve biodiversity. The Market aligns with the Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) Scheme, supporting people to design projects that achieve both carbon and biodiversity outcomes.	System policy
Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Natural environment	A collaborative policy of the Australian and Queensland governments, the strategic framework that sets out the vision for the Great Barrier Reef and how governments, Traditional Owners, industry, land managers, scientists, and the community will collaborate to help to protect and sustain the Reef.	Adaptation policy
Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program	Australian Institute of Marine Science	Natural environment	This research and development program compiles a consortium of experts to create solutions to enhance the resilience of corals on the Great Barrier Reef.	Adaptation policy
Savanna Fire Management Program	Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (co-funded project with Northern Territory Government and industry)	Natural environment	A funding initiative to support coordination, training, start-up and early operational costs for new projects on Aboriginal Lands in the Top End of the Northern Territory.	System policy

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Saving Australia's Bushland Program	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	Invests \$250 million in the Saving Australia's Bushland Program over 5 years (from July 2025) to boost conservation and contribute to meeting the 30 by 30 target (a national target to protect and conserve 30% of Australia's landmass and 30% of Australia's marine areas by 2030).	System policy
The Climate Change Toolkit for Australia's World Heritage properties	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	The Toolkit, developed in collaboration with CSIRO, provides a framework for Australian property and environmental managers to assess, plan for and adapt to the impacts of climate change, and a workbook that can be used in planning workshops.	Adaptation policy
Murray-Darling Basin Plan	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	Aims to bring the Basin back to a healthy level to support Australians now and into the future, and to be more resilient to the impacts of climate change.	System policy
The Natural Heritage Trust	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	The Australian Government's primary investment platform for environmental protection, sustainable agriculture, natural resource management.	Adaptation policy
Threatened Species Action Plan 2022–2032	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Natural environment	Maps a pathway to protect, manage and restore Australia's threatened species and strengthen adaptive capacity for priority threatened species and places.	Flagship plan
Joint management of Booderee, Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks	Director of National Parks	Natural environment	Booderee, Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks are leased to the Director by their Traditional Owners. These parks are jointly managed by the Director and a board of management.	System Policy
Australian Agricultural Sustainability Framework	National Farmers' Federation, supported by Department of Agriculture,	Primary industries and food	Progresses a science and data-led approach to develop internationally recognised best practice for making, verifying, and tracing sustainability claims.	System policy

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	Fisheries and Forestry			
Australian Fisheries Management Authority's Climate Adaptation Program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Aims to ensure information on climate impacts is being incorporated into fisheries management across all Australian Fisheries Management Authority fisheries, and that operational and management adaptation options are being developed and implemented.	Adaptation policy
Australian Government Drought Plan	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Sets out the Australian Government's drought policy and articulates how the government is delivering on its commitments under the National Drought Agreement. It outlines the Australian Government programs and activities available before, during and after drought, and the principles that guide government action as conditions become drier.	Flagship plan
Climate Services for Agriculture program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Enables farmers and farm advisers, rural communities and others to access local, regional and commodity-specific climate information, useful for informing farm business, community and government decision-making to prepare for future drought and climate change. Delivered through the Future Drought Fund (FDF) alongside delivery partners.	Adaptation policy
Climate Smart Agriculture Program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Drives agricultural sustainability, productivity, and competitiveness. It supports the agriculture sector in adopting practices to reduce emissions and build resilience to climate change.	Adaptation policy
Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Provides regionally focused information and support to develop, extend and encourage the adoption of drought resilient technologies and practices. Delivered through the FDF.	Adaptation policy
Farm Business Resilience program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Helps farmers build skills and capabilities to plan for and manage all kinds of risks, including drought and other climate risks. This program includes and integrates Drought Resilience Scholarships. Delivered through the FDF in partnership with states/territories.	System policy

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Farm Household Allowance Plan	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Provides assistance for commercial-scale farmers and their partners experiencing financial hardship for any reason, including unexpected weather conditions. Recipients must work towards achieving long-term financial security, including through more sustainable agricultural practices.	System policy
Farm Management Deposits (FMD) Scheme	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Provides a risk management tool for primary producers and a tax concession to encourage them to build cash reserves in high-income years, which they can draw upon in future years. Income deposited into an FMD account is tax deductible in the financial year the deposit is made and is included in the primary producer's taxable income in the financial year it is withdrawn.	System policy
FDF Communities program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Strengthens social resilience to drought and other climate impacts by supporting and developing leaders, networks and organisations in agriculture-dependent communities. Delivered through the FDF, alongside delivery partners.	System policy
Future Drought Fund (FDF)	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Aims to provide secure and continuous support to Australian farmers and regional communities to build their resilience to drought. Also supports broader climate resilience outcomes, when consistent with the principles of the Drought Resilience Funding Plan.	Flagship plan
Indigenous Ranger Biosecurity Program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Strengthens biosecurity data collection, profiling and surveillance, with unique traditional knowledge and skills.	System policy
Innovation Challenges Pilot program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Fosters innovative solutions for challenges related to drought and climate impacts. Delivered through FDF.	Adaptation policy
Long Term Trials program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Investigates innovative farming practices, technologies and approaches through evidence-based trials to inform farmers, drive adoption and foster transformational change to build drought and climate resilience. Delivered through the FDF.	Adaptation policy

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National Agricultural Traceability Strategy 2023–2033	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	A 10-year shared strategy with stakeholders (across governments, industry, and supply chains) to coordinate the adoption of enhanced traceability and credentials across agricultural supply chains. Also supports actions to establish cultural product provenance, create value-added opportunities, and mitigate biosecurity and food safety risks with potential to impede current and future market access.	System policy
National Biosecurity Strategy 2022–2032	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Sets out a vision for Australia’s future biosecurity system with consideration of climate change.	Flagship plan
National Food Waste Strategy	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Primary industries and food	Provides a framework to support collective action towards halving Australia’s food waste by 2030.	Flagship plan
National Statement on Climate Change and Agriculture	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	A joint initiative of Australian, state/territory governments to present a unified vision on climate change and agriculture ensure continued world leadership in climate-smart practices.	Adaptation policy
Regional Drought Resilience Planning program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Helps regions prepare for and manage drought and other interconnected risks through locally tailored actions identified in community-owned and led plans. Delivered through the FDF, in partnership with states/territories.	System policy
Resilient Landscape program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Supports projects to demonstrate how implementing and scaling of practices, technologies or approaches to manage natural resources on farm contribute to building drought and climate resilience by improving landscape function and ecosystem services. Delivered through the FDF.	Adaptation policy

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Rural Financial Counselling Services	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Provides free and independent financial counselling to eligible farmers, fishers, foresters and small related businesses experiencing, or at risk of, financial hardship. The overarching goal of the program is to build financially capable agricultural, fishing and forestry sectors that are profitable, financially self-reliant and better prepared to deal with risks.	System policy
Rural Research and Development Corporations	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Drives agricultural innovation and allows the Australian Government and primary producers to co-invest in research and development.	System policy
Scaling Success program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Extends the reach of previous Future Drought Fund projects that have proved successful in building drought and climate resilience and contributing to broader change. Delivered through the FDF.	System policy
Strengthening Drought Resilience on Country Pilot program	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Facilitates place-based First Nations-led activities. First Nations will be engaged to facilitate co-design and delivery of projects. Projects will support First Nations individuals, businesses and communities to build drought and climate resilience. Delivered through the FDF, alongside delivery partners.	System policy
The National Soil Strategy	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Sets out how Australia will value, manage and improve its soil for the next 20 years (from 2021) to achieve a more sustainable future.	System policy
The Regional Investment Corporation	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Delivers Commonwealth-funded concessional loans to farm businesses and drought-affected small businesses to improve their long-term strength, resilience and profitability. It also provides support for new entrants into farming and succession activities. In August 2025, the Australian Government announced that the RIC's loan scope will be broadened to include assistance for improving climate resilience, boosting sector productivity, and supporting agriculture to be part of Australia's net zero transition. The RIC will also provide assistance for businesses and	System policy

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			communities affected by slow-onset significant ecological events.	
Timber Fibre Strategy	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Primary industries and food	Addresses the risks of future climate scenarios in Australia’s forestry industry and wood production, which also plays an important role in carbon sequestration.	System policy