

## 2025-26 Federal Budget 26 March 2025

### Introduction

On Tuesday 25 March 2025, Treasurer the Hon. Jim Chalmers MP delivered the 2025-26 Federal Budget, marking the fourth budget under the Albanese government. This Budget comes at a time of heightened global economic pressures, persistent cost-of-living concerns, and increasing geopolitical uncertainty.

The federal election is set to take place in May 2025. The Albanese Government is set to prioritise the following policy areas:

**Cost of Living Relief** – Measures aimed at easing financial pressure on households, such as tax relief for middle- and low-income earners, increased subsidies for essential goods and services, and potential adjustments to welfare payments.

**Healthcare Investments** – Increased funding for Medicare, hospital infrastructure, and mental health services to ensure accessibility and affordability for Australians.

**Education and Skills Development** – Additional funding for schools, universities, and vocational training to support workforce development and future-proof the economy.

**Housing Affordability** – Expansion of homebuyer support schemes, social housing initiatives, and incentives for property development to address the ongoing housing crisis.

**Economic Growth and Jobs** – Policies aimed at fostering business investment, infrastructure projects, and innovation to stimulate economic expansion and job creation.

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## Budget Outlook

The headline economic figures of the 2025-26 Budget are as follows:

- Deficit for the 2025-26 Budget has landed at **\$42.1 Billion**, this figure is lower than what was predicted in MYEFO, and lower than what was forecast before the last election.
- Gross debt will hit \$940 billion this financial year, \$177 billion less than what the Government inherited.
- Growth is forecast to pick up from 1½ per cent this year to 2½ per cent in 2026–27. This is a better forecast than most advanced economies around the world. This growth will largely be driven by the private sector.
- Unemployment is expected to remain low at 4.25 per cent.

As an election-year budget, it is designed to address the most pressing concerns of Australians while reinforcing the government’s economic management credentials.

With many households facing financial strain due to historic inflation and interest rates, the government has continued to provide targeted relief.

The government has made key investments in healthcare and education.

The Budget continues to provide fiscal discipline. With further budget savings, the government has achieved \$94 billion worth of savings across its four budgets.

Treasurer Jim Chalmers framed this progress in his Budget speech, stating,

*“Inflation is down, incomes are rising, unemployment is low, interest rates are coming down, debt is down, and growth is picking up momentum. On all these fronts, our economy and our Budget are in better shape than they were three years ago.”*

## 2024-25 Federal Budget Commitments

### Cost of Living & Economy

#### Cross Portfolio

- **\$506.4 million** over five years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$12.3 million in 2029–30) to achieve better outcomes for First Nations people under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. Funding includes:
  - **\$137.3 million** over three years from 2024–25 to support the transition between the Community Development Program and the new remote employment service.
  - **\$70.9 million** over two years from 2025–26 to increase opportunities for First Nations people through a boost to Indigenous Business Australia’s Home Loan Capital Fund.

- **\$50.0 million** over four years from 2025–26 to provide access to low-cost products for remote stores.
- **\$36.7 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$4.5 million in 2029–30) for Stage 7 of the Major Infrastructure Programme.
- **\$33.6 million** over two years from 2025–26 to extend the Clontarf Foundation program for the 2026 school year to support school engagement for First Nations young men.
- **\$28.4 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$7.8 million in 2029–30) for Stage 3 of the Seawalls Program.
- **\$24.7 million** over four years from 2025–26 to improve access to culturally safe and qualified mental health support including scholarships for up to 150 First Nations psychology students to boost the First Nations health care workforce.
- **\$23.9 million** over five years from 2024–25 to strengthen the Indigenous Procurement Policy to boost opportunities for First Nations businesses to grow and create jobs.
- **\$21.8 million** over two years from 2025–26 to continue to provide family, domestic and sexual violence services to First Nations women, children and communities.
- **\$21.4 million** over three years from 2025–26 to build a nutrition workforce in remote communities through upskilling store-based First Nations staff.
- **\$156.7 million** over two years from 2025–26 to strengthen compliance and enforcement action in relation to the trade of illicit tobacco and nicotine products.

Prime Minister and Cabinet

- **\$20.0 million** in 2025–26 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for initiatives to encourage consumers to buy Australian-made products.
- **\$842.6 million** over six years from 2025–26 for a six-year National Partnership on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment (Partnership) with the Northern Territory Government and Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory.

Social Services

- **\$175.4 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and \$43.8 million per year ongoing) to further safeguard the integrity of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and support people with disability. Funding includes:
  - **\$151.0 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and \$43.8 million per year ongoing) to continue enhancements to the National Disability Insurance Agency’s (NDIA’s) fraud detecting information technology systems, with this funding to be held in the Contingency Reserve until the fraud and compliance system enhancements funded in previous economic updates are complete.
  - **\$17.1 million** in 2025–26 to continue to invest in the NDIA’s ability to detect and respond to fraud and non-compliant payments.
- **\$423.8 million** over five years from 2024–25 (and \$150.0 million per year ongoing) to support inclusion and build the capacity of people with disability and their families through improving accessibility, delivery of inclusive community services, and general understanding of disability. Funding includes:

- **\$364.5 million** over five years from 2024–25 (and \$150.0 million per year ongoing) to redesign the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building program.
- **\$42.2 million** over five years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$0.1 million from 2029–30 to 2031–32) to deliver the National Autism Strategy and implement the Strategy’s First Action Plan.
- **\$17.1 million** over four years from 2024–25 to establish the Accessible Australia initiative, to increase accessibility in community spaces across Australia through accessible infrastructure projects.

### Treasury

- **\$1.8 billion** over two years from 2025–26 to continue energy bill rebates of \$75 per quarter for eligible Australian households and small businesses until 31 December 2025 to provide cost-of-living relief.
- **\$58.8 million** over five years from 2024–25 to increase support for housing, including:
  - **\$54.0 million** over four years from 2024–25 to increase the supply and adoption of prefabricated and modular housing construction, including:
    - **\$49.3 million** over two years from 2025–26 to support states and territories to scale up existing projects for prefabricated and modular housing construction.
- **\$800 million** in additional investment in the Help to Buy program, bringing total equity investments to \$6.3 billion, through increasing property price caps and increasing income caps from \$90,000 to \$100,000 for singles and from \$120,000 to \$160,000 for joint applications.
- **\$570 million** to the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) to address the PNG Government’s estimated 2024 budget shortfall.
- **\$6.7 million** in 2025–26 to extend the operation of the National Anti-Scam Centre within the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to continue protecting consumers and businesses from scam activity.

### Health

#### Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

- **\$8.5 billion** to strengthen Medicare. This is the largest investment to Medicare since its inception. This investment looks to secure 4,800 fully bulk-billed practices across the country by 2030.
- **\$784.6 million** to lower the costs of PBS listed scripts, capping the maximum cost for listed medications at \$25, and \$7.70 for pension card holders.
- **\$539.4 million** over five years from 2024–25 (and an additional \$98.8 million in 2029–30) to establish the First Pharmaceutical Wholesalers Agreement with the National Pharmaceutical Services Association to ensure medicines remain accessible across Australia.
- **\$256.2 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and \$82.1 million per year ongoing) to introduce new and amend existing items on the MBS.

### Health Workforce

- **\$7.9 billion** for GP visits, aiming to make 9 out of 10 doctor visits bulk billed by 2030. This looks to save patients \$859 million each year by 2030. This includes incentives and postgraduate scholarships to upskill nurses and midwives.
- **\$662.6 billion** to grow the workforce of doctors and nurses. This investment paves the way for 2,000 more doctors to enter the workforce each year by 2028.
  - **\$265.4 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and \$94.8 million per year ongoing) to expand general practitioner (GP) training.
  - **\$248.7 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and \$83.6 million per year ongoing) for salary incentives for junior doctors to specialise in general practice, and to provide paid parental leave and study leave for trainee GPs.
- **\$24.7 million** over four years from 2025–26 to improve access to culturally safe and qualified mental health support including scholarships for up to 150 First Nations psychology students to boost the First Nations health care workforce.

### Health Infrastructure

- **\$1.8 billion** funding boost to public hospitals nationwide which will look to cut hospital waiting lists, reduce waiting times in emergency rooms and manage ambulance ramping among other measures.
- **50 additional** Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, ensuring that 4 in 5 Australians will live within 20 minutes of a clinic.
- **\$46.0 million** over four years from 2024–25 to continue digital mental health services.
- **\$228.7 million** in 2025–26 to continue modernising My Health Record and support the digital health reform agenda.
- **\$17.3 million** over three years from 2025–26 to provide affordable access to Medicare-eligible Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services at three metropolitan locations.
- **\$15.6 million** over two years from 2025–26 to continue initiatives under the Health Delivery Transformation Program.

### Preventative Health Measures and Research

- **\$132.0 million** in 2025–26 to improve health outcomes through preventive health and other health initiatives.
  - **\$107.8 million** in 2025–26 to extend the existing Public Dental Services for Adults funding agreement.

### Women

- **\$792.9 million** to improve women-focused healthcare.
- Additions to the PBS targeted at addressing women’s health and pain issues, including additional contraceptive methods, endometriosis pain medicine and menopausal hormone therapies.
- **11** additional endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics.

- **\$20.9 million** over three years from 2025–26 to support 33 Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinics to provide specialist care and support for women experiencing endometriosis, pelvic pain, perimenopause and menopause.
- **\$134.3 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and \$35.3 million per year ongoing) to increase the schedule fee for four long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), and to incentivise bulk billing through the creation of an MBS item claimable when a provider bulk bills a LARC insertion or removal service.
- A new Medicare rebate for menopause health assessments.

#### Aged Care

- **\$291.6 million** to continue delivering aged care reforms and implementation of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.
  - **\$53.2 million** in 2025–26 to continue implementation of the Single Assessment System and support the staged digital implementation of the Aged Care Act 2024 to ensure continuity of aged care assessment services.
  - **\$47.6 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and an additional \$12.7 million in 2029–30) to support First Nations organisations to deliver culturally appropriate aged care assessments for First Nations people.
  - **\$24.4 million** in 2024–25 for additional Commonwealth Home Support Programme assessments to meet new requirements under the Aged Care Act 2024.
- **\$2.5 billion** to increase award wages of aged care nurses from 1 March 2025.
  - **\$35.5 million** over two years from 2025–26 to fund historical leave provisions for Commonwealth funded aged care providers.

## Education

#### Early Childhood Education

- **\$4.5 million** over four years from 2025-26 to Services Australia to make system changes to ensure consistency with the passing of recent legislation to implement the **Child Care Subsidy 3 Day Guarantee**.
  - This replaces the Child Care Subsidy Activity Test, and is expected to benefit 100,000 families through increased eligibility for additional hours of subsidised early childhood education and care.
- **\$3.6 billion** to raise the wages of early educators through the *Worker Retention Payment* to benefit up to **200,000** early childhood educators.
- **\$1 billion** to establish the *Building Early Education Fund* to increase the supply of high-quality early childhood places across Australia.
  - **160** new or expanded early childhood education and care services in outer suburbs and regional Australia – to be located on school sites where possible.

### Fully Funding Public Schools

- **\$407.5 million** over four years from 2025-26 (and **\$7.2 billion** from 2029-30 to 2035-36) to jurisdictions which have signed the *Better and Fairer Schools Agreement (Full and Fair Funding 2025-2034) Bilateral Agreements*.
  - Including New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, and the Australian Capital Territory – and Queensland whose agreement was only signed into effect on 24 March 2025.
  - In alignment with this agreement, the Commonwealth will increase its share of the *Schooling Resource Standard* to **25%** by 2034-35 and jurisdictions will end their use of the 4% provision. The reallocation of this funding will go to delivering reforms including:
    - Small group tutoring;
    - Year 1 phonics introduction;
    - Early years numeracy checks; and
    - Support to attract and retain teachers.

### Tertiary Education

- **\$2.5 billion** over 11 years for investments in a new higher education funding system, allowing for more *Commonwealth Supported Places* and support for disadvantaged students.
- Funding to establish additional **University Study Hubs** up from the already committed **20** Regional hubs and **14** Suburban hubs.
- **\$19 billion** in student debt cut for more than three million Australians
  - Cutting student debt by 20% with effect before indexation is applied on 1 June 2025 to wipe **\$16 billion** from outstanding loans.
  - Making the student loan repayment system fairer.
  - Building on \$3 billion of student debt already wiped due to the indexation reduction applied in 2023 and 2024.
- **100,000 Free TAFE places** to be made permanent every year from 1 January 2027 (*subject to the passage of legislation*) to drive better access to vocational training opportunities and deliver on Australia’s skills needs.
  - This builds on the already enrolled **600,000** Free TAFE places between January 2023 and September 2024 in courses linked to priority areas across the economy.

## Industry & the Future Made in Australia

### Industry, Science and Resources

- **\$2.0 billion** over 19 years from 2024–25 for Green Aluminium Production Credits to provide production based grants to support Australian aluminium smelters switching to renewable electricity before 2036.
- **\$1.0 billion** over seven years from 2024–25 for the Green Iron Investment Fund to fund green iron projects through capital grants to support producers to establish or transition into low emissions facilities in Australia.



- **\$219.3 million** over two years from 2024–25 to provide immediate on the ground support and to stabilise the Whyalla Steelworks during administration.
  - **\$192.0 million** over two years from 2024–25 as the Commonwealth’s co-contribution to South Australia for the administration costs of the Whyalla Steelworks.
  - **\$18.0 million** over two years from 2024–25 as the Commonwealth’s support for creditor assistance payments for eligible businesses.
- **\$55.0 million** over four years from 2025–26 to maintain the research capability of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and to conduct research, including through partnership with other research institutions, into gene technologies to address the impact of invasive species on threatened wildlife in Australia.
- **\$47.9 million** in 2025–26 as Australia’s contribution to address funding shortfalls for the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project.
- **\$34.0 million** in 2025–26 for the National Measurement Institute to address critical remediation works and sustain operations.

#### Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

- **\$23.8 million** over three years from 2025–26 to sponsor agricultural trade events.
- **\$11.0 million** in 2025–26 to continue efforts to reduce the economic and environmental burden of established feral animals, pests and weeds.

#### Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- Saving of **\$75.0 million** from the partial reversal of the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled Powering Australia – Driving the Nation Fund – establishment, by reducing uncommitted funding from the Hydrogen Highways program.
- Saving of **\$14.7 million** from the partial reversal of the 2021–22 Budget measure titled Emissions Reduction and New Investments under the Technology Investment Roadmap, including reducing funding from the Strategic International Partnerships Investment Stream program.
- Saving of **\$10.6 million** from the partial reversal of the 2020–21 Budget measure titled JobMaker Plan – securing Australia’s liquid fuel stocks, including reducing uncommitted funding for diesel storage projects not taken up by industry.
- **\$87.5 million** over three years from 2025–26 in additional funding for the Cairns Water Security Project in Queensland to secure long-term water security for Cairns.
- Redirect **\$21.1 million** over three years from 2024–25 from projects no longer proceeding to new water infrastructure projects and repurpose funding provided for capacity building in First Nations communities to support urgent First Nations water infrastructure priorities.
- Deferral of **\$190.2 million** in 2028–29 for the Paradise Dam Improvement, Hughenden Irrigation Scheme and Big Rocks Weir projects in Queensland will better align funding with expected timing of final investment decisions.

- **\$55.2 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and \$14.1 million per year ongoing) to renew lease arrangements with the Traditional Owners of the jointly managed Booderee, Kakadu, and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks.
- **\$200.0 million** over four years from 2025–26 (and an additional **\$50.0 million** in 2029–30) for the Saving Australia’s Bushland program to provide better pest management and incentives for private land conservation, increasing partnerships with state and local governments to expand protected areas, and establish new Indigenous Protected Areas.
- **\$12.0 million** over four years from 2025–26 to build on the Government’s investment to deliver increased ocean protection.
- **\$2.0 billion** to recapitalise the Clean Energy Finance Corporation to invest in renewable energy, energy efficiency and low emissions technologies.

#### Employment and Workplace Relations

- **\$626.9 million** over four years from 2025–26 to reframe the New Energy Apprenticeships Program as the Key Apprenticeship Program and expand it to capture critical residential construction occupations.
- **\$77.8 million** over four years from 2025–26 to extend the current interim Australian Apprenticeship Incentive System program settings for a further six months from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.
- **\$11.0 million** over four years from 2025–26 to increase the Disability Australian Apprentice Wage Support subsidy.

#### Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

- **\$15.6 billion** over ten years from 2024–25 for new Infrastructure Investment Program projects across Australia, including:
  - **\$7.2 billion** for safety upgrades on the Bruce Highway in Queensland.
  - **\$2.0 billion** to upgrade Sunshine Station and **\$1.0 billion** for the Road Blitz in Victoria.
  - **\$2.8 billion** for projects in New South Wales, including **\$115.0 million** to upgrade Terrigal Drive and the following projects in Western Sydney: **\$1.0 billion** to preserve the corridor for the South West Sydney Rail Extension, **\$580.0 million** for upgrades to Townson Road, Burdekin Road and Garfield Road West to support housing growth and flood resilience and **\$500.0 million** to upgrade Fifteenth Avenue.
  - **\$350.0 million** to upgrade the Kwinana Freeway in Western Australia.
  - **\$200.0 million** for upgrades to the Arthur Highway and \$80.0 million for the Southern Outlet Transit Lane Extension in Tasmania.
  - **\$200.0 million** for the duplication of the Stuart Highway (Darwin to Katherine) in the Northern Territory.
  - **\$125.0 million** for the Curtis Road Level Crossing Removal in South Australia.
  - **\$20.0 million** for Monaro Highway Upgrade Stage 2 planning works in the Australian Capital Territory.

- **\$1.5 billion** over eight years from 2024–25 for existing Infrastructure Investment Program projects or corridors, including:
  - **\$1.1 billion** for the Western Freeway in Victoria.
  - **\$200.0 million** for the Rockhampton Ring Road in Queensland.
  - **\$50.0 million** for Homebush Bay Drive in New South Wales.
  - **\$30.0 million** for the Monaro Highway Upgrade in the Australian Capital Territory.
- **\$12.0 million** over two years from 2025–26 for the Port Augusta Wharf Refurbishment.
- An equity investment of up to **\$3.0 billion** over seven years from 2024–25 to NBN Co to upgrade the remaining 622,000 National Broadband Network (NBN) premises on the national fibre-to-the-node (FTTN) network with NBN Co also contributing more than \$800 million to the project.
- **\$32.7 million** in 2025–26 to support ongoing safety and regulatory services provided by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
- **\$16.9 million** over five years from 2024–25 to establish a maritime internship program to support seafarer certification and expand activities under the Transport and Logistics Jobs and Skills Council to support the Strategic Fleet and skills development in the maritime sector.

## Housing

- **\$33 billion** plan to build 1.2 million new homes before the decade is out.

### Housing Accelerator

- **\$54 million** to accelerate the uptake of modern methods of housing construction. This is to help speed up the construction of homes and reduce barriers to efficient construction methods such as red-tape and costs.
  - **\$49.3 million** over two years from 2025–26 to support states and territories to scale up existing projects for prefabricated and modular housing construction.
  - **\$4.7 million** over four years from 2024–25 to develop a voluntary certification and rating scheme for prefabricated and modular housing manufacturers. Costs for the scheme will be recovered from industry from 2028–29 onwards.
- Lifting the cap on Housing Australia’s financial liabilities to **\$26 billion**.
- **\$1.5 billion** through the Housing Support Program, which is funding the crucial roads, water and power these new homes need.
- Incentivising states and territories to reform their planning systems to accelerate new housing supply, with the **\$3 billion** new homes bonus for states that meet performance targets.

- **\$4.6 million** over four years from 2025–26 to continue the National Housing Delivery Coordinator.
- **\$4.9 million** over four years from 2025–26 to continue the Regional Home Guarantee and Family Home Guarantee streams of the Home Guarantee Scheme.

#### Housing Australia Future Fund

- The first 2 rounds of the **\$10 billion** Housing Australia Future Fund are helping build about 18,000 social and affordable homes for those who need them most.

#### Apprenticeship Incentive Payments

- Attracting more apprentices to the Housing Industry, by doubling incentive payments to eligible apprentices get up to **\$10,000** if they train-up in the housing construction sector.

#### Help to Buy Scheme Expansion & Ban on Foreign Ownership

- Government will also provide **\$800 million** in additional investment in the Scheme, updating the property price and income caps so more first home buyers are eligible for the scheme. This will help 40,000 Australians buy their first home in the next 4 years.
- Easing pressure on the housing market by banning foreign investors from buying established homes and cracking down on foreign land banking as well, providing the ATO **\$5.7 million** over four years from 2025–26 to enforce the ban.

#### Social Services – Housing Services Sector Support

- **\$6.2 million** over three years from 2025–26 to housing and homelessness peak bodies to undertake research, sector development and provide advice to Government on improving housing security for Australians at risk of homelessness.
- **\$2.5 million** in 2025–26 to provide emergency accommodation for women and children experiencing family, domestic and sexual violence under the *Safe Places Emergency Accommodation Program*.

## National Security

#### Attorney General

- **\$21.2 million** in 2025–26 to the Attorney-General’s Department, National Indigenous Australians Agency, Australian Federal Police, Australian Communications and Media Authority, Australian Institute of Criminology and Department of the Treasury to continue initiatives to prevent, disrupt and combat child sexual abuse, and maintain support services for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.
- **\$21.4 million** over three years from 2025–26 to improve victim and survivor engagement in the justice system and inform a broader response to the Australian Law Reform Commission’s (ALRC) Inquiry into the Justice System’s Response to Sexual Violence. Funding includes:
  - **\$19.6 million** over three years from 2025–26 to extend three specialist trauma-informed sexual assault legal services pilots in Victoria, Western Australia

and the Australian Capital Territory, expand the pilots nationally and trial additional non-legal support services, including culturally safe justice system navigators and supporting access to restorative justice pathways.

### Defence

- **\$17.0 million** over two years from 2024–25 to continue to support the Government of Ukraine, including through the provision of communication systems, artillery components, firearms and other equipment.
- **\$24.2 million** over two years from 2024–25 for the development of industrial initiatives to support the 2024 Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Plan and Australia’s ability to build, sustain and operate maritime capability.
- **\$61.7 million** in 2025–26 to continue to provide regulatory, safety and policy advice in support of Australia’s acquisition of a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability. Funding includes:
  - **\$28.0 million** in 2025–26 for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide international policy advice and diplomatic support for the nuclear-powered submarine program.
  - **\$11.1 million** in 2025–26 for the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office to continue the development of non-proliferation and safeguard arrangements with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

### Foreign Affairs and Trade

- **\$36.0 million** over five years from 2024–25 (and \$7.8 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Embassy in Kyiv, returning diplomatic and consular services to Ukraine. Australia’s return to a full diplomatic presence is part of the Government’s ongoing support for Ukraine.
- **\$20.0 million** over four years from 2025–26 to support increased economic engagement with India. Funding includes:
  - **\$16.0 million** to establish an Australia-India Trade and Investment Accelerator Fund to support cooperative projects targeted at reducing technical and regulatory barriers to trade.
- **\$164.6 million** over four years from 2024–25 to support growth in the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force and build Solomon Islands’ ability to meet its security needs. This will enhance regional security and longstanding cooperation between Solomon Islands and Australia.

### Home Affairs

#### Disaster support

- **\$28.8 million** over two years to improve Australia’s resilience and preparedness to disasters:
  - **\$17.7 million** to support bushfire resilience activities in rural and regional Australia through the *Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Program*.



- **\$5.4 million** to support the *National Emergency Management Agency's* engagement with jurisdictions emergency response capability.
- **\$2.5 million** over two years for a one-off business payment of **\$10,000** to CCS approved services closed for eight or more days due to Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

#### Border Security

- **\$74.9 million** to address border and biosecurity threats, by increasing the presence of the ABF and Fisheries Management Authority in Australia's northern waters, and in supporting prosecutions by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

#### Social Cohesion

- **\$60.4 million** over four years to support security uplifts to enhance security at Jewish community sites, and to support the Muslim community to uplift the security of their places of significance.
- **\$31.4 million** over four years for the restoration of the *Adass Israel Synagogue and Community Centre* following the December 2024 firebombing.
- **\$44.8 million** over five years for the *Critical Support for Multicultural Communities Grant Program*, which will include.
- **\$20 million** over four years for projects to meet the needs of the African-Australian community.

### Further Information

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