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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Noting that Aichi Target 11 requires protected land to be effectively managed and well-connected, how is the Government going to achieve good connectivity, noting it ended specific connectivity strategies?

**Answer:**

The Government will support connectivity on a landscape scale through its programmatic investments.

Over the next four years, the Government will invest more than \$2 billion in managing our natural resources. These funds will help communities take practical action towards improving their local environment and promote the long term sustainability and management of Australia's biodiversity.

The Government's investment will be administered through a number of key initiatives and complementary grass roots programmes. The National Landcare Programme, 20 Million Trees Programme, Green Army Programme and the Land Sector Package will help rebuild and protect our precious natural resources. Green Army Teams and Working on Country Indigenous Rangers will work with Australia's communities to improve native vegetation, revitalise our waterways and look after our cultural assets. In return, thousands of young Australians and Indigenous Rangers will be provided with opportunities to explore careers, improve their employment prospects and incorporate their traditional knowledge and aspirations into land and sea management.