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Environment portfolio

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Senator Singh asked:

Does the Department currently have any programs that support the acquisition or creation of protected areas, as was historically the case with the National Reserve System Program and the previous government's Biodiversity Fund?

Answer:

Whilst the dedicated property acquisition programme for the creation of protected areas lapsed in the 2013-14 Budget, the Government is investing more than \$2 billion over four years in managing our natural resources. This includes investment in the National Landcare Programme, Green Army Programme, Working on Country, Reef 2050 and continuing investment in the Land Sector Package.

Through the National Landcare Programme and other related initiatives, the Government is continuing to support Australia's National Reserve System including through funding for Indigenous Protected Areas and management of World Heritage properties.