

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 111  
**Hearing:** Additional Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** Portfolio Wide – Grants  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 7 March 2014  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.

**Answer:**

The table below provides an update to the status of the previous reported grants question on notice.

Please note that whilst the previous response to Question 129 of 27 November 2013, indicated that “as at the time of reporting, no decision had been taken to cancel, pause, discontinue, or cut... any of the grants” a further review of Departmental records has revealed that some of the grants listed had been subject to a decision by Government on 9 October 2013 to be discontinued. These grants were part of the Biodiversity Fund and Caring for Our Country programs. These grants are included in the table below and identified as not progressing to contract, as they were deemed inconsistent with the new Government’s policy position.

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Australian Antarctic Division	University of Wollongong	\$150,000	Australian Antarctic Science Program	NSW	NSW	Cunningham	Contract executed
Wildlife Heritage and Marine Division	Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment	\$17,000,000 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants – Caring for our Country	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area - Tas	TAS	Lyons, Franklin	Approved – not contracted
	Wet Tropics Management Authority	\$13,400,000 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area	QLD	Leichhardt, Kennedy	Approved – not contracted
	Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service	\$1,429,000 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Macquarie Island World Heritage Area - Tas	TAS	Franklin	Approved – not contracted
	WA Department of Parks and Wildlife	\$381,653 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Shark Bay World Heritage Area - WA	WA	Durack	Approved – not contracted
	WA Department of Parks and Wildlife	\$320,000 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area - WA	WA	Durack	Approved – not contracted
	WA Department of Parks and Wildlife	\$240,000 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Purnululu World Heritage Area - WA	WA	Durack	Approved – not contracted
	Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection	\$317,513 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Fraser Island World Heritage Area - Qld	QLD	Wide Bay	Approved – not contracted

	Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection	\$365,061 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	AFMS World Heritage Area (Riversleigh) - Qld	QLD	Kennedy	Approved – not contracted
	Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection	\$258,336 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area - Qld	QLD	Blair, Maranoa, Forde, McPherson	Approved – not contracted
	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	\$499,555 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area - NSW	NSW	Macarthur, Macquarie, Lindsay, Hunter, Calare, Hume	Approved – not contracted
	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	\$100,270 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area - NSW	NSW	Hunter, Cowper, Lyne, New England, Paterson, Page, Richmond	Approved – not contracted
	Lord Howe Island Board	\$530,100 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Lord Howe Island Group World Heritage Area - NSW	NSW	Sydney	Approved – not contracted
	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	\$979,118 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area - NSW	NSW	Farrer	Approved – not contracted
	SA Dept of Environment, Water and Natural Resources	\$300,000 (GST Excl)	World Heritage Grants	AFMS (Naracoorte) World Heritage Area - SA	SA	Barker	Approved – not contracted
	Kokoda Track Authority	\$1,262,325 (GST Excl)	Activities agreed under the Second Joint Understanding between Papua New Guinea and Australia to the end of 2015	Papua New Guinea	Overseas	Overseas	Approved – not contracted

	ICLARM also known as WorldFish	\$235,000	Implementation of Community Based Marine and Coastal Resource Management in Western Province, Solomon Islands.	The program benefits marine management in the Solomon Islands, which contributes to the Australian Government's support for the Coral Triangle Initiative.	Overseas	Overseas	Contract executed
	Asian Development Bank	\$250,000	Development of a Financial Resources Strategy for the Coral Triangle Initiative	The program benefits the Australian Government's support for the Coral Triangle Initiative.	Overseas	Overseas	Contract executed
Biodiversity Conservation Division	Fitzroy Basin Association Inc	\$195,900	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Capricornia	Contract executed
	Greening Australia (Qld)	\$749,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Moncrieff	Contract executed
	Inland Fisheries Service	\$820,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Lyons	Contract executed
	Australian Rainforest Foundation	\$705,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Kennedy	Contract executed
	World Wide Fund For Nature Australia	\$639,981	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Flynn, Maranoa, Kennedy, Capricornia, Dawson, Herbert	Contract executed

	Reef Catchments Mackay Whitsunday Inc	\$748,025	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Maranoa, Groom, Wide Bay, Fairfax, Fisher, Blair, Longman, McPherson, Wright, Petrie, Dickson, Rankin, Ryan, Forde, Moreton, Bowman, Moncrieff, Fadden, Lilley, Bonner, Griffith, Oxley, Brisbane	Contract executed
	Logan City Council	\$1,595,897	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Maranoa, Groom, Wide Bay, Fairfax, Fisher, Blair, Longman, McPherson, Wright, Petrie, Dickson, Rankin, Ryan, Forde, Moreton, Bowman, Moncrieff, Fadden, Lilley, Bonner, Griffith, Oxley, Brisbane	Contract executed
	SEQ Catchments Limited	\$1,966,830	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Maranoa, Groom, Wide Bay, Fairfax, Fisher, Blair, Longman, McPherson, Wright, Petrie, Dickson, Rankin, Ryan, Forde, Moreton, Bowman, Moncrieff, Fadden, Lilley, Bonner, Griffith, Oxley, Brisbane	Contract executed

	Wet Tropics Management Authority	\$1,997,870	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Leichhardt, Kennedy	Contract executed
	Department Of Environment Parks Heritage and the Arts	\$1,996,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Braddon, Lyons, Bass, Franklin, Denison	Contract negotiated with recipient and is awaiting return.
	Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc.	\$1,940,016	Biodiversity Fund Round Two 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Braddon, Lyons, Bass, Franklin, Denison	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the government.
	J.B. Houston & Sons Pty Ltd	\$1,840,000	Biodiversity Fund Round Two 2013-14	Victoria	VIC	Murray, Gippsland, Indi	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the government.
	Timberlands Pacific Pty Ltd	\$900,000	Biodiversity Fund Round Two 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Braddon, Lyon, Bass	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the government.

	Greening Australia (Tas) Ltd	\$460,220	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Braddon, Lyons, Bass	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the government.
	Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment	\$999,455	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Braddon, Lyons, Bass, Franklin, Denison	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the government.
	Macquarie Franklin Pty Ltd	\$634,010	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Franklin, Braddon, Lyons	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the government.

	Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association	\$1,000,000	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Braddon, Lyons, Franklin	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the government.
	Greening Australia (Tas) Ltd	\$581,250	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	Tasmania	TAS	Braddon, Lyons, Bass	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the government.
	The University of Queensland (Dr Luke Leung)	\$919,770	Biodiversity Fund Northern Australia Targeted Investment 2013-14	Queensland	QLD	Leichhardt	With the change of government, a range of new measures are being implemented with uncontracted funds from previous programs being redirected to new priorities. This proposal will not be progressed as is did not meet the new measures being implemented by the Commonwealth government.
	Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board	\$980,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	South Australia	SA	Grey, Barker, Mayo, Wakefield, Hindmarsh, Kingston, Adelaide, Sturt, Makin, Boothby, Port Adelaide	Approved – not contracted due to non-compliance with conditions of approval



	Cape York NRM/Cape York Sustainable Futures	\$2,000,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 Water Quality Grants	Queensland	QLD	Leichhardt	Approved – not contracted
	Department of Natural Resources and Mining, Queensland	\$80,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 R&D extensions	Queensland	QLD	Flynn, Maranoa, Capricornia	Contract executed
	CSIRO	\$40,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 R&D extensions	Queensland	QLD	Flynn, Maranoa, Kennedy, Capricornia, Dawson, Herbert	Approved – not contracted
	CSIRO	\$98,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 R&D extensions	Queensland	QLD	Leichhardt, Maranoa, Kennedy, Capricornia, Dawson, Herbert	Approved – not contracted
	Terrain NRM	\$80,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 R&D extensions	Queensland	QLD	Leichhardt, Kennedy	Contracted
Water Group	Fruit Growers Victoria Limited	\$5,505,000	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program Round Three	Victoria	VIC	Murray	Contracted
	Ricegrowers' Association of Australia Ltd	\$29,618,253	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program Round Three	New South Wales	NSW	Riverina	Contracted
	South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board	\$36,541,238	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program Round Three	South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales	SA VIC NSW	Barker	Contracted

	University of Melbourne	\$132,000	<p><i>Optimising Seasonal Decisions for Environmental Water Use.</i></p> <p>The project will develop a decision-support tool that will support the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in achieving the best balance of use, carryover and trade of the multi-billion water portfolio and to meet the obligations of the <i>Water Act 2007</i> and Basin Plan.</p>	Murray-Darling Basin; Victorian catchments outside the Murray-Darling Basin	VIC	Melbourne	Contract negotiated with recipient.
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This grant has been identified as not being included in the previous response (SQ13-000129) but was approved prior to 7 September 2013 but did not have a contract in place on 7 September 2013.

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Water Group	Renee Rossini (administered through the University of Queensland)	\$15,000	Grant is awarded by the Great Artesian Basin Coordinating Committee as a PhD top-up scholarship to PhD candidates whose studies will lead to increased knowledge relating to the Great Artesian Basin. The grants are funded using GABCC funds which are comprised of contributions from the Australian, QLD, NSW and SA govts.	The Great Artesian Basin covers parts of Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory. This study is based in the Qld portion of the GAB.	QLD	Leichhardt, Kennedy, Maroon	Contract negotiated with recipient and is awaiting return.