



PROTECTING OUR MOST ICONIC PLACES



\$329.2m

Australian Government investment in National Parks and heritage sites hit by the COVID-19 tourism downturn

\$233.4m

for critical tourism infrastructure in our National Parks

\$33.5m

from the Relief and Recovery Fund will provide infrastructure upgrades across national and world heritage sites

\$40.6m

additional funding for critical repair and restoration work at Sydney Harbour Federation Trust sites

\$10.6m

additional funding for repairs and upgrades to the Reef HQ in Townsville

This year we announced the biggest single investment in Australia's Commonwealth National Parks, injecting \$233.4 million into critical tourism infrastructure. We are building on that to:

- ▶ enhance tourism infrastructure at World and National Heritage properties around Australia
- ▶ support communities and regions by helping businesses stay open during the pandemic
- ▶ continue our \$1.9 billion investment in the Great Barrier Reef under the Reef 2050 Plan, with an additional \$3.2 million this Budget from the Relief and Recovery Fund to support Reef tourism operators affected by COVID-19.

CASE STUDY: Boosting tourism at our heritage sites

Australia's heritage-based tourism experiences are recognised as the best of the best. From the Great Barrier Reef to the Greater Blue Mountains, these sites attract millions of visitors each year. We are investing \$33.5m in crucial infrastructure upgrades that will safeguard the significant contribution these places make to their regional economies. Funding will support 33 projects at sites recognised for their outstanding natural, historic and Indigenous heritage value. Work will take place in all States, the Northern Territory and Norfolk Island, creating 550 jobs. Projects include:

- ▶ Upgrading walker huts on the Tasmanian Wilderness Overland Track
- ▶ Upgrading mountain bike trails and developing a visitor centre at the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area in Far North Queensland
- ▶ Improving accommodation and walking tracks in the Gondwana Rainforests in NSW
- ▶ Capital works to the Fremantle Prison Main Cell Block to enable it to be fitted out and presented to the public as it functioned in the 1850s.



45,000 years

Age of the Murujuga Cultural Landscape petroglyphs, an area now added to Australia's World Heritage Tentative List, paving the way to World Heritage Listing