Green Adelaide landscape levy 2020-21

On 1 July 2020, the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* came into effect and with it, the former state wide NRM levies were replaced by regional landscape levies.

In the Adelaide region, the landscape levy supports the work of the Green Adelaide Board in leading the city towards a greener, more sustainable and climate-resilient future through urban greening, clever water management and the creation of a biodiverse urban habitat.

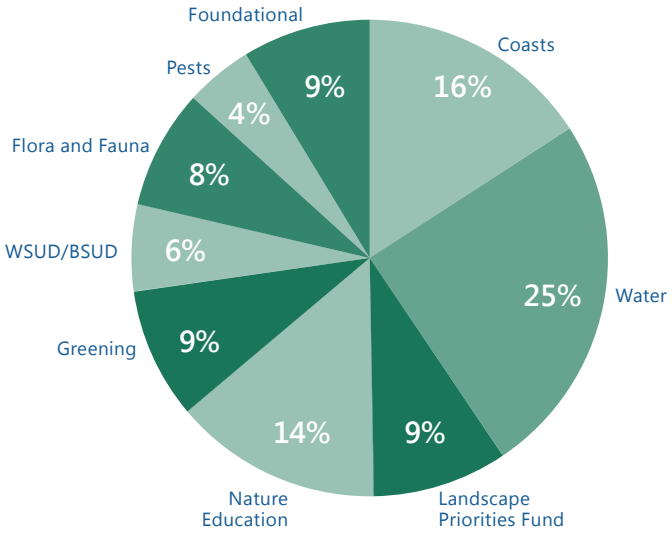
The levy is paid by all ratepayers in the Green Adelaide region and is collected on behalf of the board by the region's 17 metropolitan councils, which are paid a collection fee each year for providing this service.

Just like council rates, landscape levy contributions are calculated on the capital value of properties and charged annually.

In 2020-21, the total amount collected from the landscape levy will increase by 1.9% in line with CPI. However, an individual ratepayer's levy may change more or less than CPI depending on changes to the capital value of their property.

The landscape levy helps fund projects and other activities that deliver on the priorities set out in the Green Adelaide Board's annual business plan, and a 5-year landscape plan, which is currently being developed.

In 2020-21 the landscape levy in the Green Adelaide region will raise about $28.6 million. Together with other income the Green Adelaide Board will have an expected budget of $30.9 million.

How the board spends the budget is set out in the annual Business Plan, which can be downloaded at www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/green-adelaide/plans-permits-and-policies

For 2020-21 the Green Adelaide Board has identified nine expenditure priorities: