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DEWHA, Program 1.1

ATTACHMENT A

STATE	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	Total Funding
<b>Round 1</b>				
WA	Ngaanyatjarra Working on Country Project	Ngaanyatjarra Council	Ngaanyatjarra lands cover an area of 98,000 square kilometres, including sections of the Gibson, Great Sandy and Great Victoria Deserts. The Ngaanyatjarra Council Aboriginal Corporation's Working on Country project will help implement the Ngaanyatjarra Indigenous Protected Area Plan of Management and move five Indigenous workers involved in land and culture management into real jobs. These Indigenous workers will provide a range of essential environmental services in the region including field trips to identify the status and implement management needs for threatened species such as rock wallaby, great desert skink and bilby populations; implementing fire management processes; cleaning and maintaining rock holes to provide clean, fresh water for a range of native fauna; managing the impact of feral pests such as foxes and camels; supporting traditional ecological knowledge and cultural activities; and continuing to develop tourist management strategies including interpretative works.	\$ 1,352,337
WA	Kimberley Rangers: Working on Country	Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	The Kimberley Land Council's <i>Working on Country</i> project will provide environmental services that cover almost 137,000 square kilometres of land, including more than 1,800 kilometres of coastline. The project will employ 20 Indigenous people on activities including: a weed eradication programme to protect threatened ecological communities; land rehabilitation including seed collection and sowing native plants in degraded areas; fire management; monitoring and managing turtle and dugong numbers and habitats; monitoring seagrass beds; cleaning marine debris from beaches; monitoring river water quality; controlling feral pigs, cats, horses and cattle; monitoring threatened species; managing remnant rainforest; recording visitor data; protecting important cultural sites; and monitoring significant marine and reef sites.	\$ 3,028,881
NT	Implementation of immediate and high priority actions from the Laynhapuy Indigenous Protected Area Management Plan	Laynhapuy Homeland Association	The Yirrkala Ranger land and sea management group established in 2003 has natural and cultural resource management responsibilities within the Laynhapuy Indigenous Protected Area. The area is home to 39 species listed as threatened under various laws. The Working on Country project will extend over 6,900 square kilometres, including 630 kilometres of coastline. Six Indigenous workers will be employed to provide environmental services including managing access to culturally significant sites; surveying and controlling feral buffalo and pigs; surveying and controlling weed infestations; monitoring marine turtles and dugongs; protecting turtle nesting areas; and implementing a fire management programme.	\$ 967,019
NT	Real Jobs for Anindilyakwa Rangers	Anindilyakwa Land Council	Under their Working on Country contract, the Anindilyakwa Land Council's rangers will provide environmental services across 3,000 square kilometres of land and 500 kilometres of coastline around the Groote Eylandt archipelago. Groote is a relatively well preserved and bio-diverse environment as it is free of many of the pests and weeds that are altering and damaging the Top End's ecosystems. Through the contract, seven Indigenous rangers will be employed to undertake environmental activities that aim to protect these unique values through identifying and monitoring threatened species such as the northern hopping mouse, northern quolls and turtles; controlling feral cats; protecting turtle nesting areas; monitoring and managing weeds; and monitoring and collecting marine debris.	\$ 1,347,120
NT	Li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Ranger Unit Salaries	Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association Inc.	Yanuywa country (including the Sir Edward Pellew Islands and the riverine and coastal areas of the southwest Gulf of Carpentaria) is managed by the Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association. What started out as a surveillance and monitoring operation by the Sea Ranger Unit has evolved into a role involving longer term planning and sea management issues in this remote region. Under the project, five people will be employed to provide environmental services that include: monitoring and managing heritage sites such as Macassan camps; monitoring and managing turtle and dugong populations; and surveying, mapping and eradicating feral animals.	\$ 537,250
NT	Implementing NRM priority actions identified in Central Land Council's Regional Resource Condition Plan for North-West, Tennant Creek, Western and Central regions	Central Land Council	The Central Land Council manages regions that include a number of biodiversity hotspots including biologically significant wetlands, sites of botanical significance and areas containing many threatened species. Under the Land Council's Working on Country contract 15 Indigenous people will be employed to actively participate in managing an area of almost 190,000 square kilometres, providing environmental services that include fire management; threatened species management; weed control and mapping; feral animal surveying and control; and cultural site management.	\$ 2,597,522



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TAS	Milaythina Pakana	Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc.	The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre manages more than 1,430 hectares of land in Tasmania across Mt Chappell and Badger Islands, Oyster Cove and Risdon Cove Indigenous Protected Areas. Under the Working on Country contract, the Centre will employ people to address major land management challenges. Activities will include: addressing land degradation through revegetation and rehabilitation and reducing soil and water salinity; managing Aboriginal heritage places; controlling and eradicating weeds and feral pests while managing threatened species and improving habitat; managing fire regimes; managing visitor access points; and conducting environmental research.	\$ 392,628
TAS	Working on Country: Protecting and Enhancing Land Managed by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council	Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council	The Tasmanian Land and Sea Council manages more than 565 hectares of land in Tasmania, including six kilometers of coastline. The areas include Preminghana Indigenous Protected Area, a property in North West Tasmania that contains significant heritage places and rock engravings and Saltwater River on the Tasman Peninsula. The Council's Working on Country contract will involve Indigenous workers providing a range of essential environmental services in these areas. Among these are: removing weeds and feral pests; improving habitat for the threatened Skipper Butterfly; revegetating to improve dune areas; protecting wetland areas; improving visitor facilities and getting back to country.	\$ 675,543
<b>Round 2</b>				
QLD	Kaanju Ngaachi Wenlock and Pascoe Rivers Working on Country Project	Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation	Kaanju is located west of Lockhart River on east Cape York Peninsula. This project will assist in implementing the Kaanju Homelands Land and Resource Management Framework and the management plan for the proposed Kaanju Homelands Wenlock and Pascoe Rivers Cape York Peninsula Indigenous Protected Area. Activities will include the management of access to unapproved areas, maintenance of two designated camping areas, fencing of sensitive areas to prevent access by feral pigs, horse and cattle, feral pig control, weed control and revegetation, and fire management.	\$ 3,747,000
QLD	Gidarjil Working on Country	Gidarjil Development Corporation Ltd	This project will focus on Granite Creek (100km from Bundaberg) within the Burnett Mary Region where the Traditional Owners are working closely with the Gidarjil Development Corporation Ltd to keep their country healthy and protect their heritage. Major project activities will include: weed eradication and control; protection and management of a wetland of national significance; recovery of endangered species and ecosystems; expansion of a corridor for migratory birds and native flora and fauna; and establishment of a traditional knowledge database.	\$ 1,525,206
QLD	Southern Gulf Fire and Weed project on Gangalidda	Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	This project aims to control Weeds of National Significance on Gangalidda country in the southern Gulf of Carpentaria. Weed control is to be achieved using fire and other methods over a large area of country to restore and maintain ecosystem function. Weeds are the major threat to environment and traditional activities.	\$ 796,891
QLD	Southern Gulf Fire and Weed project for Wellesley Islands	Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	This project will control Weeds of National Significance in the Wellesley Islands in the southern Gulf of Carpentaria. Weed control is to be achieved using fire and other methods over a large area of country to restore and maintain ecosystem function. Weeds are the major threat to environment and traditional activities.	\$ 665,575
QLD	Supporting sustainable incomes and environment for Kowanyama Aboriginal lands	Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	This project will support the Kowanyama Aboriginal Land and Natural Resource Management (located on west Cape York Peninsula) to implement management plans for the Mitchell River delta, and to develop and deliver land management programs addressing key issues and priorities identified by Traditional Owners. Specific activities to be conducted include weed control, feral animal control, wetland protection, ghost net collection and threatened species monitoring.	\$ 2,577,200
QLD	Implementing land and sea management initiatives on Mabuig Torres Strait	Mabuig Island Council	Mabuig Island is located in the Torres Strait. This project will undertake a range of activities identified in the Land and Sea Management Strategy for the Torres Strait, including ghost net collection, marine turtle and dugong monitoring, fire management, protection of cultural sites, community mapping and traditional knowledge recording.	\$ 793,709
SA	Yalata IPA Ranger Program	Yalata Community Inc.	Work will be undertaken in the Yalata Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) for this project. Activities will include the management of the increasing numbers of tourists to Yalata beaches, native seed collection and revegetation, pest and weed control, removal of debris from beaches to minimise entanglement risks and other work as detailed in the IPA Plan of Management and the associated Coastal Action Plan.	\$ 783,537



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WA	Martu Ranger program, Western Desert	Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation	In the Western Desert of Western Australia, the Martu Ranger group will deliver crucial environmental services across two million hectares. In this region are seven known threatened animal species listed under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> . This Working on Country project aims to protect and conserve as many threatened species as possible. Given the Canning Stock Route passes through the region enabling tourist access, the rangers' work includes tourism management. In the Western Desert, feral animals such as camels, cats and rabbits have the capacity to wipe out a diversity of native flora and also have a devastating effect on native animals. The Martu rangers will collect data on feral animals to inform ongoing control programs. With an ever-changing climate, they will reduce the fuel loads using traditional fire management to initiate early season burning.	\$ 7,040,500
WA	Kimberley Ranger Initiative - Karajarri Rangers Working on Country	Kimberley Land Council	The Karajarri lands lie 200kms south of Broome and includes 130kms of coastline stretching from Gordon Bay to Cape Missiessy and the top 20kms of the Eighty Mile Beach – a RAMSAR listed wetland. It also contains habitat for the nationally listed migratory shorebirds. Their environmental work will focus on coastal management issues that impact on the natural and cultural values through visitor management to look after people and place. Using both traditional knowledge and western land management methods, they will undertake biodiversity surveys and monitoring. Many Working on Country projects cover vast lands and waterways and the Indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge of country is important to the success of Working on Country.	\$2,310,600
NSW	Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council - Restoring Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge around the Nimbin Rocks	Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council	Nimbin Rocks is an Aboriginal sacred site of the Bundjalung people located near the town of Nimbin in NSW. It was an initiation grounds for young boys. This Working on Country project is to protect and restore the health of the natural assets and biodiversity on two properties that surround this important sacred site. On the two properties lie a diversity of flora, with five threatened or vulnerable flora species and two vegetation communities listed as Endangered Ecological Communities under the NSW <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> . Habitat for the glossy black cockatoo listed under the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999</i> has also been identified on these properties. The rangers will remove heavy weed infestations including lantana, a dense impenetrable thicket, which is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness and negative impact on economies and the environment. The rangers will also collect and propagate native plant species that are suitable for bush food or other traditional uses. These plant species will be part of a demonstration site to help restore and share cultural knowledge amongst the local Indigenous community.	\$ 1,782,400
NSW	Wattleridge and Tarriva Kurrukun Working on Country	Banbai Business Enterprises Inc	This Working on Country project is on the Wattleridge Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) and the Tarriva Kurrukun property. These properties are situated near the New England township of Guyra in New South Wales. The rangers will provide environmental services that cover 1,848 hectares of botanically diverse bushland growing on outcropping granite country. Wattleridge IPA contains a range of rare and endangered flora species and the only recorded axe-grinding groove sites and fully recorded art sites in the local area. The rangers' work includes developing a seed nursery for revegetation of degraded areas, feral animal mapping and control and water quality testing. This project assists the property owners, the Banbai people, to continue protecting the land's wildlife habitat, educate visitors on the conservation values and promote the biodiversity of the area.	\$ 1,693,500