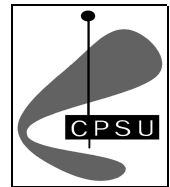




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**TO DEH PSA MEMBERS**

## **BUDGET IMPACT**

The State Treasurer, the Hon Kevin Foley MP, handed down the 2009 - 2010 State Budget on Thursday 4 June 2009.

This Brief deals with the implications for Environment and Heritage members and the community, pending a more detailed analysis.

Key issues are:

- Significant cuts to Nature Conservation, in excess of *\$5.5 million*. This will have far reaching consequences for the protection and maintenance of habitats, species and the States ecosystems. This will be further compounded by a reduction in staff of approximately 20 FTE's within the Regional Conservation Directorate.
- Significant cuts to Fire Management Expenditure *\$1.4 million* limiting effective fire management and increasing the risk to life and property. This reduction will further limit the ability to provide adequate and essential emergency vehicles and other such resources for Fire Management operations.
- Cuts to Coast and Marine Conservation, in excess of *\$3.4 million* affecting the effective conservation, protection and ongoing sustainable productivity of the State's coastal and marine environments
- Reduction of *\$1.2 million* approximately to Knowledge and Information and Agency Support Services including staff reductions in excess of 40 FTE's which will effect the delivery of IT support Services to the agency and a range of products and services to the public
- Cut to Botanic Gardens Management in excess of *\$400K* which will limit *DEH's* ability to manage the natural and cultural resources of the Botanic Gardens and the State Herbarium, including significant cuts to Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens staff and resources which will severely effect the standards of this historical and iconic location and threaten the viability and longevity of many rare and restricted species of flora at the location.
- **Increase** in expenditure allocated to the Management of the Lower Lakes and the Coorong of *\$3 million*. This is a much need injection of resources to ensure the long term future of the iconic natural resources, the Coorong, Lower Lakes and the Murray Mouth.

The limitations of expenditure and the proposed increase in revenues through increased visitor fees will directly effect the community who use these facilities and for DEH staff reduce the ability to deliver essential services and programs across the State. The general impact of the State Budget has been detailed in a separate Brief to PSA members.

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