

The Hon. Tony Burke MP

Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

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Grants for Environment, Sustainability and Heritage organisations

The Gillard Labor Government will be supporting community based volunteer organisations that work to preserve the environment or our heritage.

Minister for Sustainability Tony Burke today called for applications under the 2012-13 Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations (GVESHO) program.

"These grants are part of the Gillard Government's ongoing commitment to support groups across the nation to value and protect our natural environment and heritage," Mr Burke said.

"There are many great organisations working everyday at local, regional, state and national levels to achieve better protection for our environment and heritage.

"These groups and volunteers work tirelessly and make a real difference in our communities.

"That is why we are continuing the GVESHO program, which has provided funding for environment and heritage groups for many years.

"Last year, I expanded the program to also support sustainability organisations with their ongoing administrative costs, which has been welcomed by a broad range of community groups."

Last year 163 not-for-profit community-based environment, sustainability and heritage groups received funding under the program to assist with the day to day running costs of their organisation.

The GVESHO program is just one way that the Australian Government supports organisations to make a contribution to the sustainable management of Australia's natural and environmental resources and to our valuable cultural heritage.

Grant guidelines and application forms are available at www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/gvesho.

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