



World heritage protection for Takayna/Tarkine	
Party:	Australian Greens
<p>Summary of proposal:</p> <p>The proposal would nominate Takayna/Tarkine for World Heritage Listing through a boundary extension to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and declare Takayna/Tarkine a National Park under Tasmanian law.</p> <p>Funding would be provided to support the nomination process and establish the new park.</p> <p>The proposal would start on 1 July 2025.</p>	

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$8.8 million over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects an increase in administered and departmental expenses.

The proposal would be expected to have an impact beyond the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period. A breakdown of the financial implications (including separate public debt interest (PDI) tables) over the period to 2035-36 is provided at Attachment A.

Table 1: World heritage protection for Takayna/Tarkine – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	-7.0	-1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-8.8
Underlying cash balance	-7.0	-1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-8.8

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) PDI impacts are not included in the totals.

Key assumptions

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has made the following assumptions in costing this proposal:

- The Commonwealth would provide contributions over 4 years from 2025-26 to the World Heritage nomination of the Takayna/Tarkine National Park (the nomination). This includes:
 - administered funding of a one-off payment to the Tasmanian Government in 2025-26 to cover the estimated resource cost, including but not limited to engagement with stakeholders and the Aboriginal community, preparation of the nomination dossier and communication materials, and relevant staffing support; and
 - departmental funding for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) over 4 years from 2025-26 for relevant staffing costs, field evaluators' travelling costs, and voluntary contribution to the World Heritage Fund.

- Additional field evaluation mission costs, including boats, helicopters, catering and etc, would be shared by the Tasmanian Government and DCCEEW.
- Technical evaluation of the nomination would be completed by May 2029 and no additional departmental costs would be required beyond 2028-29. Any costs to follow up with the World Heritage Centre on the nomination beyond 2028-29 would be met from within existing resources of DCCEEW.

Methodology

Administered and departmental expenses were derived based on the estimated overall costs over 7 years to 2024-25 for the recent Murujuga Cultural Landscape World Heritage nomination, adjusted to reflect increased costs over time and the different sizes of the regions.

The distribution of departmental expenses to the Commonwealth for this proposal were informed by the funding profile of the Commonwealth costs for the Cape York World Heritage nomination over the period 2012-13 to 2015-16.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules.¹

Data sources

Commonwealth of Australia (2025) *Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2025*, Commonwealth of Australia.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water provided:

- the estimated costs over 7 years for the Murujuga Cultural Landscape World Heritage nomination
- Commonwealth costs for the Cape York World Heritage nomination.

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (2021) [World Heritage listing process](#), [dcceew.gov.au](#), accessed 22 May 2025.

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (n.d.) [Murujuga World Heritage nomination](#), [dbca.wa.gov.au](#), accessed 22 May 2025.

UNESCO World Heritage Centre (n.d.) [World Heritage List Nominations](#), [whc.unesco.org](#), accessed 22 May 2025.

UNESCO World Heritage Centre (2024) [The Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention](#), [whc.unesco.org](#), accessed 22 May 2025.

¹ <https://www.pbo.gov.au/for-parliamentarians/how-we-analyse/pbo-rounding-rules>

Attachment A – World heritage protection for Takayna/Tarkine – Financial implications

Table A1: World heritage protection for Takayna/Tarkine – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^(a)

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	Total to 2028-29	Total to 2035-36
Expenses													
Total – administered	-3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.9	-3.9
Total – departmental	-3.1	-1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.9	-4.9
Total (excluding PDI)	-7.0	-1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8.8	-8.8

- (a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.
- Indicates nil.

Table A2: World heritage protection for Takayna/Tarkine – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	Total to 2028-29	Total to 2035-36
Fiscal balance	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-1.4	-5.1
Underlying cash balance	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	-4.8

- (a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals above. This is consistent with the approach taken in the budget where the budget impact of most measures is presented excluding the impact on PDI. If the reader would like a complete picture of the total aggregate, then these figures would need to be added to the figures above. For further information on government borrowing and financing please refer to the PBO's online budget glossary.²
- (b) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

² [Online budget glossary – Parliamentary Budget Office \(pbo.gov.au\)](https://pbo.gov.au/)