



Budget 2020-21: Investing in critical weather, climate, water and ocean services

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring the resilience of the Australian community. World-class science undertaken by the Bureau of Meteorology and its partners is translated into operational services to support risk management in all aspects of Australian society.

Why is this important?

Meteorological systems and infrastructure deliver critical services that keep Australians safe, protect their livelihoods and grow their businesses.

1. Ensuring the Bureau of Meteorology's long-term financial sustainability

- This investment in the infrastructure underpinning all Bureau services, totalling more than \$225.56 million over 4 years from 2020-21, enables the Bureau to sustain and operate its national observations, technology and communications networks consistent with industry best practice.
- This measure equips the Bureau with the tools and technologies needed to deal with the increasing number of multiple and concurrent severe weather events.

2. Supplementing Bureau of Meteorology revenue for aviation meteorological services

- The Bureau of Meteorology's meteorological services to the aviation sector are essential to all who rely on air services – from passenger transport to delivering mail and freight.
- Due to a prolonged reduction in air travel under COVID-19, the Bureau has been unable to collect the industry levy that funds aviation meteorological services.
- This measure enables the Bureau to continue delivering those services to the aviation sector and supports ongoing industry recovery from COVID-19.

Who will benefit?

The Bureau of Meteorology's services are among the most fundamental and widely used services of the Australian Government. Funding the Bureau's long-term sustainability will provide essential infrastructure, tools and technologies needed to consistently provide world-leading weather services and advice to ensure high quality and resilient Bureau services for Australian industry and the community. The governments support for aviation meteorological services will help the aviation sector recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

What will this cost?

Table 1 allocated budget

Measure	Amount
Bureau of Meteorology – financial sustainability to deliver weather services	\$ 225.56 million
Bureau of Meteorology – aviation services fee supplementation	\$ 29.054 million