



### Leadership and science in Antarctica

**\$804.4m**

The Australian Government is supporting activities set out in the 2022 update to the *Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan* to uphold Australia's interests in Antarctica.

### Strengthening Australia's Antarctic leadership

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to support Australia's inland transport (traverse), critical charting activities, and supporting robust environmental protection measures.

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to increase our aerial and inland capability, including \$35 million for four new medium-lift helicopters and \$60.6 million for drones and other autonomous vehicles.

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in additional shipping support to enable the RSV *Nuyina* to focus on extended science voyages.

The Australian Government is supporting our enduring commitment to world-leading Antarctic leadership by strengthening our scientific and strategic capabilities in the region.

### ADVANCING AUSTRALIA'S ANTARCTIC LEADERSHIP

The Australian Government is committing \$804.4 million over ten years to support Australia's leadership in Antarctica and our ongoing commitment to a strong and robust Antarctic Treaty system. The investment reinforces Hobart's position as the premier gateway to East Antarctica, and will create more than 100 direct jobs while providing an economic boost for families and businesses in Tasmania. Over the next five years the Government will deliver:

- \$136.6 million to support Australia's inland transport (traverse), critical charting activities, and supporting robust environmental protection measures.
- \$60.6 million for drones to map inaccessible and fragile areas of East Antarctica.
- \$44.2 million in logistical shipping support to enable the new icebreaker, RSV *Nuyina*, to focus on extended science voyages.
- \$35 million for four new long-range medium lift helicopters and an investigation into a future multi-engine helicopter fleet to improve the safety of our operations.
- \$17.4 million for marine science in the Southern Ocean and a new state-of-the-art krill aquarium in Hobart to extend on Australia's world-leading Antarctic science.
- \$13.6 million for capability development to enhance Australia's reach inland including investigations into modern intracontinental airframes.
- \$14.3 million for environmental management including a 'Cleaner Antarctica Strategy' to remove legacy waste.
- \$7.4 million for research focused on Antarctic ice sheet science to build global understanding of climate change impacts.
- \$3.4 million to enhance Australia's international engagement to support the rules and norms of the treaty system and promote Australia's leadership in Antarctic affairs.

The Government will then invest \$92 million a year from 2026-27 to support Australia's ongoing Antarctic activities, which represents a total new investment of \$804.4 million over ten years.



#### Fast Fact

The Australian Antarctic Territory covers 42 per cent of the Antarctic continent.