

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2008

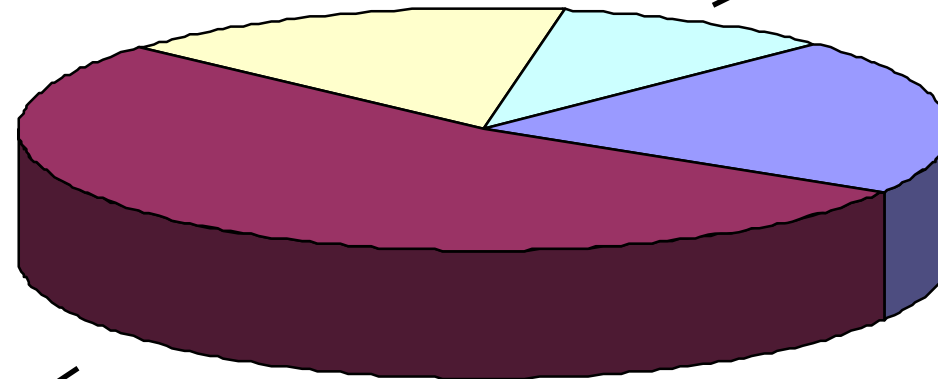
Environment and Climate Change

Minister Jennings

Output Summary – DSE Budget by Portfolio 2008-09

Less Waste, Less Pollution; and Clean
Air, Liveable Climate - \$210.4m, 35.0%

Land Administration and Property
Information - \$127.6m, 44.8%

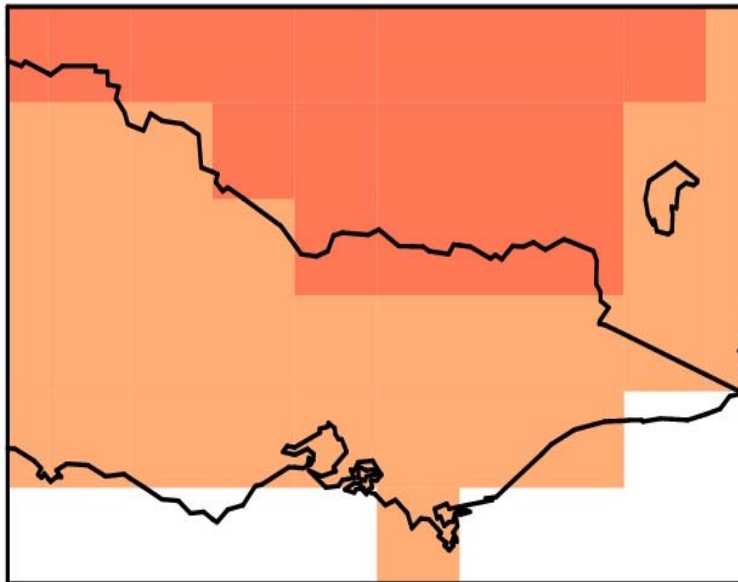


Healthy and Productive Land; Healthy,
Productive and Accessible Marine, Coastal
and Estuarine Systems; and Flourishing
Biodiversity in Healthy Ecosystems -
\$689.9m, 7.3%

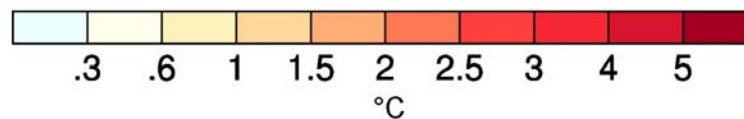
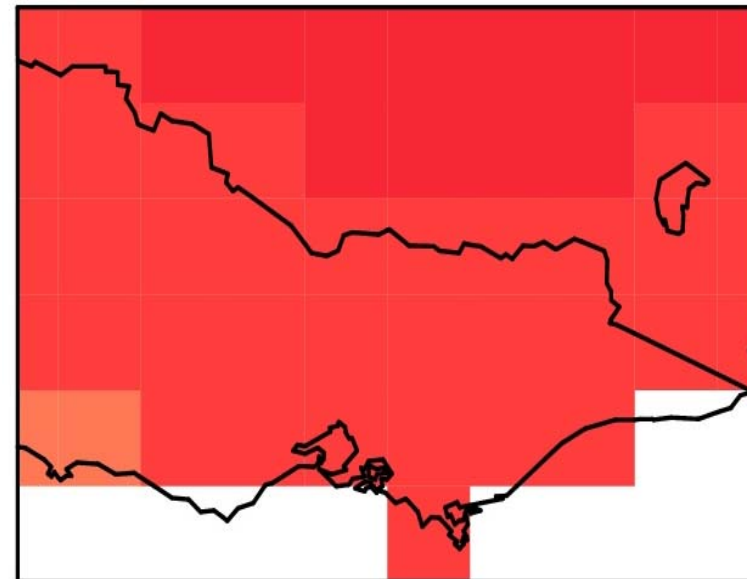
Healthy and Productive Water Systems
- \$277.0m, 21.3%

Victoria 2050: Projected Temperature Changes

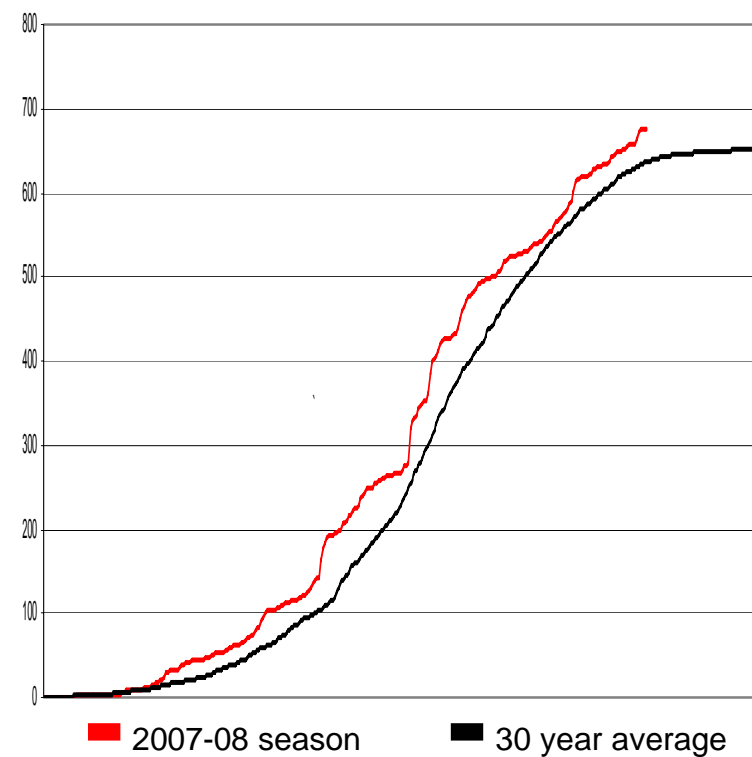
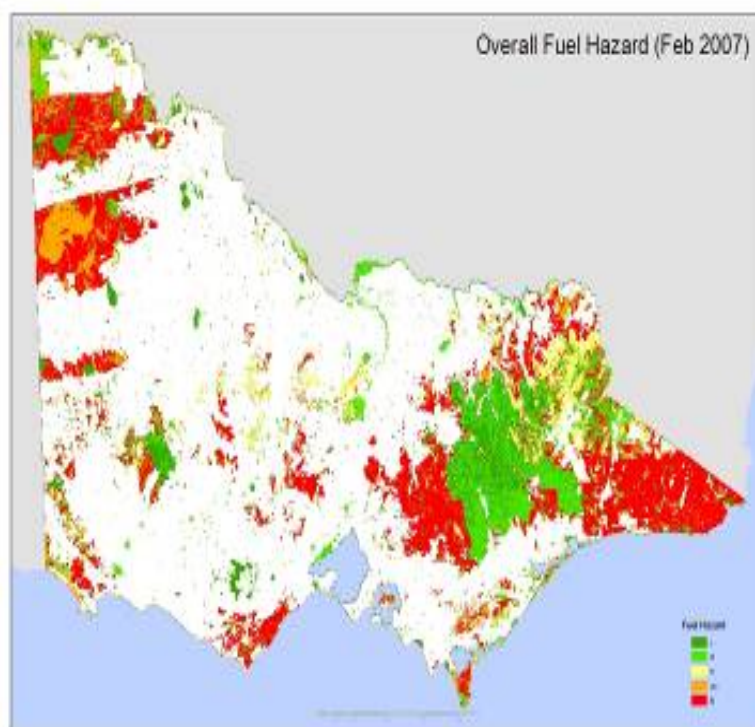
50th percentile – 1-2°C increase



90th percentile – 3-4°C increase



Fire Management in 2007-08



Increased Support for Fire Operations

- 2007-08 fire season
 - 677 fires across 32,310 hectares
 - 135 000 hectares burnt in 570 fuel reduction burns
- Additional funding of \$27.3m for fire preparedness
 - Additional and extended hiring of aircraft and plant equipment
 - Increased community awareness and engagement
 - Additional and early recruitment of fire fighters
- Continuation of fire break construction

\$60 million for Gippsland Flood Recovery

- More than 1500 farms, 100 businesses and 200 houses significantly affected
- \$20m for DSE and CMAs to undertake clean-up works:
 - repairing roads and tracks
 - debris removal
 - fencing repairs and replacement

Tackling Climate Change

\$294m in the 2008-09 State Budget to address climate change

- Environment & Climate Change initiatives include
 - \$54m over six years to help households reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - \$33m for solar hot water rebates for regional and rural Victoria
 - \$5m to continue the Black Balloons campaign
 - \$4.1m for low income and public housing retrofits
 - \$15m over five years for adaptation to climate change projects
 - \$8m for Future Coasts
 - \$1.8m for a coastal asset management database
 - \$5m for an adaptation research centre

Land and Biodiversity at a Time of Climate Change

- Green paper released in April 2008
- 2008-09 Budget provides \$114m for land and biodiversity initiatives
 - \$3.6m for the development of the Land and Biodiversity at a Time of Climate Change White Paper
 - \$110m over five years for a Natural Resources Investment Program

Parks and Recreational Facilities

Investment in Parks and Recreational Facilities includes:

- \$71m for Victoria's parks and reserves:
 - \$60m over four years to replace bridge infrastructure on public land
 - \$9.1m over four years and \$1.6m TEI to enhance parks and reserves
- \$5m to examine investment models and upgrade piers and jetties in Port Philip and Westernport Bays