

# SUPPORTING THE REGION



**The Australian Government recognises the importance of helping our Asia-Pacific neighbours.**

**The government is investing funding to provide the region with resources to achieve sustainable development and meet environmental challenges.**

### **KOKODA TRACK – ASSISTANCE TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE KOKODA TRACK AND THE OWEN STANLEY RANGES**

**Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts,  
Department of Veterans' Affairs**

- Provides \$15.8 million<sup>10</sup> over four years to help Papua New Guinea protect the Kokoda Track, the site of one of the most famous battles in Australia's wartime history.
- Supports Papua New Guinea in its efforts to develop a World Heritage nomination for the Kokoda Track and surrounding Owen Stanley Ranges, to ensure the areas' significant cultural and natural heritage values are preserved.
- Assists Papua New Guinea to improve the on-ground sustainable management of the Kokoda Track.
- Provides support for sustainable development of communities along the Kokoda Track corridor.
- Develops an interactive website, a television documentary, and educational resources including a CD-Rom for Australians, to enhance their understanding of the cultural and historical significance of the Kokoda Track.

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### **ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION**

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- Invests \$300.0 million over three years to address water and sanitation challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Improves access to clean water and effective sanitation in urban, peri-urban and rural areas.
- Protects freshwater sources to ensure predictable supplies of safe drinking water.

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<sup>10</sup> Includes funding of \$3.0 million in 2007-08 from the Mandated Flexibility in the Australian Agency for International Development's Budget.

