



A SAFER AUSTRALIA. A SECURE FUTURE.

**Our Plan to protect Australia
and keep Australians safe.**

Delivering a stronger economy and keeping Australians safe and together

Our Government is building a stronger Australia, now and for the future.

A strong economy and a secure nation are the foundations of a stronger Australia.

You can't have a strong economy without a country that is safe and secure. And you can't have a country that is truly safe and secure without a strong economy. Strengthening our economy and preserving our security are interlocking goals.

Since we were first elected, our Government has been making the choices needed to ensure Australia is the best place in the world in which to live, work and raise a family.

We have been keeping our country strong so Australians can plan for the future with confidence.

This plan builds on the achievements of the Government over the past five and a half years.

We have repaired our borders, invested in our defence, deported violent criminals, and we have provided our security and intelligence agencies with the powers, resources and technology they need to keep Australians safe.

Our plan addresses the security and safety challenges we face beyond our shores, on our borders, in our communities and in our homes.

Our Government can be trusted to keep Australians safe because that is what we have done for five and a half years. But there is more to do.

This plan puts in place what is needed to help keep Australians safe into the future.

It recognises new and emerging threats and provides additional resources to combat challenges abroad and at home.

There is no higher duty of a government than preserving the safety and security of its citizens.

Keeping our economy strong. Keeping Australians safe. Keeping Australians together.

Stronger. Safer. Together. That's our plan.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', is positioned above the name and title.

SCOTT MORRISON

Prime Minister

Making Australia safer and more secure:

- ✓ The biggest rebuild of our Defence Force since the Second World War, including 54 new Naval vessels and a stronger Army and Air Force.
- ✓ Stopped the boats, with proven border security measures.
- ✓ 14 terrorist attack plots foiled by security agencies since 2014.
- ✓ Law enforcement, intelligence and security agencies backed with \$2.2 billion additional funding and stronger laws.
- ✓ Cancelled the visas of 4,150 dangerous criminals since 2014.
- ✓ Securing our Indo-Pacific region with new security, economic and diplomatic initiatives.
- ✓ Over \$350 million to support women and children who are victims or at risk of domestic violence.
- ✓ World's first eSafety Commissioner with strong powers to fight harmful online content and cyberbullying.
- ✓ \$720 million to tackle the ICE scourge and reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol.
- ✓ Natural disaster relief and resilience, including bushfire mitigation, disaster assistance funding and \$3.9 billion Future Drought Fund.



OUR PLAN TO KEEP AUSTRALIANS SAFE



Keep our economy strong, to guarantee investments in national defence, strong borders and the safety of all Australians.



Defend Australia, with a 10-year program to strengthen our Navy, Army and Air Force – the biggest rebuild of the Australian Defence Force since the Second World War.



Protect our borders, by sticking to our proven policies that stopped the boats: offshore processing, turnbacks and temporary protection visas.



Keep Australians safe from terrorism, especially the threat of violent, extremist Islam.



Secure our region and protect our sovereignty, with a high priority focus on the Indo-Pacific.



Keep women safe, at home and on our streets.



Protect our children and youth from predators, bullies and self-harm.



Protect Australians from criminals, by providing police and security agencies with the technology, resources and laws needed to stay one step ahead.



Fight the menace of drugs – especially ICE – with treatment and support programs and tougher law enforcement.



Support Australians in the face of natural disasters, by increasing our preparedness, response capability and resilience.

Keep our economy strong

To keep Australians safe and secure, we need to keep our economy strong. The Morrison Government's economic management underpins the investments needed to defend Australia, protect our borders and keep Australians safe.

A strong economy, a safe and secure Australia

We are sticking to our plan to keep the Australian economy strong:

- Ensure the government lives within its means.
- Lower taxes.
- Back small, family and medium-sized businesses.
- Ensure affordable and reliable energy for households and businesses.
- Build the transport and technology infrastructure we need.

- Drive all our industries forward.
- Ensure Australians of all generations have the skills they need.
- Keep Australians working together.
- Keep big businesses accountable.
- Continue to expand opportunities for our exporters to create even more jobs.

Fixing Labor's defence fail

Strong economic management has meant we can restore defence spending to 2% of GDP, reversing the decline under Labor. Defence was a casualty of Labor's inability to manage money. Under Labor, defence funding was gutted by \$18 billion and investment fell to just 1.56% of GDP – the lowest level since 1938.

A weaker economy under Labor means less investment in defence, weaker border protection and reduced capacity to defend our way of life.

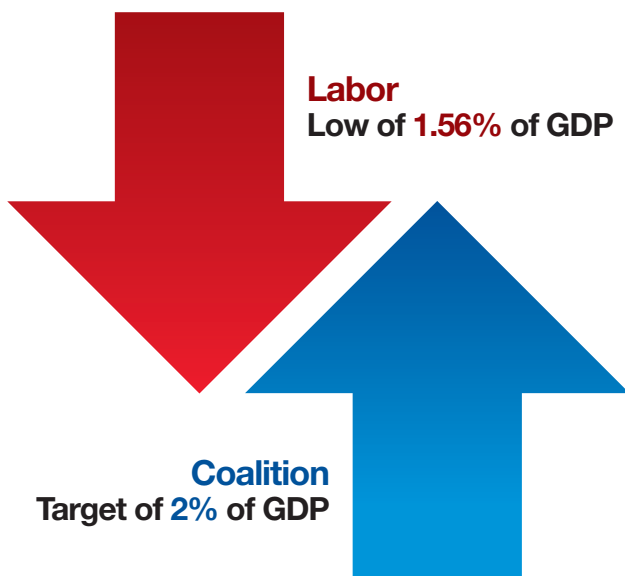
Creating jobs by growing our defence industry

The Morrison Government is committed to a strong and growing defence industry as part of its economic plan to support growth and create jobs.

Our defence industry transformation plan is achieving results:

- We are investing \$200 billion in Australia's defence capability over the next 10 years.
- The Defence Industrial Capability Plan invests \$17 million annually to support Australian small and medium enterprises.
- The Defence Export Strategy is investing \$20 million annually to support Australia's defence exports.

DEFENCE SPENDING AS A SHARE OF THE ECONOMY





Defend Australia

We will defend Australia, with the biggest rebuild of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) since the Second World War.

Record \$200 billion investment

Under strategies laid out in the Defence White Paper 2016, the Government is meeting the challenges of a complex security environment.

Our fully-costed plan will invest over \$200 billion in Australia's defence capability over the next 10 years. This is Australia's biggest-ever peacetime investment in Defence.

By 2020-21, we will have restored Defence investment to 2% of GDP. To build our defence capability, we are maximising the involvement of Australia's defence industry.

A stronger Navy

The greatest regeneration in the Navy's history will see the construction of 54 new vessels. This includes doubling our submarine fleet to 12, nine Hunter class frigates and 12 Offshore Patrol Vessels to ensure our borders remain secure.

All 54 vessels will be built in Australia, using Australian workers and steel – creating thousands of jobs for decades to come.

More than 500 Australian businesses have already pre-qualified to be part of the Hunter class supply chain.

A stronger Army

The Australian Army is getting new weapons, including rifles, pistols, grenade launchers and mortars, as well as new body armour and night-fighting equipment. New combat reconnaissance, infantry fighting and light protected vehicles will be introduced into service.

Upgrades to the M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank will ensure our forces have the protection, mobility and firepower they need.

A stronger Air Force

The Air Force will get unprecedented capability to combat future threats through the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program. The first aircraft arrived in December 2018. More than 50 Australian companies have shared in more than \$1 billion in contracts in the global Joint Strike Fighter program.

Honouring our veterans

We are ensuring our more than 300,000 veterans and their families receive respect and support, with measures including fairer indexation of defence force pensions at a cost of \$1.4 billion, free mental healthcare for all veterans, our veterans-to-work program and a new Australian veterans' card and lapel pin to provide even more recognition and opportunities.

54 NAVAL VESSELS TO BE BUILT IN AUSTRALIA



12 Attack class submarines



9 Hunter class frigates



21 Guardian class patrol boats



12 Arafura class OPVs

Protect our borders

The Morrison Government will not compromise our three proven border protection policies which have stopped the boats: offshore processing, turnbacks and temporary protection visas.

Ending the chaos and deaths at sea under Labor

Criminal people-smuggling syndicates are always a danger to Australia. That's why we must keep our borders secure.

When the last Labor government dismantled Australia's effective border security policies, over 50,000 people arrived on more than 800 boats.

Labor's inability to stop people smugglers as they plied their evil trade meant there were over 1,200 deaths at sea.

Labor's border protection failure forced them to open 17 detention centres. It also led to a Budget blowout of \$16 billion.

Our Government has ended the chaos of Labor and restored strong border protection policies.

Our effective policies, first enacted by Scott Morrison as Immigration Minister, include:

- Offshore processing.
- Boat turnbacks where it is safe to do so.
- Temporary Protection visas.

All of these policies are necessary, to protect our borders and deny people smugglers a product to sell.

These strong policies have:

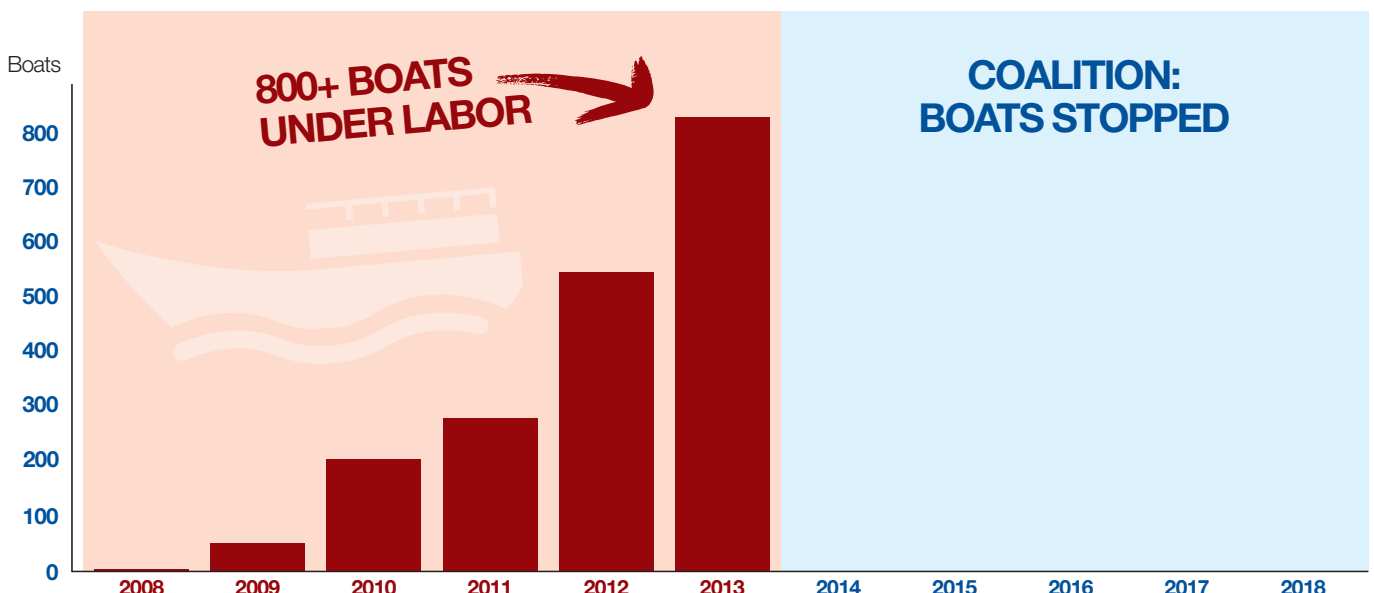
- Stopped deaths at sea.
- Closed 19 detention centres.
- Removed all children from detention.

Under our Government, people who arrive illegally will not be re-settled in Australia. No ifs, no buts. The door is closed.

While people smugglers are still ready to exploit any weakness, we are determined to not allow their trade to start again.

Labor simply can't be trusted to maintain strong border protection policies.

CUMULATIVE BOAT ARRIVALS



Keep Australians safe from terrorism

Our most important responsibility is to keep Australians safe and protect our way of life, values and freedom.

The Morrison Government is working to protect Australians from terrorism, especially the threat of violent, extremist Islam.

Tougher anti-terrorism laws

Our Government has passed 12 packages of national security legislation.

These new laws help our intelligence and law enforcement agencies to investigate, monitor, arrest and prosecute extremists.

Disrupting terror plots

Since September 2014, our security agencies have disrupted 14 major terrorist plots.

Ninety people have been charged from 40 counter-terrorism operations.

Boosting our security agencies

To help fight terrorism and crime, the Government has boosted funding of our law enforcement, intelligence and security agencies (by \$2.2 billion since 2014).

We've provided the Australian Federal Police (AFP) with the biggest funding boost in a decade (\$321.4 million in extra funding over four years).

This will fund 100 more intelligence experts, over 100 more tactical response and covert surveillance operators, and almost 100 forensic specialists.

Cancelling citizenship for terrorist conduct

We believe dual nationals who support terrorist activities forfeit their right to call Australia home.

We have passed legislation to revoke the citizenship of any dual national who engages in terrorism. This includes foreign fighters who seek to return here.

Aviation security

The Morrison Government is investing \$294 million to strengthen security at airports and mail and air cargo facilities.

Counter radicalisation

We have invested more than \$45 million in programs to counter radicalisation and remove online terrorist propaganda.





Secure our region and protect our sovereignty

The Morrison Government is pursuing peace and security, with a new high priority focus on the Indo-Pacific.

We will protect our sovereignty, standing up for Australian values and interests.

Focusing on our neighbours

Australia's national security is intertwined with our Indo-Pacific neighbours. We are stepping up in the Pacific because it is in Australia's interests.



A new package of security, economic, diplomatic and people-to-people initiatives will take our engagement to a new level. It includes:

- A \$2 billion Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility to support economic and infrastructure development in Pacific countries.
- An extra \$1 billion in capital to support investments in the region that have a national benefit for Australia.
- A 30-year, \$2 billion Pacific Maritime Security Program, including the delivery of 21 Australian-built patrol boats.
- Support to Vanuatu's police and defence advice to strengthen security ties.
- A major joint initiative with Papua New Guinea on development of the Lombrum Naval Base on Manus Island.
- A new Pacific Faculty of Policing at the Australian Institute of Police Management to help train police leaders in the Pacific.
- A new ADF team to work with Pacific partners on training.
- A dedicated vessel to deliver support to Pacific partners, including humanitarian assistance.
- Joint development of Fiji's Blackrock facility as a regional hub for police and peacekeeping training.
- New diplomatic missions in Palau, the Marshall Islands, French Polynesia, Niue and the Cook Islands.

Directing aid to our strategic priorities

We are supporting an affordable, targeted, effective overseas aid program that has maximum impact.

Last year, Australia contributed \$4 billion in development assistance. This included a record \$1.3 billion in the Pacific.

Foreign interference

We live in a world where others might try to exploit our freedoms and disrupt our democracy. The Government has passed laws to protect against espionage and foreign interference in Australia.

Our Government has:

- Established laws strengthening the way our national security agencies investigate and disrupt foreign interference and espionage.
- Introduced new laws to expose any efforts to influence Australian politics.
- Appointed a National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator.

Keep women safe

The Morrison Government is determined to keep Australians safe at home and on our streets. We will continue to stand up against domestic violence.

Standing up against domestic violence

We have invested more than \$350 million to support women and children who are victims or at risk of domestic violence.

This includes increased funding for frontline services like 1800RESPECT.

It also includes improvements to the family law system to protect victims of violence and abuse.

And we are helping to train police, health workers and other frontline service providers to recognise signs of domestic violence and respond appropriately.

We will invest \$75 million to build or buy new emergency shelters for families affected by domestic violence and to continue programs that keep women and children safe in their homes.

Our new \$7.8 billion National Housing and Homelessness Agreement prioritises services for women and children experiencing family and domestic violence.

Fighting crime in the community

The Morrison Government is taking concrete steps to improve community safety. Our Government has funded local projects worth \$70 million to:

- Reduce crime by installing CCTV and lighting.
- Prevent crime through better design of our streets and community facilities.
- Improve security for organisations that face risks from racial or religious intolerance.
- Allow local councils and community groups to support at-risk young people with early intervention programs.

Groups such as Police-Citizens Youth Clubs, Blue Light organisations and Youth Off The Streets are helping young people stay on track with additional support from government.





Protect our children and youth

Our Government is committed to giving Australian children the best possible start in life, protecting them at schools and online. We are focused on supporting the health and safety of our young people.

Protecting children online

This generation is the first to be immersed in the online world. The whole community has a role to play in keeping children safe online and the Government is committed to helping parents, teachers and technology companies fulfil their responsibilities.

We are offering support to parents when it comes to teaching their children about responsible online technology use, with new resources and advice via www.esafety.gov.au.

And we will back expert NGOs to develop targeted online safety initiatives with a \$10 million investment.

We have invested over \$100 million to protect children from online predators, inappropriate content and cyberbullying. We have established the world's first eSafety Commissioner with powers to force the removal of illegal and harmful content. And we are developing a new Charter that sets out community expectations for businesses that interact with children online.

Investing in children's wellbeing

In cooperation with states and territories, we have developed the Australian Student Wellbeing Framework. The framework seeks to promote positive relationships and the wellbeing of students and educators within safe, inclusive and connected learning communities.

Acting on the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Morrison Government is working to keep children safe from exploitation and abuse.

Keeping Australian children healthy and free from disease

Our Government is committed to strengthening Australia's world-class immunisation program.

We have funded free vaccines against 17 vaccine preventable diseases and recently strengthened the immunisation program to protect:

- Pregnant women and their babies from whooping cough.
- Infants (aged 12 months) from meningococcal A, C, W, and Y.
- Adolescents (14 to 19 years) from meningococcal A, C, W and Y.
- Indigenous children (3 to 14 years) from seasonal influenza.

We have also implemented the No Jab, No Pay policy, linking immunisation to payment of Family Tax Benefit Part A.

More than 210,000 families have taken action to ensure that they now meet immunisation requirements. As a result, national immunisation rates have increased across all three target groups of one, two and five year olds.

To continue this work, we will invest \$12 million to educate families about the importance of immunisation.

Investing in youth mental health

We are delivering on our commitment to have 110 headspace centres by mid-2019 to ensure high quality mental health care for young Australians. Since October 2018, we have boosted funding to headspace by around \$200 million.



Protect Australians from criminals

Our Government is protecting Australians from criminals, with more funding for our police and security agencies and tougher laws.

Deporting criminals

We believe there's no place in Australia for people who come here and harm Australians.

That's why we have increased the Minister's power to cancel visas for non-citizens convicted of a serious crime. This has resulted in a 12-fold increase in visa cancellations.

Since December 2014, the Government has cancelled the visas of 4,150 dangerous criminals.

Last year alone, over 800 criminals had their visas cancelled, including: 13 for murder; 7 for manslaughter; 34 rapists and sex offenders; 53 for domestic violence; 56 for armed robbery; 100 child sex offenders; and 125 for assault.

Cracking down on paedophiles

To protect children, we have cancelled the visas of more than 300 child sex offenders and stopped hundreds more at the border.

In the biggest crackdown on paedophiles in a generation, we have introduced to Parliament new laws to ensure child sex offenders spend longer in jail, are less likely to be granted bail and parole, face mandatory minimum sentences and are closely supervised following their release.

We passed Carly's Law to make it a crime for an adult to use a carriage service for causing harm to, or preparing for or engaging in or procuring sexual activity with, a minor.

We are taking steps to establish a National Public Register of Child Sex Offenders.

Fighting gang crime

We have set up National Anti-Gangs Squads across the country to combat organised crime, thugs and bikie gangs.

This has resulted in the arrest of more than 1,100 criminals, more than 3,700 charges laid and the seizure of more than 5,800 illegal guns, \$9.5 million in cash and more than 2,500kg of drugs and precursors.

Stopping the trafficking of illegal firearms

Our Government introduced legislation which doubles the maximum penalty and provides mandatory minimum five-year sentences for the trafficking of illegal firearms.

Using proceeds of crime to fight crime

We established a national unexplained wealth scheme to hit criminals where it hurts most: their hip pockets.

This gives our law enforcement agencies greater powers to seize criminal assets and use the proceeds of crime for crime prevention and law enforcement.

Helping local communities fight crime

We've delivered over \$130 million in crime prevention projects to assist local councils and communities in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

This includes \$30 million for CCTV, lighting and other safety measures through our Safer Communities Fund.

Fight the menace of drugs

Our Government is confronting the drugs menace – especially ICE – with treatment and support programs and tougher law enforcement.

Protecting Australians from ICE addiction

ICE is a scourge affecting communities across Australia, especially the families and children of ICE addicts.

We believe in a tough approach to stop the ICE trade, while maximising support for individuals and families with addiction problems.

We have invested \$450 million to help communities fight the impacts of ICE, including funding for over 220 Local Drug Action Teams. We've also delivered an additional 435 local drug and alcohol services since 2016 based on community need.

Our new Community Health and Hospitals Program is focused on expanding drug treatment facilities.

In total, we are providing more than \$720 million (over four years) to help communities reduce the impact of drug and alcohol misuse.

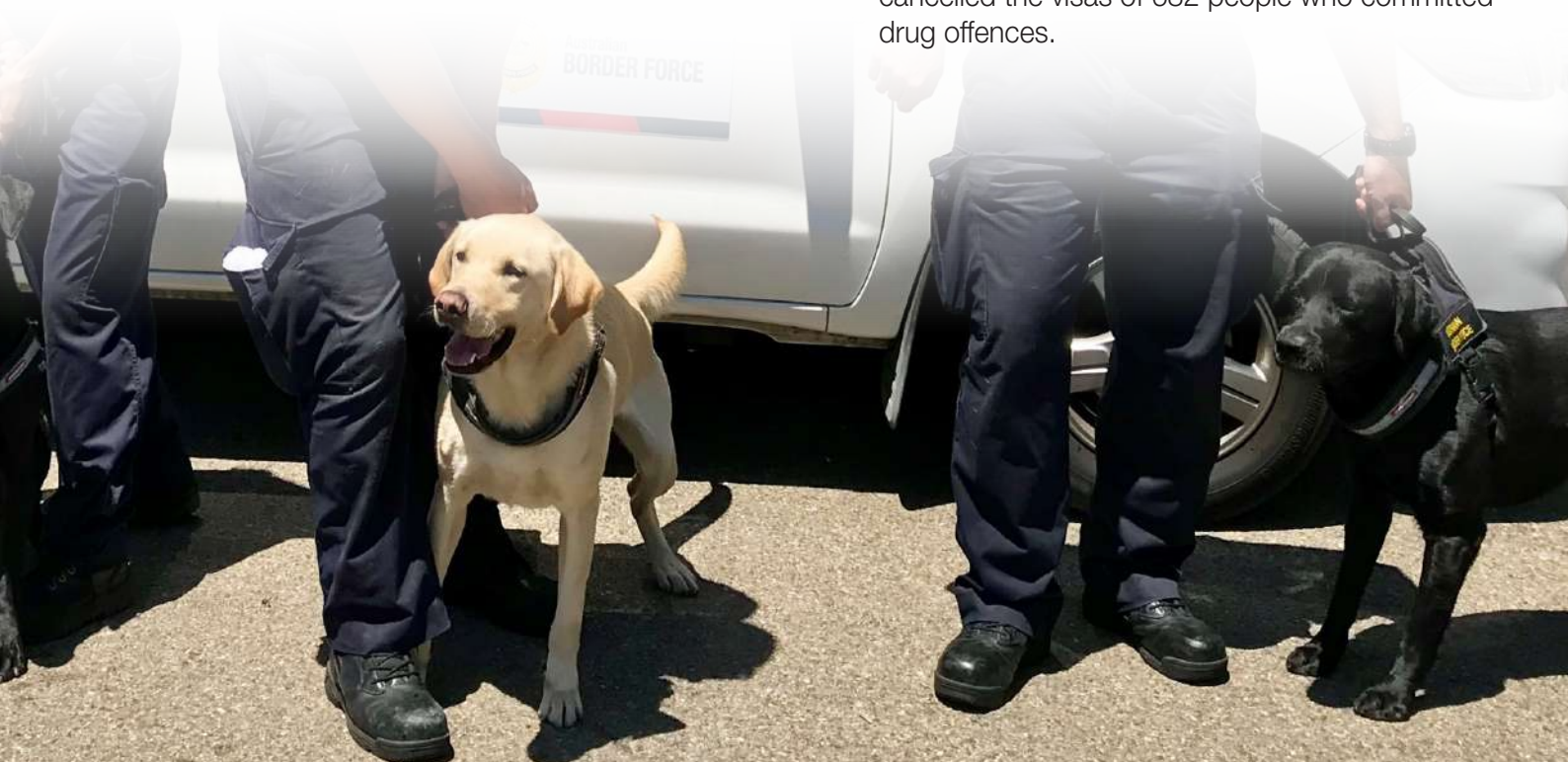
Tougher enforcement

We are tackling the supply of ICE through: international cooperation; intelligence sharing; better controls of precursor chemicals; and stronger law enforcement.

We are working with other governments to stop drugs at their source. For example, Taskforce Blaze – the first ever taskforce of its kind between agencies in Australia and China – has seized over 20 tonnes of drugs and precursors, including 7.8 tonnes of methamphetamine.

The AFP has seized more than 14 tonnes of methamphetamine in domestic operations since 2013.

We have sent drug offenders packing. After strengthening the Migration Act in 2014, we have cancelled the visas of 682 people who committed drug offences.





Support Australians in the face of natural disasters

We are protecting our communities from natural disasters by increasing resilience, preparedness and response capability.

When disasters happen, we will help Australians rebuild their lives and communities.

Being ready

We live in a country of undeniable beauty. However, its climate can be harsh. We are vulnerable to disaster.

Sadly, we can't always prevent natural disasters, but we can prepare for them. We can also ensure we respond in the most effective way.

In December 2018, our Government announced the Preparing Australia Package.

This provided \$26 million for national emergency management projects, such as aerial firefighting, emergency alert systems and a fund to help local communities improve their resilience (such as bushfire shelters).

Building resilience

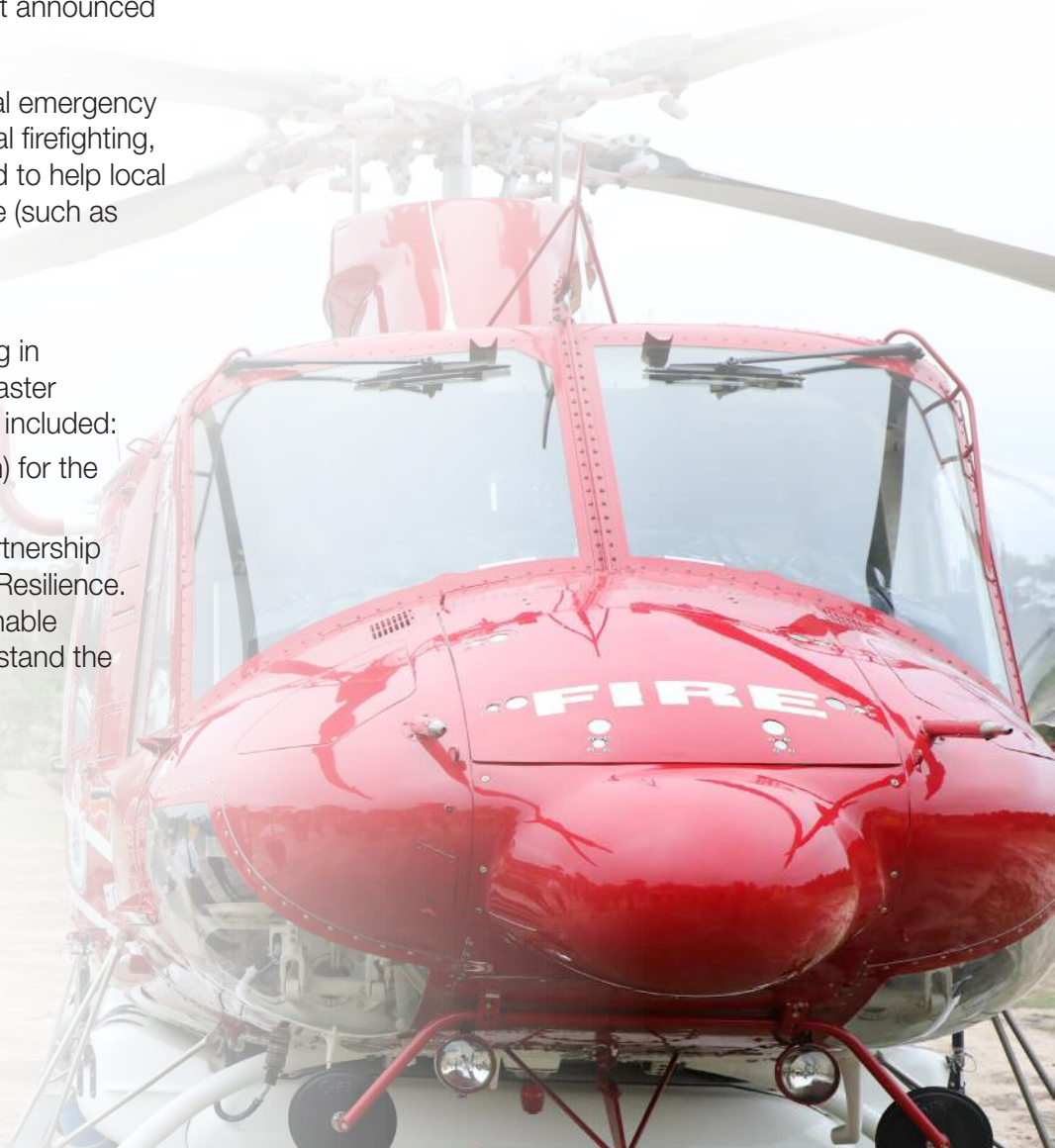
We have a strong record of investing in community safety initiatives and disaster preparedness. Since 2013, this has included:

- \$3.9 billion (growing to \$5 billion) for the Future Drought Fund.
- \$130 million for the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience. This contributes to safer, sustainable communities better able to withstand the effects of natural disasters.

- The National Bushfire Mitigation Program.
- The Disaster Resilience Australia Package to deliver nationally significant emergency management projects.
- Funding for the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience to enhance the disaster resilience of communities.

When disaster does strike, our Government will fund up to 75% of disaster assistance to individuals and communities.

This means individuals, communities, farmers and businesses can receive immediate relief and help to rebuild and reopen their doors.



AUSTRALIA'S SAFETY AND SECURITY AT RISK UNDER LABOR

- ✗ Labor racked up \$240 billion in deficits over six years when last in government. Labor can't manage money and stronger national security depends on a stronger economy.
- ✗ Under Labor, there were more than 50,000 arrivals on over 800 illegal boats. Labor's border security weakness caused a budget blowout of \$16 billion.
- ✗ Tragically, there were also 1,200 deaths at sea. Under Labor, 8,000 children were held in detention.
- ✗ Labor slashed Defence spending to 1.56% of GDP – the lowest level since 1938 – undermining our nation's defence.
- ✗ Labor's six years of inaction on naval shipbuilding led to the "Valley of Death". Our defence industry shed thousands of jobs because Labor did not commission a single naval vessel from an Australian shipyard.
- ✗ Labor cancelled and delayed hundreds of critical Defence projects, creating capability gaps and risking our nation's security.
- ✗ Labor cancelled fewer visas of criminals in six years than the Liberal and Nationals Government cancelled in 2018.
- ✗ Under Labor, the number of sea cargo inspections decreased by 25% and air cargo inspections decreased by 75%. Labor cut nearly 700 staff from Customs when they were under more pressure due to illegal boat arrivals.
- ✗ In Government, Labor used money confiscated from criminals to boost its Budget. Their policy is to do the same again. By contrast, we are using confiscated proceeds of crime to fight crime and for drug addiction treatment.
- ✗ Labor is opposing legislation to stop trafficking of illegal firearms (by doubling the maximum penalty and providing mandatory minimum five year sentences).

