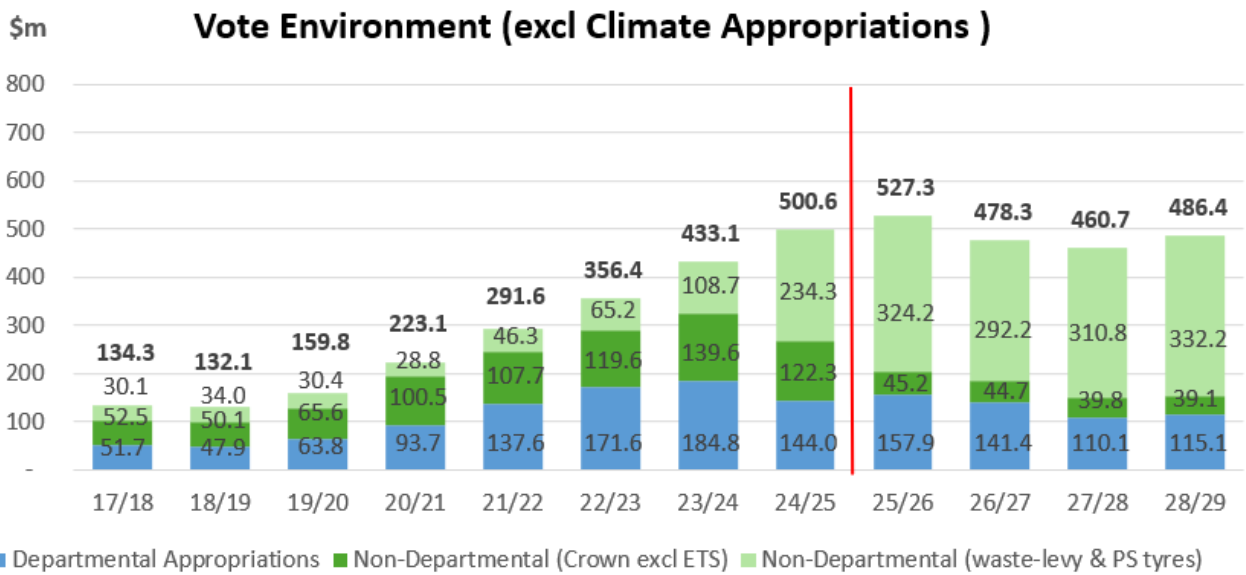
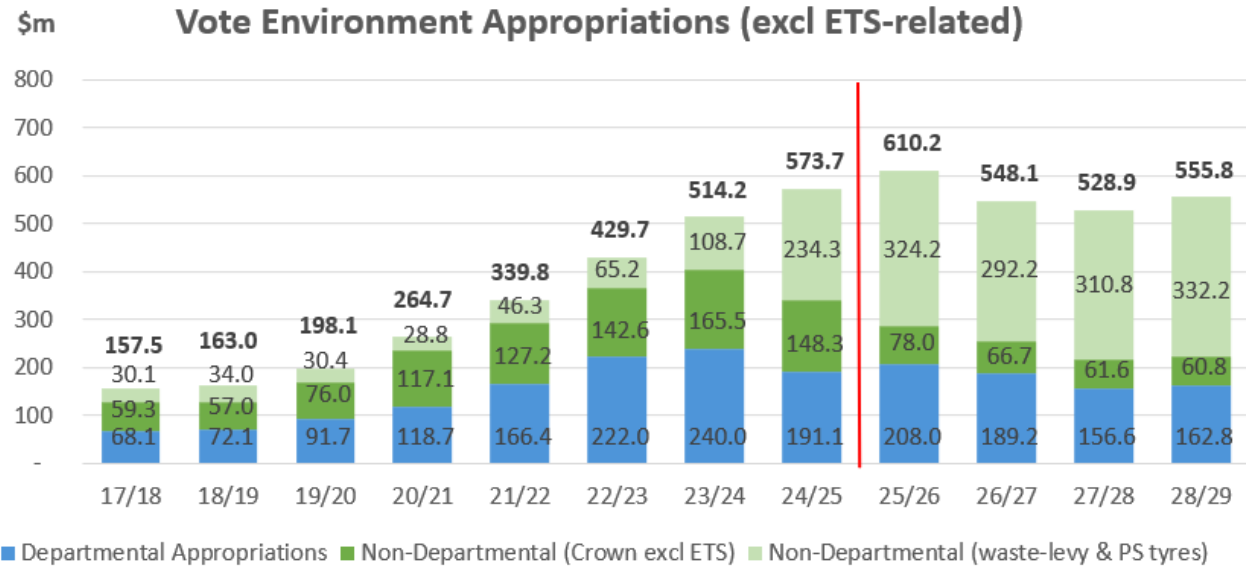


VOTE ENVIRONMENT



Environment Departmental (excl Climate): 2025/26 budget of \$157.9m; an increase of \$13.9m from 2024/25 forecast of \$144.0m. The most significant changes were baseline decreases in 24/25:

- \$30.9m drop in baseline funding following B24 savings.
- \$38.9m uplift in B25 for the surge in RM Reform Phase 3 (mixture of new funding and reprioritisation).
- \$6.0m B25 uplift in departmental waste-levy funded administration and waste/HSNO policy.

Environment Non-Departmental (excl Climate): 2025/26 budget of \$369.4m; an increase of \$12.8m from 2024/25 forecast of \$356.7m. This is primarily due to:

- an increase of \$7m in tyre stewardship fee distribution as the product stewardship scheme only became operational (collecting tyres) from 1 September 2024.
- an increase of \$36m in waste disposal levy disbursement to Territorial Local Authorities and the Waste Minimisation Fund, both due to an increase in forecast waste levy revenue collection.
- a \$43m increase in the Environmental Investment Fund (\$20m for the Contaminated Sites & Vulnerable Landfills Fund, \$10m for Crown site liability reduction, \$13m revenue buffer).
- a decrease of \$15m in Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme as it nears completion.
- a decrease of \$42m in Freshwater Funds as the Jobs for Nature programme nears completion.
- a decrease of \$15m for the reducing emissions from waste category (now funded via the WMF).

Budget 2025 Summary

Environment

Budget Breakdown for Vote	Operating Average (\$m)	Operating Total (\$m)
New Spending	6.311	25.244
Savings	(66.069)	(264.274)
Total	(59.758)	(239.030)

Summary of 2025 Operating Budget Initiatives for Vote: Environment

ID	Track	Minister	Title	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total
16365	New Spending	Minister Responsible for RMA Reform	Resource Management Act Reform Phase 3 Implementation	(5.000)	38.897	12.760	(13.273)	(9.540)	23.844
16366	Targeted Savings	Minister for the Environment	Waste Levy - additional savings options	-	(49.252)	(52.323)	(58.473)	(72.473)	(232.521)
16368	Funds and Grants	Minister for the Environment	Environment funds – Savings and Streamlining	(14.934)	(1.471)	(1.471)	(6.666)	(1.431)	(25.973)
16367	Funds and Grants	Minister of Climate Change	Climate Resilience for Maori – Downscaling of Fund	-	(5.000)	-	-	-	(5.000)
16738	Baseline Savings Ex	Minister of Climate Change	Climate change portfolio baseline savings	-	-	(0.260)	(0.260)	(0.260)	(0.780)
16953	New Spending	Minister of Climate Change	Waitaki District Council exemption from Emissions Trading Scheme surrender requirements	1.400	-	-	-	-	1.400
				(18.534)	(16.826)	(41.294)	(78.672)	(83.704)	(239.030)

Overview of Waste Disposal Levy allocations for 2025/26

