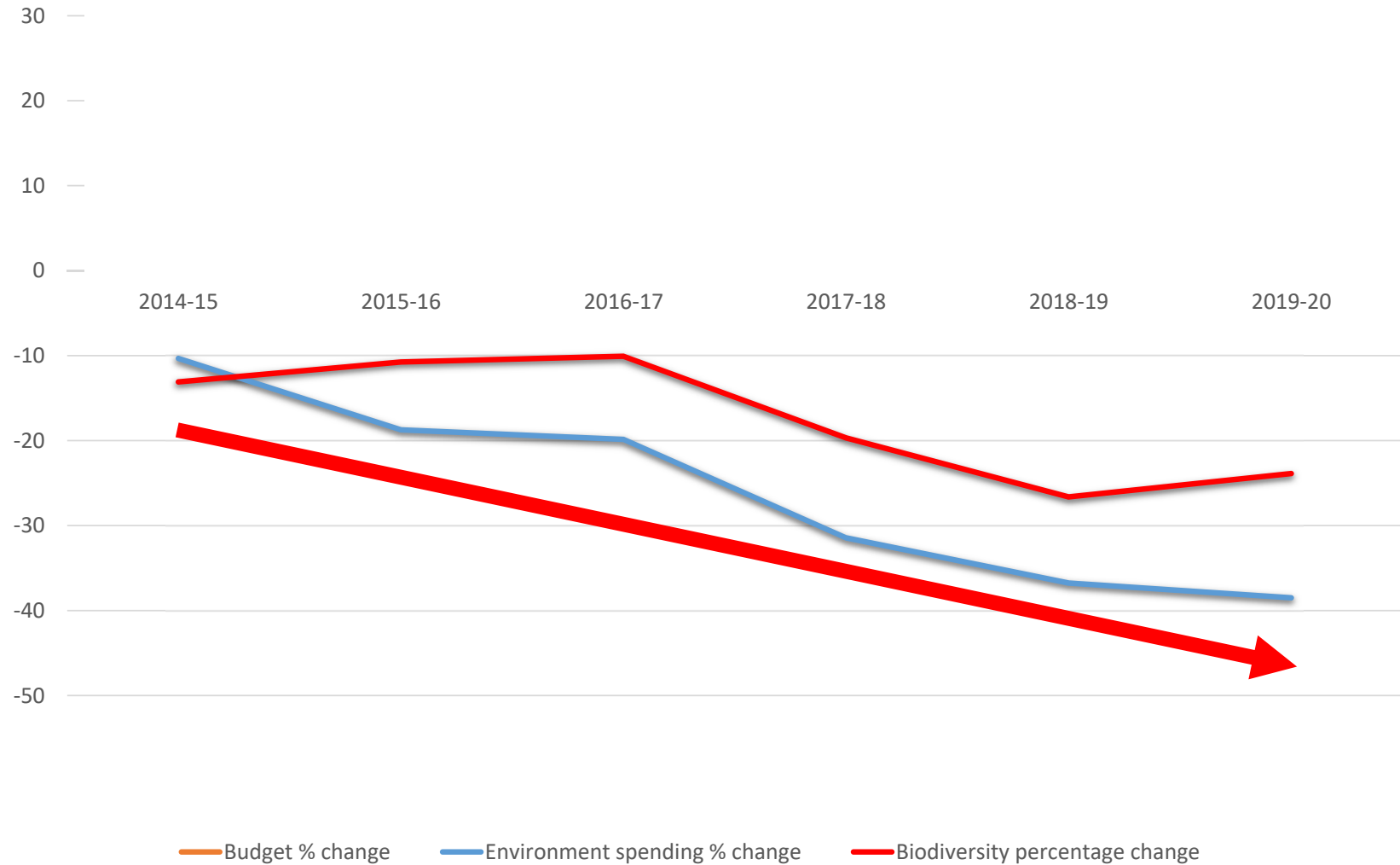


2017 Federal Budget

# Change in overall budget vs environment

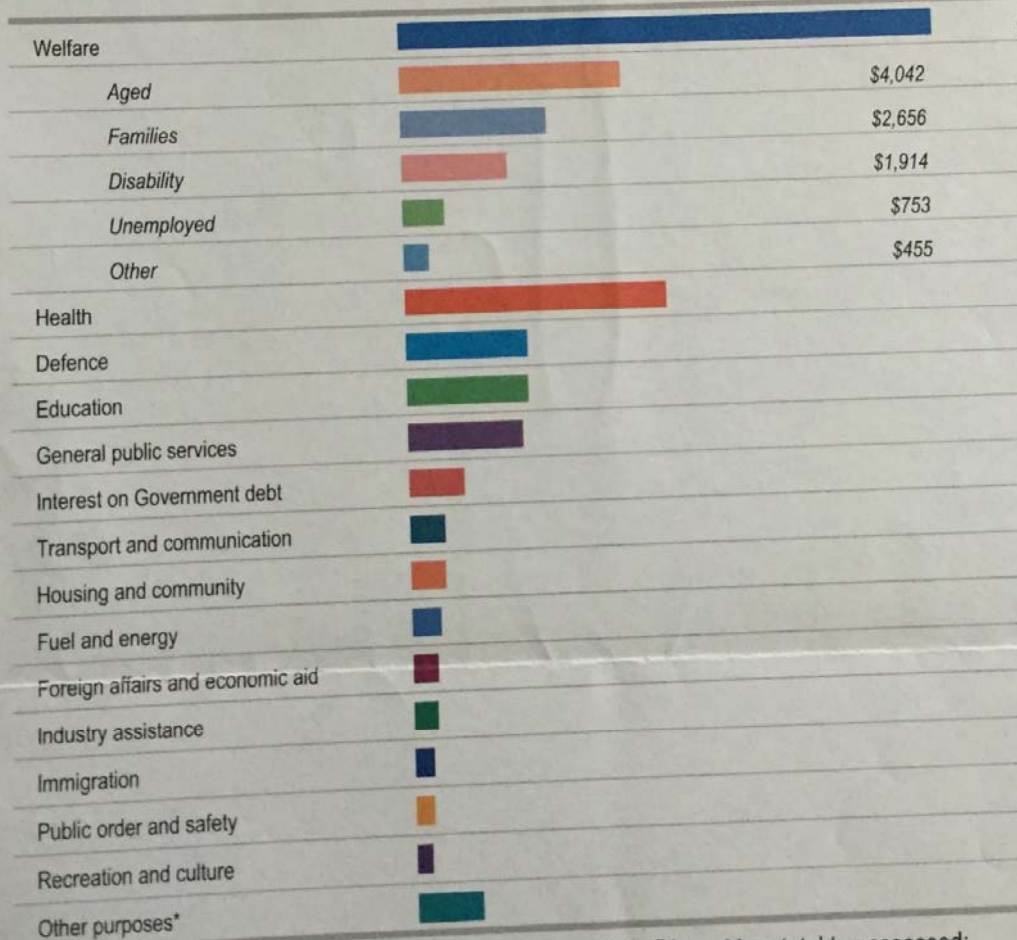


### Level of Australian Government gross debt

This year: \$320 billion

Last Year: \$257 billion






Interest payments on gross debt this year: \$13.2 billion



\*Includes transfers to state and local governments (except for GST) and other economic affairs. Estimates and categories were based on information from the Department of Treasury.

Your total tax assessed:

# What do we value?

- \$50,000 million on submarines 
- \$6,000 million for subsidies for fossil fuels 
- \$5,000 million to develop the north 
- \$2,000 million for new dams 
- \$430 million on biodiversity 

Change the  
Story



Build a  
constituency  
for change



Change the  
system

## Change the story

### Stories that cause big problems

Man over nature. Jobs vs. environment

Economy as deity. People and nature as servants of the economy

Nation as family. State as household – national household budget. Nature/ Ecology outside the household and in the garden

### Our story

We can make economic decisions that support life, not damage it.

Right now, a pollution and extinction crisis threatens the web of life. People made this crisis and we can solve it.

When we work together we change things for the better.

Our governments can make decisions and laws so our economy does not damage our lives and the life around us.

## ***Reachtel polling April 2017***

*Currently out of a budget of \$445 billion the Federal Government spends just over \$1 billion on protecting reefs, rivers, forests and wildlife. In the upcoming Federal Budget would you like to see the Government spend (much more, more, the same, less, much less) on protecting nature?*

**59% say more or much should be spent**

*Would you support a levy on polluting companies if funds were directly spent on protecting Australian wildlife in danger of extinction and protecting reefs, rivers and forests?*

**76% support**