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Australia's climate finance for the Pacific: political context and priorities

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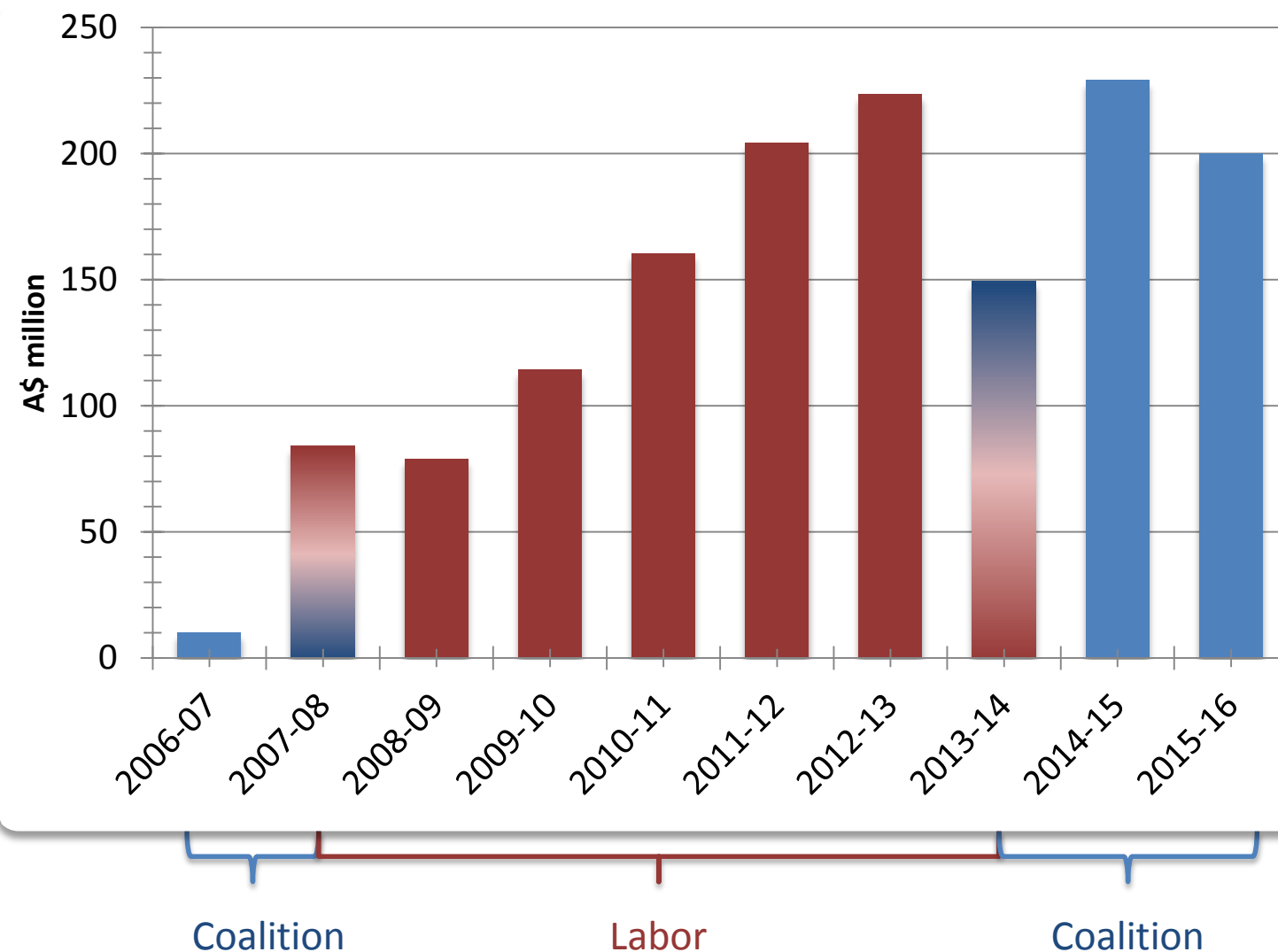
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Dealing with the aftermath of Cyclone Pam, Eton Village, Efate, Vanuatu.
Source: Vlad Sokhin / Panos / Oxfam Australia 2015.

Australia's climate finance over three governments



Sources: Australian aid budget papers and climate finance reports (2006-07 to 2009-10); biennial reports to UNFCCC (2010-11 to 2014-15); Australian Government statement at Paris summit (2015-16).

Our drowning neighbours

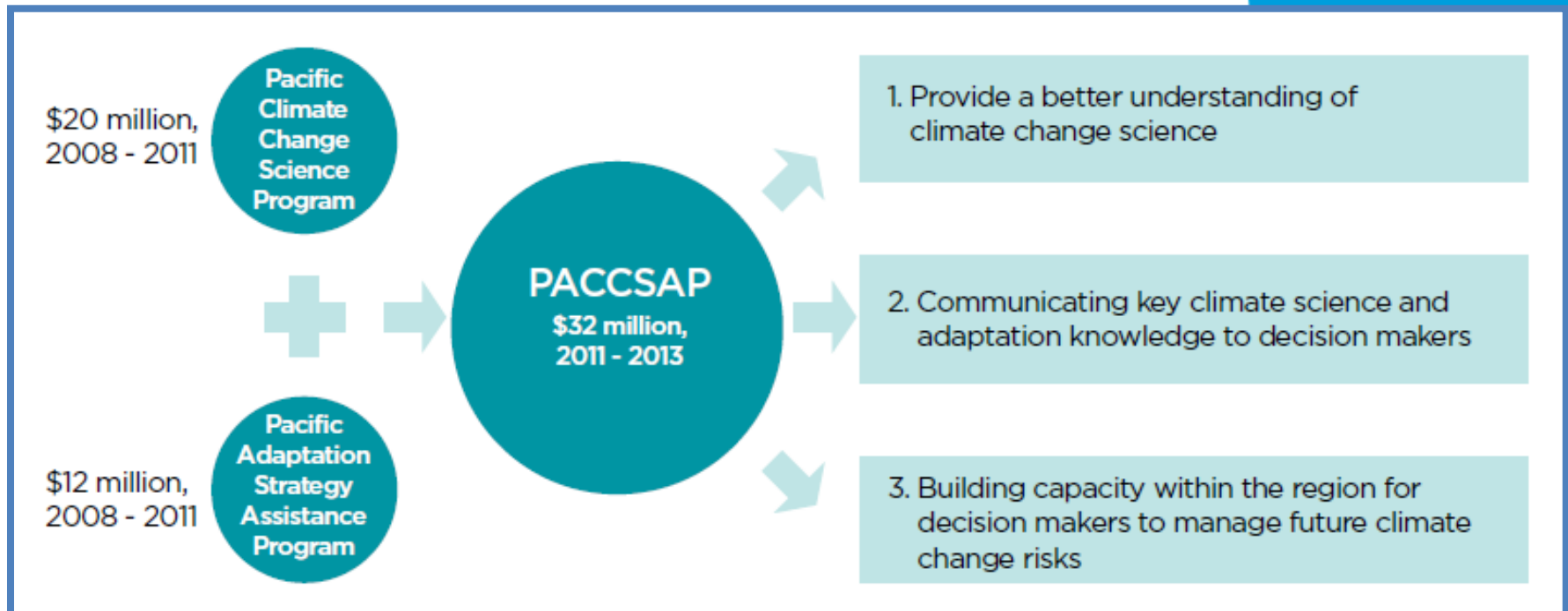
Labor's Policy Discussion Paper on Climate Change in the Pacific

Bob Sercombe MP
Shadow Minister for Overseas Aid and Pacific Island Affairs

Anthony Albanese MP
Shadow Minister for Environment and Heritage and Water

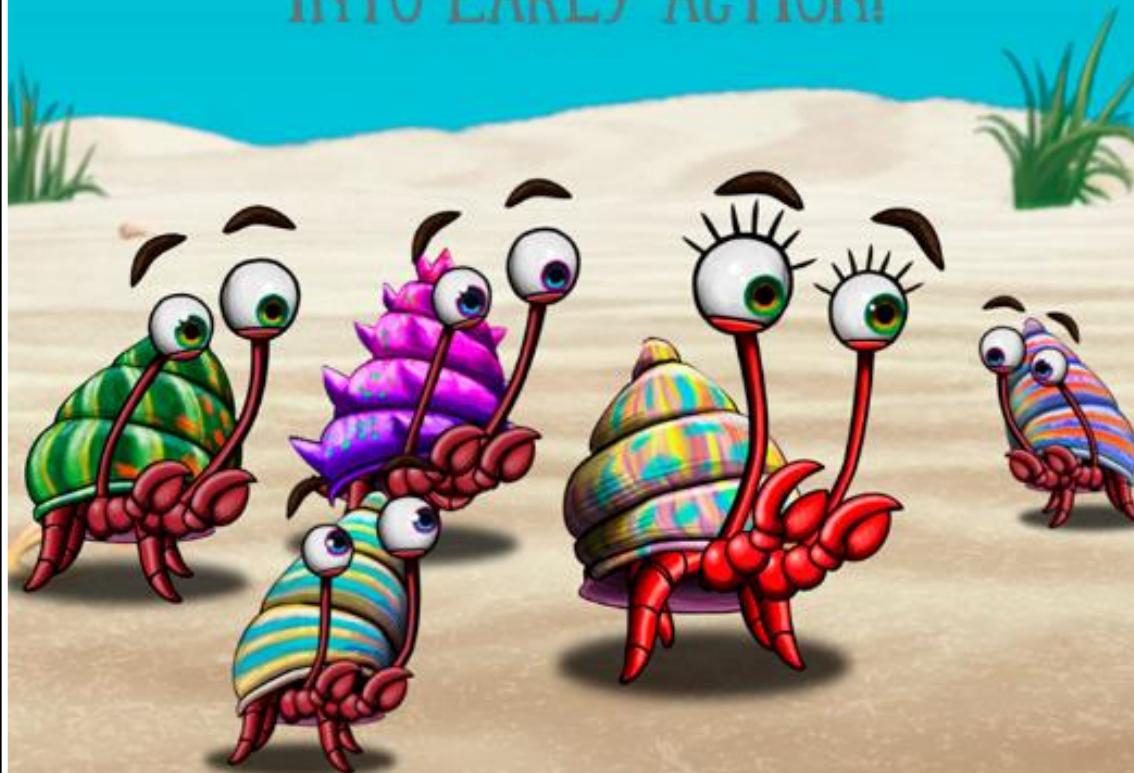
International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (ICCAI)

\$160 million for Pacific, including \$64 million for:



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www.pacificclimatechangescience.org/climatecrab



Source: <https://www.sprep.org/climate-change/adapting-to-climate-change-tuvalu-community-to-receive-second-communal-water-tank>

KIRIBATI ADAPTATION PROJECT

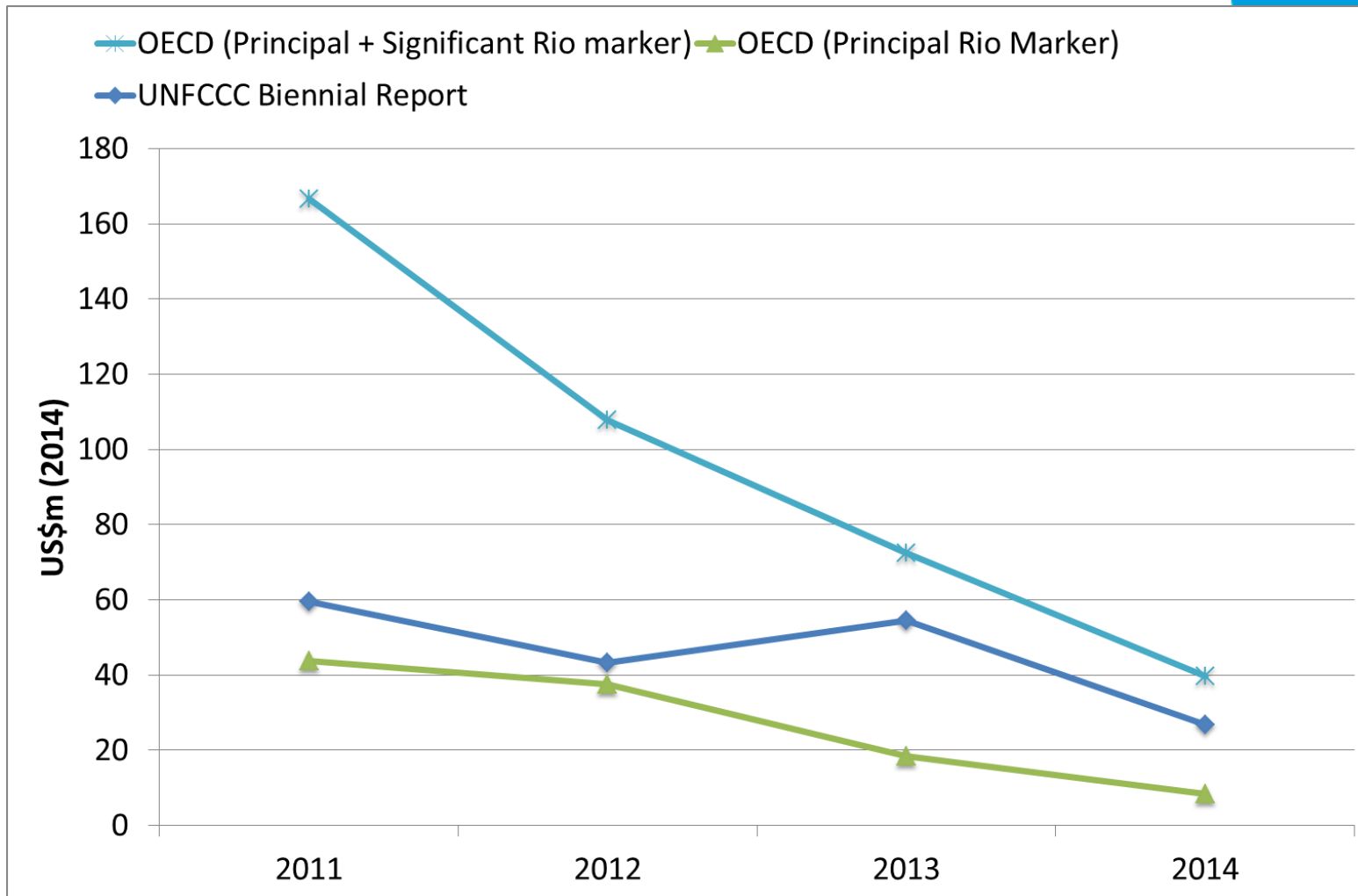
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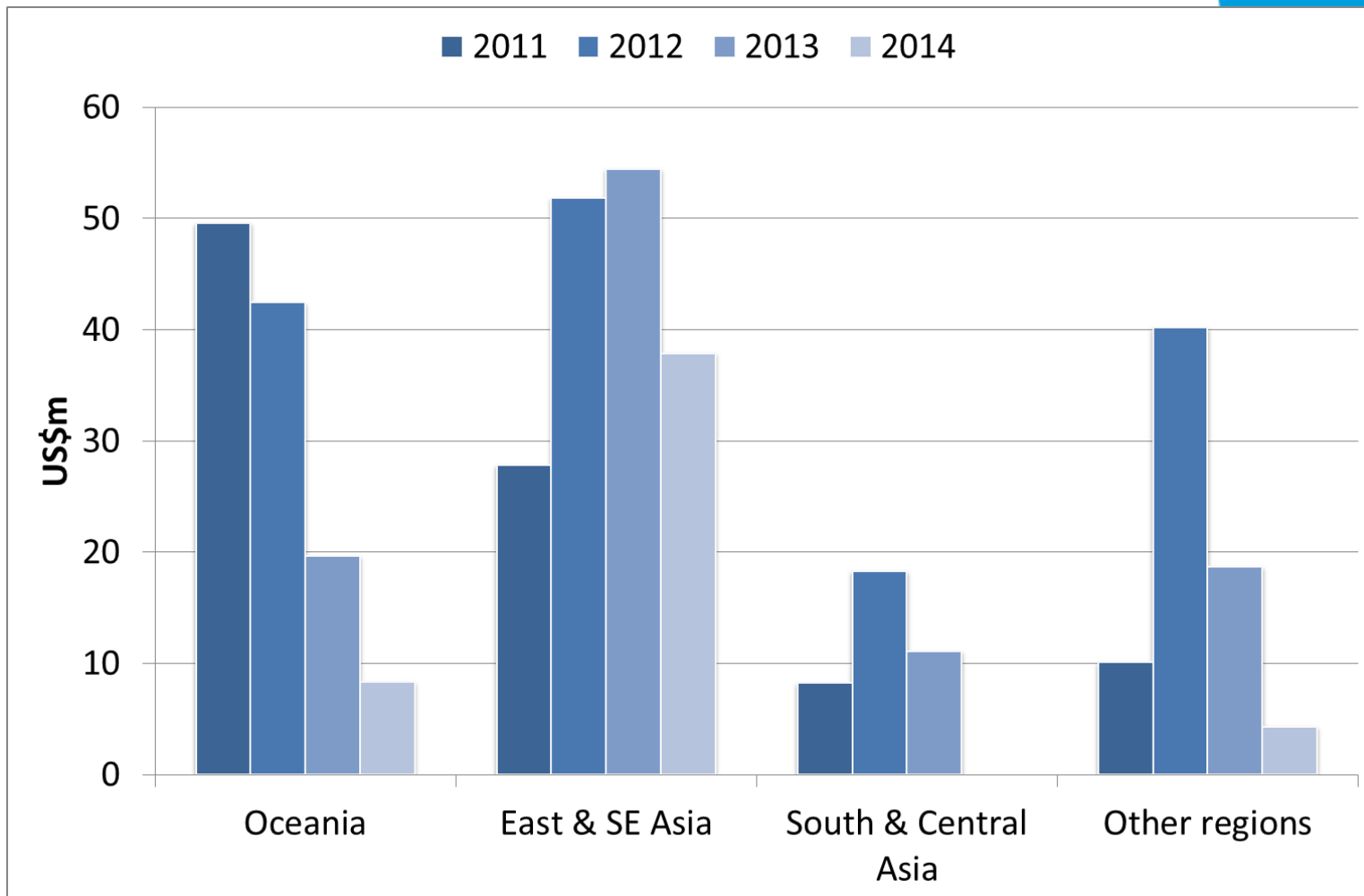
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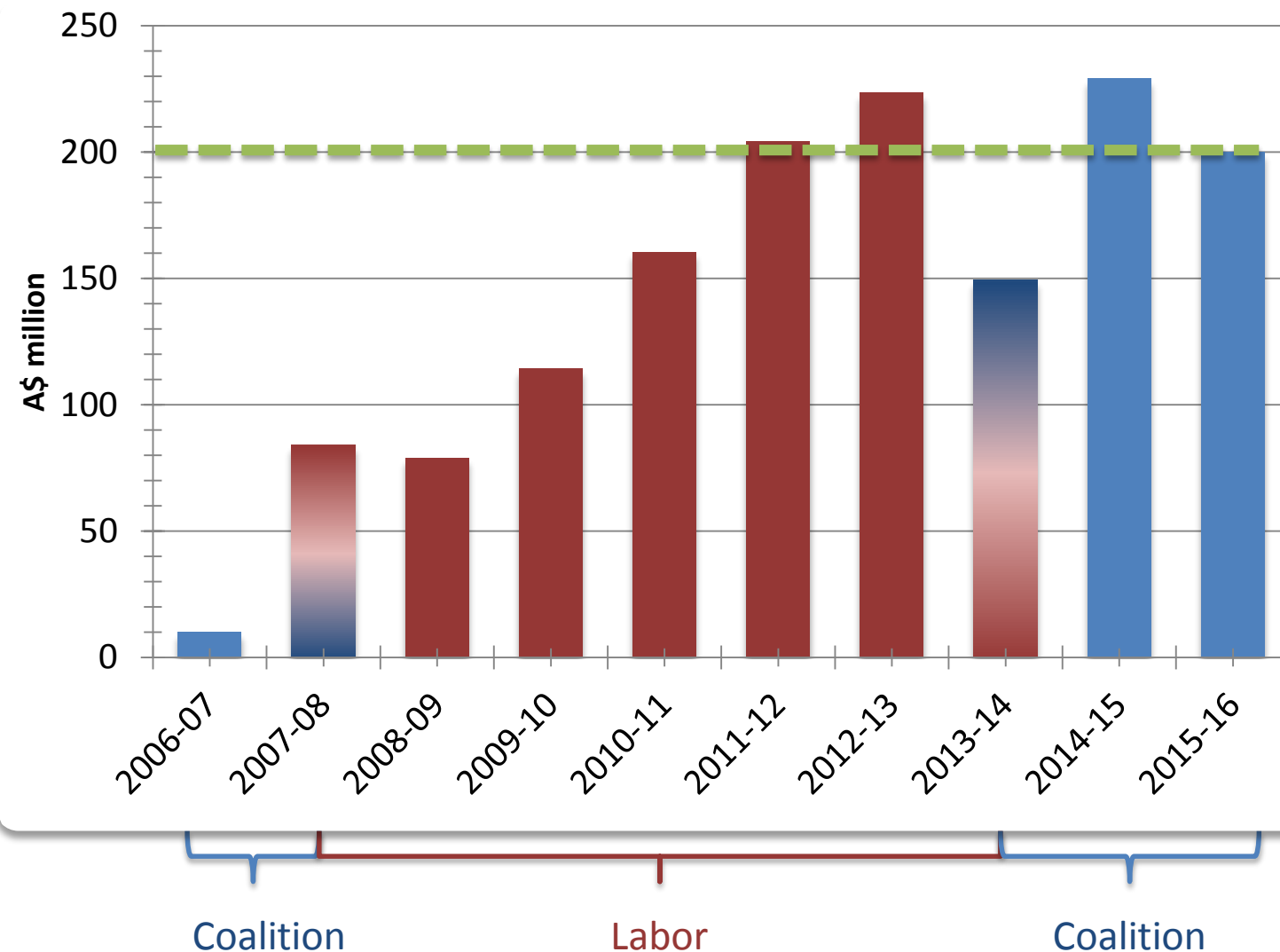
Sources: OECD, UNFCCC. Notes: OECD data are on commitment basis. UN data include “cross-cutting” activities (combining adaptation and mitigation).

Australia's adaptation finance: changing regional mix



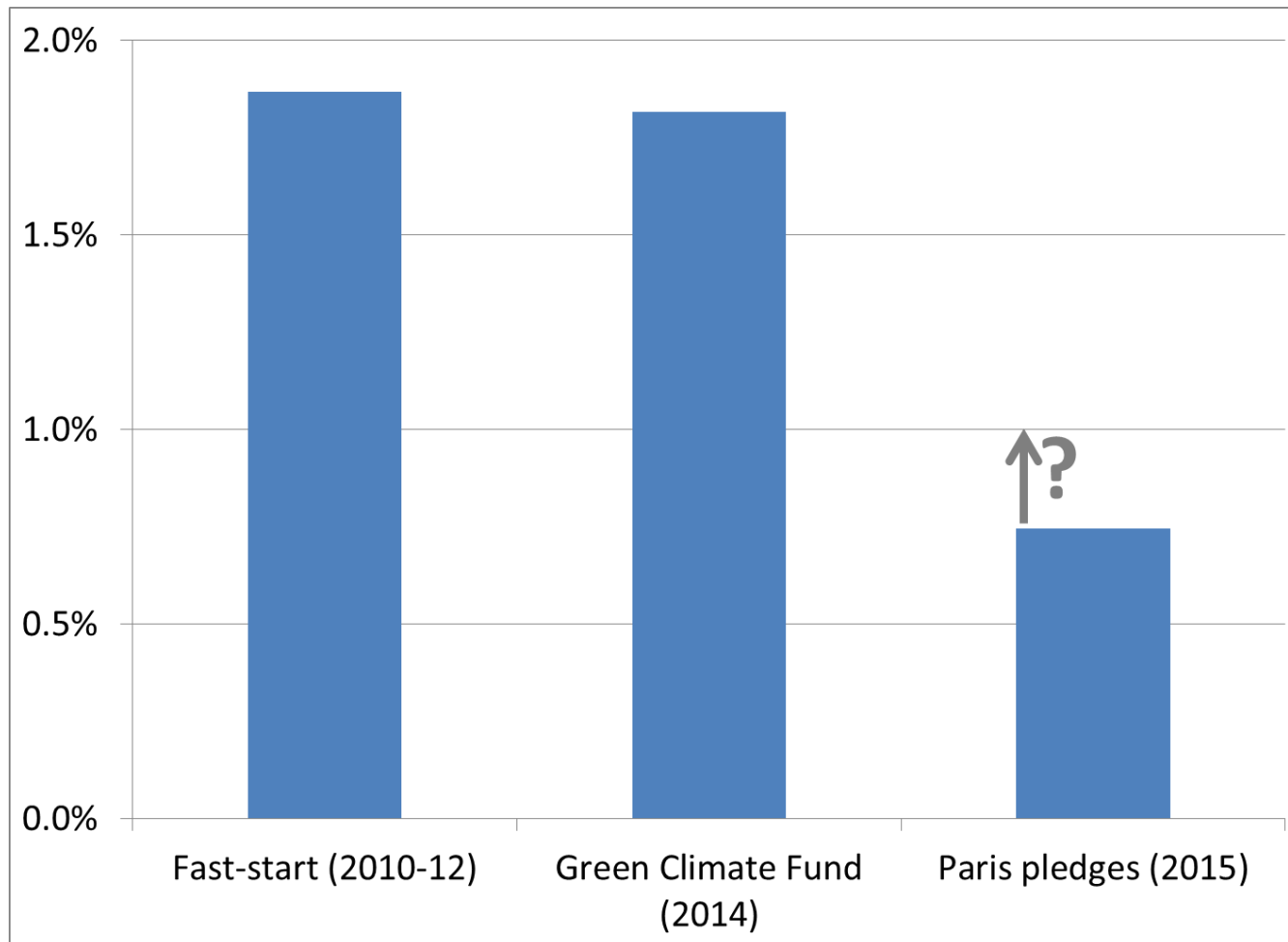
Source: OECD CRS. Notes: Principal Rio marker only. Current prices.

Australia's Paris pledge: \$1 billion over 5 years



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Australia's declining share of total funding



Sources: Climate Funds Update; Green Climate Fund; Overseas Development Institute



Is the pipeline drying up?

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	Pacific CC support Prog (\$20m)											
	Pacific Adaptation Strategy Assistance Prog (\$12m)											
			Pacific-Australia CC Science & Adaptation Prog. (\$32m)									
Small Island Developing States Community-based Adaptation (\$12m)												
			Community-based Climate Change Action Grants (\$34m – Pacific & SE Asia)									
				Coral Triangle Initiative (\$13m)								
				Climate and Oceans Support Program for the Pacific (COSPPac; \$32m)								
				Pacific Risk Resilience Program (\$16m)								
						SPREP (\$4m)						
								Climate Risk Early Warning Systems (CREWS; \$5m – LDCs & SIDS)				

What's needed next?

- A **regional strategy** for climate funding
- **Mainstreamed approach** informed by partner countries' climate and development priorities
- Backed up by:
 - **Climate risk screening** for all major Pacific programs
 - Rigorous **accounting** of climate-related activities

The value of mainstreaming

- Review of ICCAI programs in Pacific:
 - “Future assistance should be directed towards environmentally sustainable, social and economic development that is resilient to climate change, rather than attempting to implement climate adaptation separately as a discrete additional measure”