

Regional Fund for wildlife and habitat bushfire recovery

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2022.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the ongoing recovery of bushfire affected wildlife and their habitat for the seven most vulnerable regions following the 2019–20 bushfires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rainforests of south-east Queensland • rainforests of the New South Wales north coast and tablelands • the Greater Blue Mountains and World Heritage Area • forests of the New South Wales south coast • Australian alpine environment • forests and coastal ecosystems of East Gippsland • Kangaroo Island. <p>Funding delivered under this schedule may also be directed to other locations for activities that support recovery of wildlife and habitat impacted by bushfires.</p>
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of up to \$110.00 million from 2020-21 to 2021-22-in respect of this Schedule.

Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Actions to support wildlife and habitat bushfire recovery activities in the New South Wales bushfire recovery regions: rainforests of the New South Wales north coast and tablelands; the Greater Blue Mountains and World Heritage Area; forests of the New South Wales south coast and the Australian alpine environment. Activities include Traditional Owner led healing of Country; herbivore and predator animal control; vegetation restoration and weed control; erosion control; fire management and species-specific interventions.</p>	Submission to, and acceptance by the Minister for the Environment, of proposals for fire recovery activities in the New South Wales bushfire recovery regions: rainforests of the New South Wales north coast and tablelands; the Greater Blue Mountains and World Heritage Area; forests of the New South Wales south coast and the Australian alpine environment.	Date agreement signed	\$2.406m
	Submission to, and acceptance of detailed MERI (monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement) Plans, for each of the agreed bushfire recovery activities.	26 February 2021	\$2.406m
	Completion of scheduled progress from the date this agreement is signed to 31 March 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2021	\$3.609m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports and financial reports.	14 October 2021	\$8.421m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2022	\$1.250m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports and financial reports.	14 October 2022	\$2.984m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2023	\$2.984m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of Final project reports and financial reports.	Within 28 days of the project completion date, or earlier.	No payment

Additional herbivore control (deer) in the Australian alpine environment	Submission to, and acceptance by the Minister for the Environment, of proposals for herbivore control (deer) in the Australian alpine environment.	30 November 2021	\$0.020m
	Submission to, and acceptance of detailed MERI (monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement) Plans for the agreed herbivore control activities.	30 November 2021	\$0.144m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2022	\$0.041m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of Final project reports and financial reports.	Within 28 days of the project completion date, or earlier.	No payment
Additional herbivore control (feral horse) in the Australian alpine environment.	Submission to, and acceptance by the Minister for the Environment, of proposals for herbivore control (feral horse) in the Australian alpine environment.	30 November 2021	\$0.110m
	Submission to, and acceptance of detailed MERI (monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement) Plans for the agreed herbivore control activities.	30 November 2021	\$0.320m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2022	\$0.220m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports and financial reports.	14 October 2022	\$0.450m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of Final project reports and financial reports.	Within 28 days of the project completion date, or earlier.	No payment

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Sussan Ley MP

Minister for the Environment

28/1/2022

Signed for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by



The Honourable James Griffin MP

Minister for Environment and Heritage

7/4/2022

Table 2B: Victoria – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Actions to support wildlife and habitat bushfire recovery activities in the Victorian bushfire recovery regions: East Gippsland and the Australian alpine environment. Activities include Traditional Owner led healing of Country; invasive species control; and species-specific interventions.	Submission to, and acceptance by the Minister for the Environment, of proposals for fire recovery activities in the Victorian bushfire recovery regions: East Gippsland and the Australian alpine environment.	Date agreement signed	\$0.977m
	Submission to, and acceptance of detailed MERI (monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement) Plans, for each of the agreed bushfire recovery activities.	26 February 2021	\$0.977m
	Completion of scheduled progress from the date this agreement is signed to 31 March 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2021	\$1.465m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports and financial reports.	14 October 2021	\$3.418m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2022	\$1.037m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports and financial reports.	14 October 2022	\$1.893m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of Final project reports and financial reports.	Within 28 days of the project completion date, or earlier.	No payment
Additional herbivore control in the East Gippsland and Australian alpine environment regions.	Submission to, and acceptance by the Minister for the Environment, of proposals for herbivore control in the East Gippsland and Australian alpine environment regions.	31 July 2021	\$0.219m
	Submission to, and acceptance of detailed MERI (monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement) Plans for the agreed herbivore control activities.	31 July 2021	\$0.765m
	Completion of scheduled progress from the date activities are agreed to 30 September 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports and financial reports.	14 October 2021	\$0.765m

	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2022	\$0.437m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of Final project reports and financial reports.	Within 28 days of the project completion date, or earlier.	No payment

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The Honourable Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment

[Day] [Month] [Year]

28/3/22

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by



The Honourable Lily D'Ambrosio MP
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

[Day] [Month] [Year]

26 / 04 / 2022

Table 2C: Queensland – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Actions to support wildlife and habitat bushfire recovery activities in the rainforests of south-east Queensland region, including weed control; vegetation management; herbivore and predator animal control; and fire planning and management.	Submission to, and acceptance by the Minister for the Environment, of proposals for fire recovery activities in the rainforests of south-east Queensland region.	Date agreement signed	\$0.235m
	Submission to, and acceptance of detailed MERI (monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement) Plans, for each of the agreed bushfire recovery activities.	26 February 2021	\$0.235m
	Completion of scheduled progress from the date this agreement is signed to 31 March 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2021	\$0.353m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports and financial reports.	14 October 2021	\$0.823m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2022	\$0.705m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of Final project reports and financial reports.	Within 28 days of the project completion date, or earlier.	No payment

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Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



The Honourable Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment

[Day] [Month] [Year]

22/3/21

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Queensland by



The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP
Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier
Reef

[Day] [Month] [Year]


17/03/21

Table 2D: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Actions to support wildlife and habitat bushfire recovery in the Kangaroo Island region, including predator and herbivore control; fire management and planning; and species-specific interventions, including seedbanking and actions to support the recovery of priority plants.	Submission to, and acceptance by the Minister for the Environment, of proposals for fire recovery activities in the Kangaroo Island region.	Date agreement signed	\$0.182m
	Submission to, and acceptance of detailed MERI (monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement) Plans, for each of the agreed bushfire recovery activities.	26 February 2021	\$0.182m
	Completion of scheduled progress from the date this agreement is signed to 31 March 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2021	\$0.273m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports and financial reports.	14 October 2021	\$0.637m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of project performance reports.	14 April 2022	\$0.546m
	Completion of scheduled progress from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 (as detailed in the MERI plans) demonstrated through the submission to, and acceptance of Final project reports and financial reports.	Within 28 days of the project completion date, or earlier.	No payment

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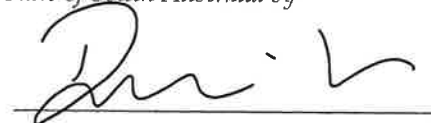
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment

Date: 21/1/21

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by



The Honourable David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water

Date: 20/01/2021