

Urban Rivers and Catchments Program – Round 1

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of Schedule	
Parties	<p>Commonwealth</p> <p>New South Wales</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>Queensland</p> <p>Western Australia</p> <p>South Australia</p> <p>Tasmania</p> <p>Australian Capital Territory</p> <p>Northern Territory</p>
Duration	<p>This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it and is expected to expire on 30 June 2028. Each Appendix will commence on the date the relevant part of the Schedule has been signed by both the Commonwealth Minister and the relevant state/territory Minister.</p>
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of Round 1 of the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (the Program). Through a range of approved Projects, the Program will re-naturalise or enhance the natural qualities of waterways in urban, peri-urban and exurban areas to benefit native species including threatened species.</p> <p>Funding will be provided for approved activities (specified by Project) that establish and/or improve riparian and aquatic habitat, or improve water quality, hydrology, or in-stream connectivity, to benefit native species including threatened species. Additional Project benefits may include improving urban green space, providing community access to nature, and reducing heat-related impacts in urban areas due to climate change.</p> <p>Program funding will be provided to state/territory governments, who will partner with various organisations (to be known as Delivery Agents). Delivery Agents may include local governments, water utilities and other non-government entities and will be engaged by state/territory governments to deliver approved Program activities (as specified for particular Projects).</p>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the states and territories of up to \$91.1 million in respect of this Schedule.</p> <p>Potential funding for further rounds of the Program are subject to a decision of Government, and will not use this same funding mechanism.</p> <p>Details of the estimated financial contributions by the Commonwealth and others in respect of this Schedule are set out in the tables below and the relevant Appendices to this Schedule. Projects will be added to this Schedule in tranches as they are approved for Program funding by the Commonwealth Minister. This will be enacted by a Variation to this Schedule by the Commonwealth and other relevant state/territory Ministers.</p> <p>Commonwealth contributions will be provided upon the achievement of the agreed Project milestones as set out in the tables below and the relevant Appendices to this Schedule.</p>
<p>Asset Ownership</p>	<p>Any assets being constructed or modified as part of Projects outlined in this Schedule already have existing asset ownership arrangements in place. The Commonwealth will not acquire any assets nor any liability for any operations, maintenance or recurrent costs from works undertaken or associated with any of the Projects outlined in this Schedule.</p>
<p>Governance Arrangements</p>	<p>To reflect the funding arrangements for the Program, an appropriate governance structure will be established to monitor and provide strategic direction for the implementation of approved Projects outlined in this Schedule. This structure will comprise Commonwealth and state/territory government officials and may seek input from Delivery Agents or other partner organisations as appropriate.</p>
<p>Work Plans</p>	<p>Where appropriate, and agreed by both Parties, Projects being delivered under this Schedule may refer to Project Work Plans (as outlined at Attachment 1) that have been agreed in writing by Senior Officials as per the performance milestones in the relevant Appendix to this Schedule.</p>
<p>Recognition of Funding</p>	<p>In addition to the requirements set out in clause 21 of the <i>FFA-Environment</i>, all Parties agree to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. recognise the Commonwealth funding contribution to Projects in all publications, promotional and advertising materials including Project signage, and all public announcements and activities in relation to the Project as appropriate, and must consult the Commonwealth prior to the release of all promotional-related material concerning all Projects funded under this Schedule;

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">b. provide reasonable opportunity for the Commonwealth to contribute to developing communications strategies;c. provide the Commonwealth with equal access to products obtained under this Schedule for use in the development of promotional material; including but not limited to Project data, footage and images; andd. where the Commonwealth is a majority funder of the Project, promotional material and public recognition, including announcements and launch events, should provide major-prominence to the Commonwealth and opportunities for Commonwealth involvement. |
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Table 2C: Queensland – Projects and payment summary

Output (Projects)	Project Description	Total Commonwealth contribution	Total non-Commonwealth contribution
QLD-01 – Improving Fish Habitats for Saltwater Creek, Cairns	The project will improve waterway condition in a highly valuable habitat and nursery area for native fish, undertaking strategically targeted actions including aquatic weed control, revegetation, removal of barriers to fish passage, strategic planning aimed at improving stormwater management, and targeted education campaigns to reduce litter and dumping.	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 875,000 [#]
QLD-02 – Bulimba and Bayside Creek Catchments Recovery Program	The project will undertake riparian rehabilitation and restoration of numerous sites in the lower catchment of the Brisbane River. Sites will include the Lower Brisbane River Corridor, Lower Tingalpa Creek, Wynnum Creek, Lota Creek, Bulimba Creek, Colmslie Beach, and Aquarium Passage.	\$ 165,000	\$ 8,250 [#]
QLD-05 – Improving water quality and fish habitat in Saltwater Creek, Gold Coast	The project will enhance and improve water quality and native fish habitat at four key sites within Saltwater Creek on the Gold Coast. Activities will include clean-up of waste and marine debris, the reinstatement of natural riparian zones, revegetation, and improvements to stormwater management.	\$ 548,400	\$ 277,420 [#]
QLD-08 – Rehabilitating north shore Dowse Lagoon, Sandgate	The project will reduce weeds and rehabilitate bushland on the northern margins of Dowse Lagoon, part of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland site. It will also support construction of a walking track, and trial the control of South African para grass on the west side of the lagoon.	\$ 152,104	\$ 7,605 [#]
QLD-11 – Mabel Park Slacks Creek community connection project – Stage 1	The project will improve waterway habitat quality, increase habitat connectivity for native fish, and improve the community's access and connection to nature along 600 metres of Council-owned land on the Slacks Creek tributary corridor in Brisbane. It will transform 200 metres of concrete-lined channel into a natural waterway and deliver riparian weed removal and planting along 400 metres of the tributary.	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 425,000 [*]

* This is a combination of cash and in-kind co-contributions

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

**Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by**



**The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water**

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**Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Queensland by**



**The Honourable Leanne Linard MP
Minister for the Environment and the
Great Barrier Reef**

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Requirements of Project Work Plans

1. Where required, a Project Work Plan (PWP) will be used to support the delivery of approved Projects agreed under this Schedule. A PWP will demonstrate the outcomes to be delivered by a Project in line with the objectives of the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program, and will be proportionally scaled in relation to Commonwealth investment and other delivery risks. It will also provide certainty and transparent accountability for all Parties.
2. Project Work Plans are to be “living documents” over the life of the Project, demonstrating review and continuous improvement during the Project’s delivery. It should address the following content, and be updated as necessary.
 - a. Scope of the approved Project.
 - b. Outcome (change) statement(s) for the Project.
 - c. Quantifiable outputs (activity targets) to deliver the Project outcomes.
 - d. Project delivery schedule, including a list of key deliverables to be provided at milestone dates throughout the project (including any required regulatory approvals).
 - e. Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement plan.
 - f. Stakeholder communications and engagement plan for all stakeholders including First Nations Australians.
 - g. Project marketing strategy.
 - h. Governance arrangements, including for adaptive management and risk management.
 - i. Key Project delivery risks including proposed controls or treatments to mitigate risks.

Progress reporting against Project Work Plans

3. To meet progress status reporting requirements, project status reports (as specified in the performance milestones) should include an update against the above list as well as:
 - a. Statement and/or evidence to demonstrate progress against the accepted Project Work Plan.
 - b. Brief statement in relation to Commonwealth funding for the Project.
 - c. Identification of new or emerging risks to delivery of the Project, and management of those risks.
 - d. Evidence-based modification of the delivery approach and/or arrangements (adaptive management).
 - e. Recommitment to the Project Work Plan, including appropriate updates to activity details for the period specified in the performance milestone table in the relevant Appendix this Schedule.

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Table C1: Formalities and operation of Appendix C.	
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland
Purpose	This Appendix has been developed in accordance with the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program Schedule (the Schedule), to set out the Commonwealth and Queensland estimated expenditure profile and performance milestones to support the operation of the Schedule.
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Queensland of up to \$3,365,504 in respect of this Appendix as outlined in Table C2.

Table C2: Estimated financial contributions						
Project Funding (\$)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
						Total
Estimated total budget		1,146,350	1,912,820	1,397,859	501,750	4,958,779
Less estimated National Partnership Payments		687,000	1,273,400	1,070,104	335,000	3,365,504
QLD-01 – Improving Fish Habitats for Saltwater Creek, Cairns		350,000	550,000	400,000	200,000	1,500,000
QLD-02 – Bulimba and Bayside Creek Catchments Recovery Program		35,000	55,000	40,000	35,000	165,000
QLD-05 – Improving water quality and fish habitat in Saltwater Creek, Gold Coast		235,000	298,400	15,000		548,400
QLD-08 – Rehabilitating north shore Dowse Lagoon, Sandgate		67,000	70,000	15,104		152,104
QLD-11 - Mabel Park Slacks Creek community connection project – Stage 1			300,000	600,000	100,000	1,000,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions		459,350	639,420	327,755	166,750	1,593,275

Table C3: Queensland- Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
QLD-01 – Improving Fish Habitats for Saltwater Creek, Cairns	<p>Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates appropriate Agreements between Queensland and OzFish, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) up to at least 31 December 2024. 	29 September 2023	\$ 150,000
	<p>Milestone 2 – <u>Project Status Report 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period up to 28 February 2024. 	14 March 2024	\$ 200,000
	<p>Milestone 3 – <u>Project Status Report 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 March 2024 to 31 August 2024. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. 	14 September 2024	\$ 250,000
	<p>Milestone 4 – <u>Project Status Report 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 September 2024 to 28 February 2025. 	14 March 2025	\$ 300,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
QLD-01 (cont)	<p>Milestone 5 – <u>Project Status Report 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 March 2025 to 31 August 2025. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 January 2026 to the end of the project. 	14 September 2025	\$ 400,000
	<p>Milestone 6 – <u>Final Project Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Final Project Report as a stand-alone document that demonstrates all Project outcomes up to the agreed completion date for this Project (for both on-ground and communication/education activities), benefits for the environment and community and which provides a synthesis of lessons learned. 	30 September 2026	\$ 200,000
QLD-02 – Bulimba and Bayside Creek Catchments Recovery Program	<p>Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates Agreement between Queensland and the Delivery Agent, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) up to at least 31 March 2026. 	29 September 2023	\$ 15,000
	<p>Milestone 2 – <u>Project Status Report 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period up to 31 December 2023. 	30 January 2024	\$ 20,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
QLD-02 (cont)	Milestone 3 – <u>Project Status Report 2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period up to 31 December 2024. • Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 April 2026 to the end of the project. 	30 January 2025	\$ 55,000
	Milestone 4 – <u>Project Status Report 3</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period up to 31 December 2025. 	30 January 2026	\$ 40,000
	Milestone 5 – <u>Project Status Report 4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period up to 31 December 2026. 	30 January 2027	\$ 20,000
	Milestone 6 – <u>Final Project Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Final Project Report as a stand-alone document that demonstrates all Project outcomes (for both on-ground and communication/education activities), benefits for the environment and community and provides a synthesis of lessons learned. 	14 April 2027	\$ 15,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
QLD-05 – Improving water quality and fish habitat in Saltwater Creek, Gold Coast	<p>Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates appropriate Agreements between Queensland and OzFish, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) up to at least 31 December 2024. 	29 September 2023	\$ 85,000
	<p>Milestone 2 – <u>Project Status Report 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period up to 28 February 2024. 	14 March 2024	\$ 150,000
	<p>Milestone 3 – <u>Project Status Report 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 March 2024 to 31 August 2024. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 January 2025 to the end of the project. 	14 September 2024	\$ 140,000
	<p>Milestone 4 – <u>Project Status Report 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 September 2024 to 28 February 2025. 	14 March 2025	\$ 158,400
	<p>Milestone 5 – <u>Final Project Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Final Project Report as a stand-alone document that demonstrates all Project outcomes up to the agreed completion date for this Project (for both on-ground and communication/education activities), benefits for the environment and community and which provides a synthesis of lessons learned. 	1 July 2025	\$ 15,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
QLD-08 – Rehabilitating north shore Dowse Lagoon, Sandgate	<p>Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates appropriate Agreements between Queensland and Dowse Lagoon Bushcare Group (through sponsorship with Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association), Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) up to at least 31 December 2024. 	29 September 2023	\$ 22,000
	<p>Milestone 2 – <u>Project Status Report 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period up to 28 February 2024. 	14 March 2024	\$ 45,000
	<p>Milestone 3 – <u>Project Status Report 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 March 2024 to 31 August 2024. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 January 2025 to the end of the project 	14 September 2024	\$ 40,000
	<p>Milestone 4 – <u>Project Status Report 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 September 2024 to 28 February 2025. 	14 March 2025	\$ 30,000
	<p>Milestone 5 – <u>Final Project Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Final Project Report as a stand-alone document that demonstrates all Project outcomes (for both on-ground and communication/education activities), benefits for the environment and community and provides a synthesis of lessons learned. 	1 July 2025	\$ 15,104

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
QLD-11 – Mabel Park Slacks Creek community connection project – Stage 1	<p>Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates appropriate Agreements between Queensland and Logan City Council, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, high level project costings breakdown and satisfaction of any conditions of funding approval. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) up to at least 31 December 2024. 	14 September 2024	\$ 75,000
	<p>Milestone 2 – <u>Project Status Report 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period up to 28 February 2025. 	14 March 2025	\$ 225,000
	<p>Milestone 3 – <u>Project Status Report 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 March 2025 to 31 August 2025. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 January 2026 to the end of the project. 	14 September 2025	\$ 500,000
	<p>Milestone 4 – <u>Project Status Report 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan for the period 1 September 2025 to 28 February 2026. 	14 March 2026	\$ 100,000
	<p>Milestone 5 – <u>Final Project Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Final Project Report as a stand-alone document that demonstrates all Project outcomes (for both on-ground and communication/education activities), benefits for the environment and community and provides a synthesis of lessons learned. 	30 January 2027	\$ 100,000