

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 2E: South Australia – Projects and payment summary

Output (Projects)	Project Description	Total Commonwealth contribution	Total non-Commonwealth contribution
SA-02 – Revegetation and weed control in a rehabilitating environment – Pedler Creek.	The project will remove weeds and plant native vegetation along Pedler Creek at the Moana Sands Conservation Park. The project will involve First Nations groups and will provide education opportunities for local school and community groups.	\$ 22,050	\$ 0
SA-05 – African feathergrass removal and revegetation at Onkaparinga Park	The project will revegetate a degraded area at Old Noarlunga on the Onkaparinga River, removing heavy infestations of environmental weeds including African feathergrass, and replanting the area with native species including eucalypts and sedges. It will stabilise the riverbank, improve habitat for native wildlife, and provide education opportunities.	\$ 1,800	\$ 0
SA-06 – Improving the riverine environment along the Warriparri (Sturt River)	<p>The project will improve the streambank and riverside environment through three inter-related works components along the Warriparri (Sturt River) from upstream of the Warriparinga Wetlands to the Patawolonga:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warrapendi biodiversity project (SA-06-01) - Riverside Drive creek stabilisation (SA-06-02) - Restoring the Oxbox (SA-06-03) <p>Project works will stabilise the banks and control weeds by planting native grasses and woodland species such as eucalyptus and tea trees. These works will protect existing remnant vegetation, provide greater connectivity along the river corridor, and will also improve climate resilience and access to green space for local communities.</p>	\$ 705,225	\$ 0

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 South Australia by



The Honourable Dr Susan Close MP
Minister for Climate, Environment and Water

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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 E1: Formalities and operation of Appendix E.	
Parties	Commonwealth South Australia
Purpose	This Appendix has been developed in accordance with the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program Schedule (the Schedule), to set out the Commonwealth and South Australia 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 South Australia of up to \$729,075 in respect of this Appendix as outlined in Table E2.

Table E2: Estimated financial contributions							
Project Funding (\$)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Estimated total budget		298,850	250,000	135,000	45,225		729,075
Less estimated National Partnership Payments		298,850	250,000	135,000	45,225		729,075
Combined Project:							
SA-02 – Revegetation and weed control in a rehabilitating environment – Pedler Creek.		23,850					23,850
SA-05 – African feathergrass removal and revegetation at Onkaparinga Park							
SA-06 - Improving the riverine environment along the Warriparri (Sturt River)		275,000	250,000	135,000	45,225		705,225
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions							

Table E3: South Australia - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
Combined for 2 commitments: SA-02 – Revegetation and weed control in a rehabilitating environment – Pedler Creek. and SA-05 – African feathergrass removal and revegetation at Onkaparinga Park	Milestone 1: <u>Agreement on scope of Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by Commonwealth Senior Officials of a high-level statement of all approved project works for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moana Sands Conservation Park (SA-02) and Onkaparinga Park on the Onkaparinga River at Old Noarlunga SA-05). 	Within 30 days of execution of the Schedule	Nil
	Milestone 2: <u>Completion of Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates completion of the approved works for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moana Sands Conservation Park (SA-02) and Onkaparinga Park on the Onkaparinga River at Old Noarlunga SA-05). 	14 April 2024	\$ 23,850
SA-06 – Improving the riverine environment along the Warriparri (Sturt River)	Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates Agreement between South Australia and relevant Delivery Agents, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan/s (as per Attachment 1) that covers the three inter-related works components for the Project for the period up to 31 December 2024. 	1 September 2023	\$ 175,000
	Milestone 2 – <u>Project Status Report 1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report/s (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan/s for the period up to 31 March 2024. 	14 April 2024	\$ 100,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
SA-o6 (cont)	Milestone 3 – <u>Project Status Report 2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report/s (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan/s for the period 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan/s for the three inter-related works components, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. 	14 October 2024	\$ 150,000
	Milestone 4 – <u>Project Status Report 3</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report/s (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan/s for the period 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025. 	14 April 2025	\$ 100,000
	Milestone 5 – <u>Project Status Report 4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report/s (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan/s for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan/s for the three inter-related works components, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 January 2026 to 30 September 2026. 	14 October 2025	\$ 75,000
	Milestone 6 – <u>Project Status Report 5</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Status Report/s (or appropriate documentation as evidence) to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the Project Work Plan/s for the period 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026. 	14 April 2026	\$ 60,000
	Milestone 7 – <u>Final Project Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Final Project Report/s as a stand-alone document that demonstrates all Project outcomes (for both on-ground and communication/education activities and across the three inter-related works components, benefits for the environment and community and which provides a synthesis of lessons learned. 	14 October 2026	\$ 45,225