

# World Heritage Sites – Western Australia

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

| Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule |  |              |              |              |              |              |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
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| Parties  | Commonwealth<br>Western Australia  |              |              |              |              |              |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Duration                                       | This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028.   |              |              |              |              |              |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Purpose  | This Schedule will support Western Australian World Heritage property executive officers and advisory arrangements to assist Australia to continue to meet its obligations under the World Heritage Convention to protect, conserve and present its World Heritage properties consistent with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act).   |              |              |              |              |              |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Estimated financial contributions              | <p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Western Australia of \$2.1 m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <p>Western Australia will be responsible for providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution to support the implementation of this Agreement.</p>  |              |              |              |              |              |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
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| Table 1<br>(\$ million)                        | 2023-24  | 2024-25      | 2025-26      | 2026-27      | 2027-28      | Total        |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>Estimated total costs</b>                   | <b>0.900</b>   | <b>0.900</b> | <b>0.900</b> | <b>0.900</b> | <b>0.900</b> | <b>4.500</b> |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| National Partnership Payments                  | 0.420  | 0.420        | 0.420        | 0.420        | 0.420        | <b>2.100</b> |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Western Australia                              |  |              |              |              |              |              |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| - Shark Bay                                    | 0.140  | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.700        |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| - Ningaloo Coast                               | 0.140  | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.700        |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| - Purnululu NP                                 | 0.140  | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.140        | 0.700        |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>Estimated value of State contributions</b>  | <b>0.480</b>   | <b>0.480</b> | <b>0.480</b> | <b>0.480</b> | <b>0.480</b> | <b>2.400</b> |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| - Shark Bay                                    | 0.160  | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.800        |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| - Ningaloo Coast                               | 0.160  | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.800        |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| - Purnululu NP                                 | 0.160  | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.160        | 0.800        |                         |         |         |         |         |         |       |                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                               |       |       |       |       |       |              |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |

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| <b>Additional terms</b> | <p>The Commonwealth and Western Australia will be jointly responsible for agreeing Annual Business Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Business Plans must include details of scope, project schedule, and budget, including estimated Western Australia financial and in-kind contributions, project stakeholders and governance arrangements.</li></ul> <p>Variations to Annual Business Plans that directly affect milestones and payments are subject to written agreement between the relevant Commonwealth and Western Australian minister.</p> <p>Western Australia will be responsible for ensuring:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the advisory committees use and provide the expert scientific, technical and community advice available.</li><li>2. Effective consultation and engagement with First Nations people with rights and interests in the World Heritage areas.</li><li>3. The World Heritage areas are managed in a manner consistent with the EPBC Act.</li></ol> |
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**Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

| <b>Output</b>   | <b>Performance milestones</b>  | <b>Report due</b> | <b>Payment</b> |
|---|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Provide expert advice through an executive officer and advisory committees for each of the Shark Bay, Ningaloo Coast and Purnululu National Park World Heritage areas | Commonwealth acceptance of a 2023-24 Annual Business Plan for each World Heritage Property, including state financial contribution.<br>Continued employment of executive officers.<br>Continued operation of advisory committee. | 15/12/2023        | \$420,000      |
|   | Commonwealth acceptance of a 2024-25 Annual Business Plan for each World Heritage Property, including state financial contribution.<br>Continued employment of executive officers.<br>Continued operation of advisory committee. | 01/07/2024        | \$420,000      |
|   | Commonwealth acceptance of a 2025-26 Annual Business Plan for each World Heritage Property, including state financial contribution.<br>Continued employment of executive officers.<br>Continued operation of advisory committee. | 01/07/2025        | \$420,000      |
|   | Commonwealth acceptance of a 2026-27 Annual Business Plan for each World Heritage Property, including state financial contribution.<br>Continued employment of executive officers.<br>Continued operation of advisory committee. | 01/07/2026        | \$420,000      |
|   | Commonwealth acceptance of a 2027-28 Annual Business Plan for each World Heritage Property, including state financial contribution.<br>Continued employment of executive officers.<br>Continued operation of advisory committee. | 01/07/2027        | \$420,000      |

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

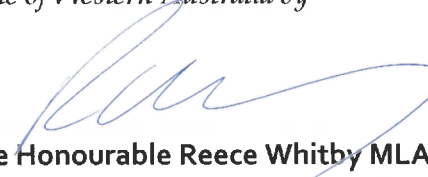
*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by*



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

Date: 30.11.23

*Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Western Australia by*



**The Honourable Reece Whitby MLA**  
Minister for Environment and Climate Action

Date: 15/02/2024