

# World Heritage Sites – Wet Tropics of Queensland

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

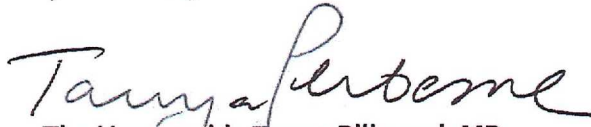
Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule							
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland						
Duration	This Schedule will expire on 30 June 2028.						
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of effective management of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area in accordance with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (the EPBC Act) and Australia's obligations under the World Heritage Convention.						
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Queensland of \$13.5m in respect of this Schedule.						
	<b>Table 1</b>						
	(\$ million)						
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Estimated total budget	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	22.5	
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	13.5	
- Queensland	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	9.0	
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	9.0	
Additional terms	Queensland is responsible for providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution to support the implementation of this Schedule.  The Commonwealth and Queensland will be jointly responsible for agreeing and updating Annual Business Plan and a five year business strategy.						

**Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Effectively manage, protect and present the World Heritage values of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area; and</p> <p>Ensure Rainforest Aboriginal traditions and culture are incorporated in World Heritage Management, and that aspirations for Traditional Owner led management and livelihoods are supported.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonwealth acceptance of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a five year (2023-2028) Business Strategy for management of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area.</li> <li>○ a 2023-24 Annual Business Plan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30/11/2023	Nil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence that completion of scheduled stages/deliverables in accordance with the agreed five year Business Strategy and the 2023-24 Annual Business Plan.</li> <li>• Commonwealth Acceptance of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reviewed and updated five year Business Strategy.</li> <li>○ Agree to 2024-25 Annual Business Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30/04/2024	2.7m
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence that completion of scheduled stages/deliverables in accordance with the agreed five year Business Strategy and the 2027-28 Annual Business Plan.</li> <li>• Final report detailing actual performance against all outstanding project deliverables.</li> </ul>	30/04/2028	\$2.7m

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

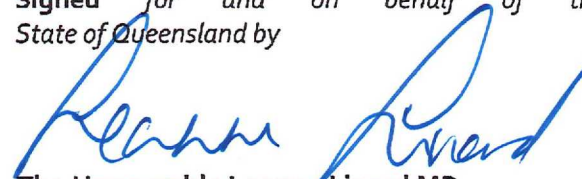
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by



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

Date: 30-11-23

Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Queensland by



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

Date: 18/04/24

