

Urban Rivers and Catchments Program – Round 1

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of Schedule

Parties	<p>Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania Australian Capital Territory 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;

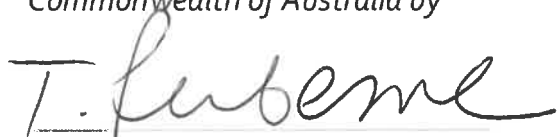
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">b. provide reasonable opportunity for the Commonwealth to contribute to developing communications strategies;c. provide the Commonwealth with equal access to products obtained under this Schedule for use in the development of promotional material; including but not limited 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 2B: Victoria – Projects and payment summary			
Output (Projects)	Project Description	Total Commonwealth contribution	Total non-Commonwealth contribution
VIC-05 – Revitalising KooyongKoot and Toorong Park wetland	The project will implement activities under the City of Stonnington’s Gardiners Creek (KooyongKoot) Masterplan including the revitalisation of KooyongKoot and Toorong Park wetland. It will improve water quality, increase the extent of habitat for native species, improve recreation spaces, and create stronger cultural connection to the site’s Indigenous heritage values.	\$1,000,000	\$ 500,000*
VIC-06 – Revegetation along the Diamond Creek in Eltham North	The project will revegetate land along the Diamond Creek in Eltham North with indigenous plant species. Plantings and weed control efforts will be complemented by an ongoing monitoring program. The project will involve a range of local organisations.	\$150,000	\$105,000*
VIC-10 – Wyndham Healthier Waterways	The project will upgrade nine stormwater wetlands, install gross pollutant traps, extend wetland areas, and plant vegetation to improve water quality. Works will be undertaken on wetlands which drain to important local waterways including the Werribee River, Lollypop Creek and Skeleton Creek, which in turn flow to Port Phillip Bay.	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
VIC-11 – Restoring Darebin Creek	The project will renew Darebin Creek, working with Indigenous rangers and the community to regenerate riparian areas for the benefit of native species and the local community.	\$ 500,000	\$ 470,000*
VIC-12 – Reversing decline along Merri Creek	The project will transform degraded sites on Merri Creek, undertaking crucial and strategic riverbank restoration and revegetation activities. The project will also protect existing remnant native vegetation for native and threatened species.	\$ 500,000	\$ 261,080*

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

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

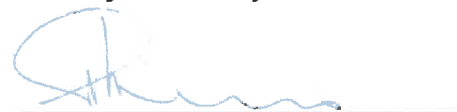
**Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by**



The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water

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



Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP

Acting Minister for 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 B1: Formalities and operation of Appendix B.	
Parties	Commonwealth Victoria
Purpose	This Appendix has been developed in accordance with the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program Schedule (the Schedule), to set out the Commonwealth and Victoria 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 Victoria of up to \$3.15 million in respect of this Appendix as outlined in Table B2.

Table B2: Estimated financial contributions							
Project Funding (\$)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Estimated total budget		2,005,693	2,520,693	2,478,694	481,000		7,486,080
Less estimated National Partnership Payments		727,000	992,000	950,000	481,000		3,150,000
VIC-05 - Revitalising KooyongKoot and Tooronga Park wetland			350,000	400,000	250,000		1,000,000
VIC-06 – Revegetation along the Diamond Creek in Eltham North		60,000	50,000	30,000	10,000		150,000
VIC-10 – Wyndham Healthier Waterways		300,000	250,000	300,000	150,000		1,000,000
VIC-11 – Restoring Darebin Creek		167,000	167,000	120,000	46,000		500,000
VIC-12 - Reversing decline along Merri Creek		200,000	175,000	100,000	25,000		500,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions*		1,278,693	1,528,693	1,528,694			4,336,080

* Estimated financial year profile for non-Commonwealth contributions to be confirmed in Project Work Plans

Table B3: Victoria - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
VIC-05 – Revitalising KooyongKoot and Toorong Park wetland	<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 Victoria and the City of Stonnington, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, Commencement of Procurement for external consultants and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) for the Project up to at least 30 November 2025. 	31 July 2024	\$ 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 2025. 	14 March 2025	\$ 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 15 October 2025. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 December 2025 to 30 June 2026. 	31 October 2025	\$ 400,000
	<p>Milestone 4 – <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 which provides a synthesis of lessons learned. 	14 August 2026	\$ 250,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
VIC-06 – Revegetation along the Diamond Creek in Eltham North	<p>Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates Agreement between Victoria and the Friends of Edendale, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1). 	14 August 2023	\$ 40,000
	<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	\$ 20,000
	<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 30 September 2024. 	14 October 2024	\$ 50,000
	<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 October 2024 to 30 June 2025. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. 	31 July 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. 	14 August 2026	\$ 10,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
VIC-10 – Wyndham Healthier Waterways	<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 Victoria and the Wyndham City Council, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) for the Project up to at least 30 April 2024. 	14 August 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. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 May 2024 to 31 March 2025. 	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 30 September 2024. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2026. 	14 October 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 October 2024 to 14 October 2025. 	31 October 2025	\$ 300,000
	<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 which provides a synthesis of lessons learned. 	14 August 2026	\$150,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
VIC-11 – Restoring Darebin Creek	<p>Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates Agreement between Victoria and the Darebin Creek Management Committee, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) for the Project up to at least 31 August 2024 	14 August 2023	\$ 100,000
	<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	\$ 67,000
	<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 14 July 2024. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. 	31 July 2024	\$ 167,000
	<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 15 July 2024 to 14 July 2025. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 September 2025 to 30 June 2026. 	31 July 2025	\$ 120,000
	<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. 	14 August 2026	\$ 46,000

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone submission date	Payment
VIC-12 – Reversing decline along Merri Creek	<p>Milestone 1 – <u>Project Commencement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Commonwealth of evidence that demonstrates Agreement between Victoria and the Merri Creek Management Committee, Establishment of Project Governance Arrangements, and high level project costings breakdown. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Project Work Plan (as per Attachment 1) for the Project up to at least 31 August 2024. 	14 August 2023	\$ 130,000
	<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	\$ 70,000
	<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 14 July 2024. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. 	31 July 2024	\$ 175,000
	<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 15 July 2024 to 14 July 2025. Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Work Plan, updated as necessary, for works to be undertaken between 1 September 2025 to 30 June 2026. 	31 July 2025	\$ 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. 	14 August 2026	\$ 25,000