

Partnering to Implement the National Soil Action Plan 2023-28 Program

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales (NSW)
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of two projects under the Partnering to Implement the National Soil Action Plan 2023-28 program in New South Wales:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improving soil knowledge and skills of agricultural practitioners: through creating and providing soil resources to high schools, university students and early career graduates (including case studies highlighting pathways to a career in soil science); creating and providing online soil resources for land managers, agricultural practitioners and advisors; and undertaking soil sampling in regional areas of NSW to improve the soil knowledge base in areas that have been less studied and to investigate improved soil management of cotton farming systems. b. Enhanced acquisition of and access to soil data and soil management knowledge to support best soil management practices: through developing a new App to allow soil health data to be captured and delivered to the NSW Soil and Land Information System (SALIS) database, future proofing soil data by modernizing operating and hardware systems that are reaching end of life, and expanding knowledge on the relationship of Indigenous cultural burning to soil health. <p>Projects will contribute to progress on the action plan through clear, measurable commitments to localised action. They will provide significant contributions to facilitate the delivery of priority action 1, and deliver on priority actions 3 and 4 of the action plan, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an agreed national framework to support the measurement, monitoring, mapping, reporting and sharing of soil state and trend information, to inform best practice management, decision making and future investment in soil.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerate the adoption of land use and management practices that protect soil and improve soil state and trend. • Identify and develop the soil workforce and capabilities needed to meet current and future challenges for Australia and the region. 																																			
<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to NSW of \$2.111m in respect of this Schedule towards two projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.970m for Improving soil knowledge and skills of agricultural practitioners • \$1.141 for Enhanced acquisition of and access to soil data and soil management knowledge to support best soil management practices. <hr/> <p>Table 1 (\$ million)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2023-24</th> <th>2024-25</th> <th>2025-26</th> <th>2026-27</th> <th>2027-28</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>-</td> <td>2.626</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2.626</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>-</td> <td>2.111</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2.111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- New South Wales</td> <td>-</td> <td>2.111</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2.111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>-</td> <td>0.515</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>0.515</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/>		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	Estimated total budget	-	2.626	-	-	-	2.626	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	-	2.111	-	-	-	2.111	- New South Wales	-	2.111	-	-	-	2.111	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	-	0.515	-	-	-	0.515
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p><i>Financial contributions</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSW are responsible for providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution equal to or greater than \$0.515m (when rounded up) to support the activities outlined in this Schedule. <p><i>Project Plans</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The NSW government will be responsible for delivering the two projects in accordance with project plans, which may be agreed between senior Commonwealth and NSW officials. 3. Should the plans need to be varied over time to accommodate changed circumstances, variations that directly affect the outputs and timeframes for the project are subject to written agreement between senior Commonwealth and NSW officials. <p><i>Data accessibility</i></p>																																			

	<p>4. The State of NSW grants the Commonwealth a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 (CC BY 4.0 Legal Code Attribution 4.0 International Creative Commons) licence to Soil Data.</p> <p>5. The State of NSW agrees to upload the Soil Data into the NSW Soil and Land Information System (SALIS) and must also make that data available to the ANSIS (or any successor or related database).</p> <p>6. As stated on the SALIS website, the Soil Data published on SALIS will be licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 (CC BY 4.0 Legal Code Attribution 4.0 International Creative Commons) with the exception of some material.</p> <p>7. Clauses 4 to 6 apply only to Soil Data collected as part of the Project activities in this Schedule. In this Schedule, Soil Data includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. the soil test data from the soil testing undertaken by a person;ii. the georeferencing information relevant to the tested soil samples; andiii. any other data, and/or qualitative or contextual information collected from the landholder relevant to the tested soil samples.
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Output	Performance milestones¹	Report due	Payment
1. Improving soil knowledge and skills of agricultural practitioners	1.1 Delivery and acceptance of a project plan – which should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the project scope • desired project outcomes • a project budget • planned activities (including engagement/communications) and schedule for delivery • key stakeholders/partners and their responsibilities • how performance will be monitored and evaluated (including performance measures) • list of any intellectual property that will be used in the project • governance arrangements • risk management. 	30/08/2024	\$485,049.00
	1.2 Delivery and acceptance of a final report – which should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an outline of all activities undertaken • description of achievements and impacts from the project (including key research findings where relevant) • evaluation of the project against the desired outcomes, National Action Plan Priority Actions and performance measures, including learnings and recommendations • list of any intellectual property created as part of the project • summary of project engagement/communications and/or extension materials produced • a financial report which summarises expenditure throughout the program. 	1/06/2025	\$485,049.00
	Sub-total		
2. Enhanced acquisition of and access to soil data and soil management knowledge to support best soil management practices	2.1 Delivery and acceptance of a project plan – which should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the project scope • desired project outcomes • a project budget • planned activities (including engagement/communications) and schedule for delivery 	30/08/2024	\$570,633.50

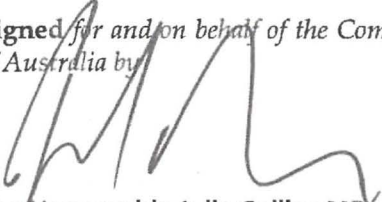
¹ All reporting milestones must be endorsed by a senior government official.

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	Sub-total		\$1,141,267.00
	TOTAL		\$2,111,365.00

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



The Honourable Julie Collins MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

21/19/2024

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of New South Wales by



The Honourable Tara Moriarty MP
Minister for Agriculture

21/11/2024