

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

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Tasmania (TAS)
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the “<i>Tasmanian high soil carbon landscapes – improving soil, climate, ecosystem and traditional knowledge project</i>” (the Project) under the Partnering to Implement the National Soil Action Plan 2023-28 program (Action Plan) in Tasmania.</p> <p>This project will improve knowledge of Tasmanian High Soil Carbon Landscapes within both agricultural and conservation landscapes by identifying their location and threats and quantifying their carbon capital. It will identify monitoring priorities, integrate Tasmanian Aboriginal knowledge and cultural significance, and develop spatial outputs and land management guidelines to help sustainably manage these carbon assets. The improved knowledge will also inform climate change calculations and mitigation strategies and have input to fire management. Capacity building will occur through appointment of early career trainees/graduates and skills development for technical staff.</p> <p>The Project 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 actions 1, 2, 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. • Partner to develop a holistic policy and strategy approach where soil function is recognised, valued, and protected for the environment, economy, food, infrastructure, health, biodiversity, and communities. • Accelerate the adoption of land use and management practices that protect soil and improve soil state and trend.

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Additional terms	<p><i>Financial contributions</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The State of Tasmania is responsible for providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution equal to or greater than \$0.558m (when rounded) to support the activities outlined in this Schedule. <p><i>Project Plans</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The State of Tasmania will be responsible for delivering the Project in accordance with the project plan (Project Plan), which must be prepared and agreed between senior Commonwealth and Tasmanian officials as part of the performance requirements of this Schedule. Should the Project Plan 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 Tasmanian officials. <p><i>Data accessibility</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The State of Tasmania agrees to work co-operatively with the Commonwealth to share Soil Data for the Commonwealth Purposes, where it can be done securely, safely, lawfully and ethically. The State of Tasmania grants the Commonwealth a permanent, irrevocable, royalty-free, licence fee-free, world-wide, non-exclusive licence (including a right to sub-licence) to collect, use, interrogate, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, communicate and distribute, the 																																			

Intellectual Property Rights in the Soil Data for a Commonwealth Purpose, all of which are non-commercial purposes.

6. In clauses 4 and 5:

a. Commonwealth Purpose means:

- i. using Soil Data for any purpose connected to the Commonwealth's policies for valuing, managing and improving Australia's soil assets;
- ii. accessing and use of georeferencing information contained in that Soil Data, subject to, in unique and/or rare cases, all relevant permissions having been obtained and to any limitations imposed under the Natural Values Atlas data sharing policies and procedures, for Commonwealth and State government research and policy development, and for non-government research approved by the Commonwealth;
- iii. providing access to Soil Data held in the Natural Values Atlas through the Australian National Soil Information System or any successor or related soil information system; and
- iv. combining the Soil Data with any third-party data to form an aggregate Commonwealth database which is licenced to third parties.

b. Intellectual Property Rights means any intellectual property rights owned by the State of Tasmania, whether registered or unregistered and includes copyright, designs, patents, trademarks, semi-conductor and circuit layout rights and excludes moral rights as defined in the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cwth).

c. Soil Data means:

- i. the soil test data collected by the State of Tasmania or a contractor appointed by the State of Tasmania which has been collected specifically for the purpose of the Project;
- ii. the georeferencing information relevant to the tested soil samples referred to in i. above, other than georeferencing information that has not been authorised to be or which cannot lawfully be released; and
- iii. qualitative or contextual information collected from a landholder relevant to the tested soil samples referred to in i. above, other than information that has not been authorised to be or which cannot lawfully be released.

Output	Performance milestones¹	Report due	Payment
1. Tasmanian High Soil Carbon Landscapes - Improving Soil, Climate, Ecosystem and Traditional Knowledge.	1.1 Delivery and Commonwealth 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. 	01/10/2024	\$703,182.00
	1.2 Progress report 1 – delivery and Commonwealth acceptance of a report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the project plan. Progress reports should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> progress against activities in the project plan key achievements key risks and mitigations an outline of activities to be commenced in the next reporting period. 	01/08/2025	\$703,182.00
	1.3 Progress report 2 – delivery and Commonwealth acceptance of a report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the project plan. Progress reports should include the components as outlined for progress report 1.	01/08/2026	\$527,726.00
	1.4 Progress report 3 – delivery and Commonwealth acceptance of a report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the project plan. Progress reports should include the components as outlined for progress report 1.	01/08/2027	\$204,925.00
	1.5 Delivery and Commonwealth acceptance of a final report – which should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an outline of all activities undertaken 	15/05/2028	\$204,925.00

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.		
	TOTAL		\$2,343,940.00

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

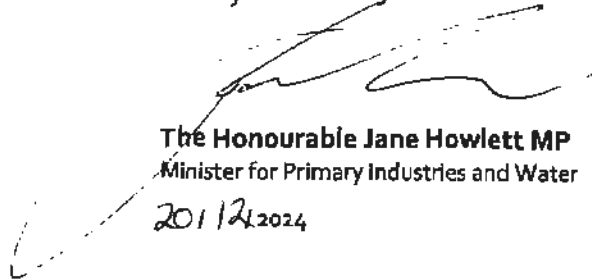
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



Julie Collins MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

23/10/2024

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Tasmania by



The Honourable Jane Howlett MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Water

20/12/2024