

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

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth The State of Western Australia (WA) through its Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (State)
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of two projects (the Projects) under the Partnering to Implement the National Soil Action Plan 2023-28 (Action Plan) program in Western Australia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know Your Southern Soils (South Coast), Western Australia: to grow contemporary soil knowledge, drive the adoption of improved soil management practices, and position soil to be part of a regional natural capital accounts initiative across the South Coast hinterland between Albany and Esperance. There are three interlinked modules – soil assessment and data collection, engagement and extension, and soil workforce training. b. Soils - New Horizons: to promote and normalise widespread soil sampling by growers, and interpretation of soil data against national benchmarks, to enhance on-farm nutrient use efficiency and reduce eutrophication risks. The focus will be on broadacre grazing in areas with greater than 550mm annual rainfall. <p>The 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 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.

	<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 the State of \$3.673m in respect of this Schedule towards the Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.563m for Know Your Southern Soils (South Coast), Western Australia \$2.110m for Soils - New Horizons <table border="1" data-bbox="427 750 1380 1198"> <caption>Table 1 (\$ million)</caption> <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>Total¹</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget¹</td> <td>-</td> <td>2.027</td> <td>2.027</td> <td>2.026</td> <td>2.026</td> <td>8.106</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td> <td>-</td> <td>1.568</td> <td>0.913</td> <td>0.717</td> <td>0.475</td> <td>3.673</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- WA</td> <td></td> <td>1.568</td> <td>0.913</td> <td>0.717</td> <td>0.475</td> <td>3.673</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions²</td> <td>-</td> <td>0.459</td> <td>1.114</td> <td>1.309</td> <td>1.551</td> <td>4.433</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note 1: Totals may not add up exactly due to rounding. Note 2: This includes the expected WA contribution plus WA-sourced co-contributions from delivery partners – see additional term 1.</p>		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total ¹	Estimated total budget ¹	-	2.027	2.027	2.026	2.026	8.106	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	-	1.568	0.913	0.717	0.475	3.673	- WA		1.568	0.913	0.717	0.475	3.673	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions ²	-	0.459	1.114	1.309	1.551	4.433
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p><i>Financial contributions</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The State is responsible for providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution equal to or greater than \$2.794m to support the activities outlined in this Schedule. The State has also sourced co-contributions from delivery partners of \$1.639m. <p><i>Project plans</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The State will be responsible for delivering the Projects in accordance with project plans (Plans) which must be prepared as part of performance requirements of this Schedule, and which may be agreed between senior Commonwealth and State officials. 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 State officials. <p><i>Data accessibility</i></p>																																			

4. The State must obtain for 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, perform, broadcast, communicate, distribute, commercialise and exploit the Intellectual Property Rights in Soil Data for a Commonwealth Purpose.
5. For the purpose of clause 4:
 - 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 using of georeferencing information contained in that Soil Data for government and non-government research and policy development;
 - iii. uploading that Soil Data to a managed database and made available to the Australian National Soil Information System or any successor or related database; and
 - iv. combining the Soil Data with any third-party data to form an aggregate database which is licenced to third parties.
 - b. Intellectual Property Rights means any intellectual property rights, whether registered or unregistered and includes copyright, designs, patents, trademarks, semi-conductor and circuit layout rights.
 - c. Soil Data includes:
 - i. the soil test data from the soil testing undertaken by a person;
 - ii. the georeferencing information relevant to the tested soil samples; and
 - iii. any qualitative or contextual information collected from the landholder relevant to the tested soil samplesbut excludes any data or information in relation to soil testing or soil testing samples which is:
 - iv. subject to existing, or reasonably anticipated, actions or litigation involving the State or its agencies (including those instigated under the Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945 or the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972) where disclosure could reasonably cause harm or prejudice to the conduct of those proceedings;
 - v. subject to any privacy or confidentiality laws which may prevent its public disclosure; or

	<p>vi. deemed highly sensitive where disclosure could reasonably prejudice the proper functioning of the government of the State.</p> <p>For purposes of transparency, the State will, to the extent possible, provide excluded data or information to the Commonwealth on a confidential basis but such data or information will not be 'Soil Data' for the purpose of the licence referred to in clause 4.</p> <p><i>Moral Rights</i></p> <p>6. To the extent reasonably practicable, the Commonwealth will attribute authorship of all works that are provided under this Schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The State will provide the Commonwealth with all necessary information to facilitate such the attribution of authorship of works that are provided under this Schedule.b. If the Commonwealth requires any moral rights consents, the State will provide all reasonable assistance to enable the Commonwealth to obtain consent from the author of the work. Unless otherwise agreed, the State will not be required to obtain the consent from the author for the Commonwealth.

Table 2: WA - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones ¹	Report due	Payment
1. Know Your Southern Soils (South Coast), Western Australia	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. 	30/10/2024	\$391,000
	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. 	01/05/2025	\$391,000
	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.	01/05/2026	\$391,000
	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.	01/05/2027	\$195,000
	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 description of achievements and impacts from the project (including key research findings where relevant) 	01/05/2028	\$195,000

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

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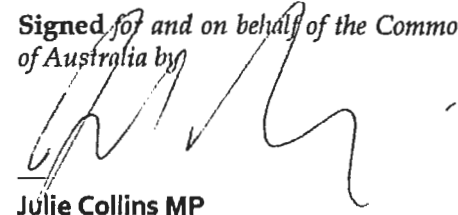
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluation of the project against the desired outcomes, National Action Plan Priority Actions and performance measures, including learnings and recommendations • list of any intellectual property created as part of the project • summary of project engagement/communications and/or extension materials produced • a financial report which summarises expenditure throughout the program. 		
	Sub-total		\$1,563,000
2. Soils - New Horizons	2.1 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. 	30/10/2024	\$264,200
	2.2 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. 	01/05/2025	\$522,000
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	2.5 Delivery and Commonwealth acceptance of a final report – which should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an outline of all activities undertaken 	01/05/2028	\$279,800

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	Sub-total		\$2.110m
	TOTAL		\$3.673m

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 Western Australia by



The Honourable Jackie Jarvis MLC
Minister for Agriculture and Food, Forestry and Small
Business

03/12/2024