

# Shorebird and Wetland Habitat Project in South Australia

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth South Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 March 2027.
Purpose	<p>This schedule will support delivery of the Shorebird and Wetland Habitat Project in South Australia (the Project).</p> <p>The activities funded under this schedule will deliver on-ground solutions to improve these vital habitats. Funding will be provided to South Australia to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm and prioritise feasible wetland sites</li> <li>• Develop a Project Implementation Plan, including site and management plans</li> <li>• Establish delivery partnerships with, for example, First Nations, private landholders, Landscape Boards, and the National Parks and Wildlife Service</li> <li>• Deliver a range of on-ground works to improve wetlands, flow connectivity, and water management capabilities at priority wetland sites, enhancing the quality and availability of shorebirds and wetland habitat.</li> </ul> <p>Key activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of wetland management infrastructure to manage water levels, improving the extent, quality, and duration of inundation at priority sites</li> <li>• Habitat protection or restoration efforts to enhance existing ecosystems</li> <li>• Pest management strategies to protect wetland habitats.</li> </ul> <p>The anticipated outcomes of this Project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the area and duration of quality shorebird and wetland habitat at a regional scale</li> <li>• Enhance the diversity of shorebird and wetland habitats for various climatic and environmental conditions</li> <li>• Improve landscape resilience by maintaining food webs and enhancing habitats that support breeding conditions for foraging waterbirds</li> <li>• Reduce threats to the recruitment and survival of wetland species, including biosecurity risks</li> <li>• Enhance wetland resilience at a landscape scale</li> <li>• Strengthen the ability of First Nations to connect to Country, fulfill cultural obligations in Caring for Country, and achieve cultural outcomes</li> <li>• Foster landholder connections to environmental outcomes and the regional landscape</li> </ul>

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Asset Ownership	<p>Any assets being constructed or modified as part of the Project must have asset ownership arrangements or pathways in place.</p> <p>The Commonwealth will not acquire any assets nor accept liability for operations, maintenance or recurrent costs from works undertaken or associated with the Project</p>																									
Governance Arrangements	<p>A governance arrangement will be developed and agreed between the Parties, and codified through a Terms of Reference, to allow two-way collaboration and exchange of information on the Project.</p> <p>South Australia will notify the Commonwealth in a timely manner regarding any matters that arise which would inhibit complete and timely delivery of the Project.</p>																									
Recognition of funding	<p>In addition to the requirements set out in clause 21 of the FFA-Environment, South Australia agrees to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledge Commonwealth funding in all publications, promotional materials, signage, announcements and activities in relation to the Project.</li> <li>Ensure the Commonwealth is consulted prior to the release of key documents funded under this Schedule.</li> <li>Provide the Commonwealth with equal access to products obtained under this Schedule for the use in the development of promotional material, including but not limited to Project data, footage and images; and</li> <li>Provide opportunities for Commonwealth involvement in announcements and launch events relating to the Project.</li> </ol>																									
Additional terms	<p>South Australia will provide Annual Work Plans as described in <u>Attachment A</u>, to the Commonwealth for acceptance by 30 April of each year. The Annual Work Plan will outline the expected activities to be undertaken in the upcoming financial year.</p>																									

South Australia will be responsible for ensuring that the project will:

- be complete and free from defects or omissions, except for defects or omissions that are minor in nature, that South Australia cannot reasonably fix, or by fixing, will significantly inconvenience users of the works.
- Not knowingly cause any legal or physical impediment to the use of occupation of the property and the works for the designated use.
- Be fit for the designated use.

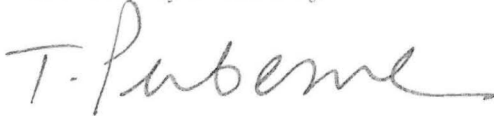
The Commonwealth will assess performance milestones within 20 business days unless otherwise agreed between the Parties.

<b>Table 2: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary</b>			
<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report Date</b>	<b>Payment</b>
1. Execution of Schedule	<p><b><u>Milestone 1: Planning Phase</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Execution of Schedule</li> <li>• Acceptance by the Commonwealth (at an officer-level) of a Work Plan for the planning phase</li> </ul>	On execution of the agreement	\$2,958,930
1a. Draft Implementation Plan	<p><b><u>Milestone 1a: Planning Phase</u></b></p> <p>Draft Implementation Plan submitted to the Commonwealth for feedback</p>	30 June 2025	-
2. Implementation Plan	<p><b><u>Milestone 2: Planning Phase</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a summary report, outlining project inception activities</li> <li>• Acceptance by the Commonwealth of an Implementation Plan for the delivery phase. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ at a minimum the Implementation Plan should address the content outlined at <u>Attachment A</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	26 September 2025	\$4,169,663
3. Progress Report 1	<p><b><u>Milestone 3: Delivery Phase - Progress Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Progress Report for 1 July – 31 December 2025 period demonstrating progress against the agreed Annual Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ at a minimum the report should address the content outlined at <u>Attachment A</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	13 March 2026	\$6,181,347
4. Progress Report 2	<p><b><u>Milestone 4: Delivery Phase - Progress Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Progress Report for 1 January – 30 June 2026 period demonstrating progress against the agreed Annual Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ at a minimum the report should address the content outlined at <u>Attachment A</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30 October 2026	\$2,190,060
5. Progress Report 3	<p><b><u>Milestone 5: Delivery Phase - Progress Report 3</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Progress Report for 1 July – 31 December 2026 period demonstrating completion of activities detailed in the agreed Annual Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ at a minimum the report should address the content outlined at <u>Attachment A</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	26 February 2027	\$1,000,000

6. Final Report	<b>Milestone 6: Project Finalisation - Final Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a Final report that demonstrates all project activities are complete and provides a synthesis of outcomes, achievements, and learnings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ at a minimum the report should address the content outlined at <u>Attachment A</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	12 March 2027	\$500,000
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Government of Australia by



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

[Day] [Month] [Year]

13. 1. 2025

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by



**The Honourable Susan Close MP**  
Minister for Climate, Environment and Water

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## Milestone Reporting Requirements

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| <b><u>Implementation Plan</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope and Program objective</li> <li>• Site Selection, including prioritisation of feasible sites and activities</li> <li>• Description of on-ground works, construction activities and indicative budgets for each site</li> <li>• Key outcomes, outputs and activities including quantifiable indicators and targets</li> <li>• Project Management and delivery assurance inclusive of:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Governance arrangements for the project</li> <li>○ Budgeting and resourcing</li> <li>○ MERI framework</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Risk Register: including controls or treatments to mitigate risk</li> <li>• Stakeholder communications and engagement plan</li> <li>• First Nations engagement activities: Cultural Assessment and On Country site visits and meetings</li> </ul>                                                          |
| <b><u>Annual Work Plan</u></b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project objective and outcomes</li> <li>• Project activities and outputs</li> <li>• Project activities for delivery over 6-month reporting periods (2 reporting periods per year) – 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years</li> <li>• Indicative budgets for activities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b><u>Progress Report</u></b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A statement that demonstrates overall progress and updates each activity against the accepted Annual Work Plan supported by relevant evidence</li> <li>• Identify if the outputs and deliverables are on track and if any remain outstanding. In the case of delays, report the reason for the delay and mitigation action</li> <li>• Progress update on the on-ground works and construction activities</li> <li>• Identify if there are any changes proposed or been made to the delivery of the project</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement summary and significant interactions including meetings with community group and First Nations groups and any key results.</li> <li>• Updated risk register including any new or emerging risks to the delivery of the Project, and management of those risks</li> <li>• Six-monthly financial statements and variance report.</li> </ul> |
| <b><u>Final Report</u></b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outlining the extent to which all activities in the Implementation Plan and Annual Work Plans have been delivered.</li> <li>• Communication and stakeholder engagement summary and outcomes</li> <li>• Synthesis of qualitative evaluation findings achievements, and lessons learned</li> <li>• Certified financial report for the Project.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |