

# Support to deliver Giant Pandas to South Australia

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT


Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule												
Parties	Commonwealth South Australia											
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2034 or on completion of the project, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones.											
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of Giant Pandas to South Australia.											
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide a maximum total financial contribution (funds) to the States of \$7.5 million in respect of this Schedule.											
	<b>Table 1 (\$ million)</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>2029-30</b>	<b>2030-31</b>	<b>2031-32</b>	<b>2032-33</b>	<b>2033-34</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	15
	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	7.5
	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	7.5
Additional terms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funds provided under this schedule are to be used solely for the purpose of supporting an annual funding contribution from Adelaide Zoo to the China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA) for the conservation of endangered species such as the Giant Panda in China and consistent with the requirements outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of the People's Republic of China and South Australia's Department for Environment and Water on Cooperation of Promoting Giant Panda Conservation and the Cooperative Research Agreement for the International Conservation of Giant Pandas between CWCA and Adelaide Zoo.</li> <li>South Australia will provide the remaining 50 per cent of the annual funding contribution. Adelaide Zoo will cover all the other associated costs for the two Giant Pandas on loan to Adelaide Zoo, their cubs and derivatives (if any) as referenced in the above agreements.</li> </ol>											

3. South Australia and the Adelaide Zoo will be responsible for relevant export and import applications related to the two Giant Pandas, their cubs and derivatives (if any) at Adelaide Zoo. The funds provided under this schedule have no relationship to these separate regulatory processes.
4. South Australia will comply with all relevant laws, regulations and policies outlined in MoU between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of the People's Republic of China and South Australia's Department for Environment and Water on Cooperation of Promoting Giant Panda Conservation and the Cooperative Research Agreement for the International Conservation of Giant Pandas between CWCA and Adelaide Zoo that apply to the initiative, including those in Australia and in the partner Country as well as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
5. South Australia will advise the Commonwealth of any issues regarding the implementation of MoU between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of the People's Republic of China and South Australia's Department for Environment and Water on Cooperation of Promoting Giant Panda Conservation and the Cooperative Research Agreement for the International Conservation of Giant Pandas between CWCA and Adelaide Zoo.
6. In addition to termination under paragraph 39 of the Federation Funding Agreement – Environment, the Commonwealth may terminate this schedule any time by notice in writing if:
  - a) relevant export and import licences for the two Giant Pandas, their cubs and derivatives (if any) at Adelaide Zoo are not able to be obtained;
  - b) the MoU between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of the People's Republic of China and South Australia's Department for Environment and Water is breached, expires or is terminated; or
  - c) the Cooperative Research Agreement between CWCA and the Adelaide Zoo is breached, expires or is terminated.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output (delete if the schedule has one output only)	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Program Reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 South Australia will provide an Annual Status Confirmation, in a format mutually decided, which at a minimum:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) acknowledges in writing to the Commonwealth the provision of the annual funding contribution from Adelaide Zoo to the China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA) for the conservation of endangered species such as the Giant Panda in China,</li> <li>b) provides a short update on the progress achieved under the MoU between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of the People's Republic of China and South Australia's Department for Environment and Water on Cooperation of Promoting Giant Panda Conservation and the Cooperative Research Agreement for the International Conservation of Giant Pandas between CWCA and Adelaide Zoo, including any foreseen risks that may render the Government of South Australia and/or Adelaide Zoo unable to meet their obligations under these agreements, and</li> <li>c) Demonstrates Australia's support for the conservation of Giant Pandas on Australia's tourism sector, through recognition of visitor numbers to Adelaide Zoo, panda experiences and participants, and giant panda adoptions over the preceding 12 months to 30 November</li> <li>d) Confirms that the giant pandas are accessible for visitation by the public (aside from routine days where the pandas are subject to veterinary and other necessary processes).</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Commonwealth will make the first payment on execution of this agreement. Subsequent to this, the Commonwealth will make payment in January each year following receipt of the Annual Status Confirmation from South Australia</li> </ol>	<p>Annual reports due by 31/12 each year.</p> <p>Final report due by 31 December 2033</p>	\$0.75m each year
Monitoring and Evaluation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 South Australia will (if required by the Commonwealth), permit the Commonwealth to monitor and/or evaluate the initiative and/or South Australia's use of the funds under this schedule. The Commonwealth will give South Australia at least four (4) weeks' written notice prior to commencing such a review.</li> <li>2 The Commonwealth may at any time request further detail from South Australia who will make best endeavours with Adelaide Zoo and CWCA to facilitate their cooperation with any review or evaluation undertaken by Commonwealth</li> </ol>		

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

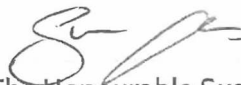
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by



**Senator the Honourable Don Farrell**  
Minister for Trade and Tourism

Date: 3/3/2025

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



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

Date: 27/2 / 2025