

Transforming Digital Environmental Assessments

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule					
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania Victoria Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory				
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025.				
Purpose	This Schedule will support activities to establish biodiversity data repository (BDR) systems between the Commonwealth and states and territories (States).				
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$10.5 million in respect of this Schedule.				
	Table 1 (\$ million)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	Estimated total budget	2.1	4.2	4.2	10.5
	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	2.1	4.2	4.2	10.5
	NSW	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.5
	QLD	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.5
	SA	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.5
	TAS	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.5
	VIC	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.5
	ACT	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.5
	NT	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.5

Table 1: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**Biodiversity Data Repository – QLD, NSW, ACT, TAS, SA, VIC**

Outputs	Performance milestones	Due	Payment per Jurisdiction
A 2-year implementation plan to integrate state and territory data stores with the national Biodiversity Data Repository (BDR).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliver publicly available biodiversity data snapshots to allow the Commonwealth to expand the pilot BDR and test performance.• Prepare a BDR implementation plan that includes at a minimum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Scope of work○ Implementation schedule○ Risk register and risk management plan○ Dependencies○ Stakeholder communications plan• Acceptance of plan by appropriate governance committee.	5/05/2023	\$0.3m
Progressing activities under the national BDR Implementation Plan.	Progress development of technology solutions to support sharing of biodiversity data to agreed standards and to approved implementation plan schedule.	26/04/2024	\$0.3m
A revised and expanded BDR Implementation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare and deliver a revised and expanded BDR implementation plan detailing at a minimum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Increased scope of work○ Estimated costings of additional work○ Revised implementation schedule○ Updated risk register, risk management plan, dependencies and stakeholder communications plan	07/06/2024	\$0.3m

Progressing activities under the national BDR Implementation Plan.	Progress development of technology solutions to support sharing of biodiversity data to agreed standards and to approved implementation plan schedule for the period 1/07/2024- 24/12/2024.	31/01/2025	\$0.3m
Final reports detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o achievement of the objectives of the approved implementation plan(s) o lessons learned o opportunities for future extension of capabilities 	Completion of technology solutions to support sharing of biodiversity data to agreed standards, and to approved implementation plan schedule.	25/04/2025	\$0.3m

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Biodiversity Data Repository and Integrated EPBC assessment processes– NT

Outputs	Performance milestones	Due	Payment per Jurisdiction
A 2-year implementation plan to integrate state and territory data stores with the national Biodiversity Data Repository (BDR).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver publicly available biodiversity data snapshots to allow the Commonwealth to expand the pilot BDR and test performance. • Prepare a BDR implementation plan that includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scope of work ○ Implementation schedule ○ Risk register and risk management plan ○ Dependencies ○ Stakeholder communications plan • Acceptance of plan by appropriate governance committee. 	5/05/2023	\$0.3m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to a Commonwealth led project initiation/scoping process that captures the key elements of the proposed scope of work, to streamline and integrate EPBC assessments, in sufficient detail to allow states and territories and the Commonwealth to decide their willingness to prepare a 2-year implementation plan in Year 2. 	30/06/2023	nil
A plan to streamline and integrate EPBC assessment processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a 2-year implementation plan to streamline and integrate EPBC assessment processes that includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scope of work ○ Implementation schedule ○ Risk register and risk management plan ○ Dependencies ○ Stakeholder communications plan • Acceptance of plan by appropriate governance committee. 	30/11/2023	\$0.15m

Progressing activities under the national BDR Implementation Plan.	Progress development of technology solutions to support sharing of biodiversity data to agreed standards and to approved implementation plan schedule.	26/04/2024	\$0.3m
A revised and expanded BDR Implementation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and deliver a revised and expanded BDR implementation plan detailing at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased scope of work ○ Estimated costings of additional work ○ Revised implementation schedule ○ Updated risk register, risk management plan, dependencies and stakeholder communications plan 	07/06/2024	\$0.15m
Progressing activities under the national BDR Implementation Plan.	Progress development of technology solutions to support sharing of biodiversity data to agreed standards and to approved implementation plan schedule for the period 1/07/2024- 24/12/2024.	31/01/2025	\$0.3m
Final reports detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ achievement of the objectives of the approved implementation plan(s) ○ lessons learned ○ opportunities for future extension of capabilities 	Completion of technology solutions to support sharing of biodiversity data to agreed standards, and to approved implementation plan schedule.	25/04/2025	\$0.3m

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water

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Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by

The Honourable Kate Worden MLA

Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security

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Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by

Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA

Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management

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

The Honourable Penny Sharpe MLC

Minister for the Environment

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by

The Honourable Leanne Linard MP

Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef

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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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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by



The Honourable Nick Duigan MLC

Minister for Environment and Climate Change

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30 July 2024

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

The Honourable Steve Dimopoulos MP

Minister for Environment

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