

Marine algal bloom support - SA

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 2026.
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of South Australian Government initiatives to combat the effects of the devastating algal bloom affecting state waters, and to improve preparedness for future events. These initiatives encapsulate joint efforts to better protect our ocean and the communities, businesses and marine species that depend on it. This Schedule will provide a contribution to South Australia for initiatives across four priority areas: science and research, business assistance, community awareness and support, and clean up efforts. Further initiatives agreed under this revised Schedule comprise: • grants to peak council bodies to service communities impacted by the algal bloom, to support coastal infrastructure investment, environmental remediation activities and community support programs, with the South Australian Government responsible for coordinating services with local government and delivering funding under this schedule to local government; and • a \$250,000 contribution to South Australia for procurement of a bubble curtain system to protect cuttlefish off the coast of Whyalla.

Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the State of up to \$18.25m in respect of this Schedule. <i>Table 1 - Estimated financial contributions</i> <table><tr><th>Table 1 (\$ million)</th><th>2025-26</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>32.5</td><td>32.5</td></tr><tr><td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td><td>18.25</td><td>18.25</td></tr><tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td><td>14.0</td><td>14.0</td></tr></table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2025-26	Total	Estimated total budget	32.5	32.5	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	18.25	18.25	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	14.0	14.0
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Additional terms	1) <i>The Commonwealth contribution is for activities from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. Should there be delays and significant budget underruns, such as impacts from a pandemic, extreme weather or other events, or implementation delays due to availability of equipment or service providers, an option to extend the current project delivery timeframes, by up to 12 months, may be made by mutual agreement by Senior Officials. Further extensions are dependent on agreement between Senior Officials.</i> 2) <i>The Commonwealth contributions are allocated for the sole purpose of supporting implementation of initiatives to support the South Australian Government’s efforts to combat the effects of the devastating algal bloom affecting state waters, and to improve preparedness for future events. This amount is the agreed contribution amount to complement the \$14 million committed for the same purpose by the South Australian Government.</i> 3) <i>Table 2 summarises the project milestones, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made. Multiple payments may be made for milestone 4 in the timeframe specified, provided payment does not exceed the total Commonwealth contribution for that milestone.</i>												

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Delivery initiatives to combat the effects of the devastating algal bloom affecting state waters, and to improve preparedness for future events.	Milestone 1 - Execution of the original schedule between the Commonwealth and State	On execution	\$14,000,000 Paid on execution of the original schedule
	Milestone 2 – This report should include information on the allocation and expenditure of the Commonwealth funding.	30/06/2026	Nil
Procurement of a bubble curtain system to protect cuttlefish off the coast of Whyalla.	Milestone 3 – Submission of evidence of successful procurement of a bubble curtain system to protect cuttlefish off the coast of Whyalla	30/05/2026	\$250,000
Grants to peak council bodies, relevant local governments to service communities impacted by the algal bloom, to support coastal infrastructure investment, environmental remediation activities and community support programs	Milestone 4 – Submission of evidence of payments made to grant recipients consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 September 2025 to 31 May 2026	15/06/2026	Equal to the grants paid by South Australia under this agreement up to \$4,000,000

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

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Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by

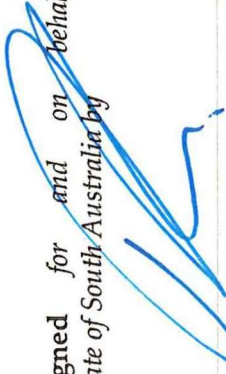


Senator The Honourable Murray Watt MP
Minister for Environment and Water

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Signed for and on behalf of the
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The Honourable Peter Malinauskas MP
Premier

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