

Marine Park Management Capacity in the Northern Territory

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

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Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory Government																								
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026.																								
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of an integrated approach to coastal and marine park management, specifically across two contiguous territory and Commonwealth marine parks in the south-west Gulf of Carpentaria. It will also establish a best-practice model for managing the marine and coastal environment in a way that respects Aboriginal culture and that may be replicated elsewhere.																								
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Additional terms	Nil																								

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Project plan developed	<p>Delivery of a project plan outlining the project's proposed objectives, outcomes and delivery arrangements, including elements relating to governance, research and monitoring, capacity building, communication and education, and a model to capture lessons learnt and best-practice approaches to integrated, First Nations'-led management of marine parks in the Northern Territory. Key deliverables include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• investigating cross-jurisdictional management models for Parks Australia and Territory Marine Parks;• determining any additional requirements for aligning Plans of Management to facilitate consistent and complementary management;• developing and implementing a cross tenure monitoring plan covering Limmen Bight Marine Park (NT) and Limmen Marine Park (Commonwealth), combining local Aboriginal and scientific knowledge;• developing an integrated governance framework involving Marra Traditional owners and stakeholders with interests in sea country management;• continuing to support the establishment of the Marra ranger group in the Limmen Bight region and create fee for services opportunities connected to the management of the marine parks;• Traditional Owners having a lead role in the design, development and implementation of this project; and• identifying and assessing the suitability of locations for a potential new marine protected area.	31/5/2023	\$172,000
Report	<p>Submission of a report outlining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a description of cross-jurisdictional management models;• progress towards alignment of activities under respective Plans of Management;• progress of the integrated governance framework and a commitment to an implementation date;• status update on progress of the Marra ranger group; and• Traditional Owner involvement in design, development and implementation of key deliverables.	31/3/2024	\$400,000
Report	<p>Submission of a report outlining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• implementation of cross-jurisdictional model;• finalised cross-tenure monitoring plans;• progress of an integrated governance framework which is implemented by the Marra ranger group and has measurable performance indicators agreed and in place;• completion of scoping and recommendations regarding a new marine protected area in the Territory and approval of Traditional Owners to its progression.	31/3/2025	\$850,000

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Final Report	Delivery of a final report that includes a final status report on key activities, lessons learnt from the project and details of best-practice model for the integration across jurisdictions and First Nations' led management of marine parks in the Northern Territory.	31/3/2026	\$850,000

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 Nicole Manison MLA
Minister for Parks and Rangers

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