

World Heritage Sites – New South Wales

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

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New South Wales will ensure:

- That advisers use and provide relevant technical and scientific advice.
- Effective consultation and engagement with First Nations people with rights and interests in the World Heritage areas
- That its World Heritage areas are managed in a manner consistent with the EPBC Act.

Variations to Annual Business Plans that directly affect milestones and payments are subject to written agreement between the relevant Commonwealth and New South Wales minister.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Provide expert advice through an executive officer and advisory services for each of the Greater Blue Mountains Area, Gondwana Rainforests of Australia (NSW Section), Willandra Lakes World Heritage areas.</p> <p>Expert advice from an executive officer for the Lord Howe Island Group World Heritage Area.</p>	<p>Continued employment of executive officers. Continued provision of advisory services. Commonwealth acceptance of a 2022-23 Annual Business Plan.</p> <p>Continued employment of executive officers. Commonwealth acceptance of a 2022-23 Annual Business Plan.</p>	<p>30/12/2023</p>	<p>\$Nil</p>
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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

Date: 30.11.23

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



The Honourable Penny Sharpe MLC
Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy,
Minister for the Environment, and Minister for
Heritage

Date: 23/1/24.