

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 12 November 2024
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

Item: 19.2

Responsible Officer: David Waters
Director Environment and Infrastructure
Environment and Infrastructure

Subject: Grant Opportunity

For: Decision

1. Grant Opportunity – Exclusion of the Public

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except:

- Chief Executive Officer, Greg Georgopoulos
- Director Environment and Infrastructure, David Waters
- Director Corporate Services, Gary Lewis
- Acting Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton
- Executive Governance Officer, Zoë Gill
- Minute Secretary, Rebekah Lyons
- IT Support, Tom Portas

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.2: (Grant Opportunity) in confidence.

The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of Council staff in attendance as specified above, be excluded to enable Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:

Section 90(3)(j) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is 'information the disclosure of which—

- (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the council, or a person engaged by the council); and
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential.

2. Grant Opportunity – Confidential Item

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's commitment to accept a grant from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) *Urban Rivers & Catchments Program 2023*, for the Cox Creek Bridgewater Restoration Project (\$1,978,690), focussing on weed management, revegetation and bank stabilisation/erosion works.

The administering entity, Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) has advised Adelaide Hills Council that the grant opportunity is strictly under 'embargo', which means that the information must not be made public until the embargo is lifted, i.e. it has been provided to the Council in confidence, and hence the confidential nature of this item. During the embargo period, applicants must not communicate the outcome to third parties, publicise the information, or post comments about the grant outcomes in public domains such as social forums, websites, journals, or newspapers. Council will be advised when the embargo is lifted.

The Department has asked each of the partnering organisations, including the Council, to confirm their commitment prior to the grant being formally announced.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. To note the Federal Government's tentative advice that the Council has been successful in its application to the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program grant opportunity for the Cox Creek Bridgewater Restoration Project (\$1,978,690), focussing on weed management, revegetation and bank stabilisation/erosion works, to be undertaken in partnership with a range of government agencies, non-government organisations, volunteer-based groups and private property owners.**
- 3. To confirm that the Council is committed to delivering the proposed project with its other partners, should the grant be formally confirmed.**
- 4. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to act for and on behalf of the Council in negotiating the final terms of the Grant Funding Agreement, broadly in line with the draft contained in Appendix 1, and to execute documents as necessary to accept the funding and making any formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the Agreement.**
- 5. To authorise, if necessary, the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Council seal to any agreements requiring same, in order to implement this decision.**

1. BACKGROUND

The Urban Rivers and Catchment Program provides funding for communities to improve the ecological health of urban and peri-urban waterways across Australia. Stream 1 of the program will fund small-medium projects from \$150,000 to \$2 million.

The project is located at a highly visible and accessible portion of the Cox Creek in Bridgewater. This small perennial watercourse originates from the eastern slopes of Mount Lofty, flowing through the peri-urban Bridgewater Township, before joining the Onkaparinga River and into Mt Bold Reservoir, one of Adelaide's primary sources of clean drinking water.

The project proposal encompasses approximately 6kms of the Cox Creek watercourse from (and including) Mount George Conservation Park (NPWS) to the National Trust SA's Engelbrook Reserve. The project seeks to involve the collaboration and partnership with multiple stakeholders, with Council acting as the lead applicant and coordinating the project.

Key stakeholders/ project partners include:

- National Parks and Wildlife SA
- Arbury Park Outdoor School
- Bridgewater Friends of Cox Creek
- National Trust SA
- Bridgewater Hotel
- Bridgewater Mill
- Private landholders
- Trees For Life
- Aldgate Valley Landcare Group

2. ANALYSIS

➤ Strategic Management Plan/Functional Strategy/Council Policy Alignment

Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future

Goal 4 A Valued Natural Environment

Objective N1 Conserve and enhance the regional natural landscape character and amenity values of our region

Priority N1.2 Manage reserves and open space to support the community, whilst balancing biodiversity conservation, resource use and environmental impacts

Goal 4 A Valued Natural Environment

Objective N2 Recognise the benefits of ecosystem services and improve environmental resilience by reducing environmental impacts

Priority N2.1 Monitor and manage areas of high biodiversity or habitat value on Council reserves and Native Vegetation Marker Scheme (NVMS) sites using best practice methodologies

Priority N2.3 Mitigate bushfire risks across the landscape by undertaking fuel reduction activities including woody weed control, maintenance of asset protection zones and educate & enforcement to reduce fuels on private property

Goal 4 A Valued Natural Environment

Objective N3 Nurture valuable partnerships and collaborations and engage the local community in the management of our natural environment

Priority N3.1 Increase knowledge and environmental awareness within the community through engagement and education

Priority N3.2 Collaborate and engage with public and private organisations, schools and community members (including the Aboriginal community as the first nation peoples), to improve biodiversity outcomes and land management practices

The application of this Federal environmental grant is listed as a primary action under Goal 4, Support, in the AHC Biodiversity Strategy 2019 – 2024.

Strategy: Environmental grants

Management Action - AHC will continue to seek and apply for grants to assist with biodiversity management projects

The initiative is also closely aligned to the Council's draft new Strategic Plan, particularly:

Objective NE 3 Protect, improve, expand and connect habitat.

Priority NE 3.4 Nurture valuable community and stakeholder partnerships and collaborations to care for country.

Objective NE 4 Build resilience in the natural environment and adapt to climate and other environmental changes

Priority NE 4.3 Collaborate and advocate for greater investment in environmental protections and improvements.

➤ **Legal Implications**

Section 7 of the *Local Government Act 1999* describes the functions of councils. Most relevant to this matter is:

7(e) to manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner, and to improve amenity;

The *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* sets out the legal framework for destroying or controlling infestations of Declared pest plants.

The *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* provides for the conservation of wildlife in a natural environment and for the protection of native flora and fauna and listing of those of conservation significance.

The principal functions of the Federal *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* Act (EPBC Act) are to provide a way for us to protect and manage nationally and internationally important plants, animals, habitats and places. It seeks to regulate actions (by any person) that have, will have or are likely to have a significant impact on a matter of 'national environmental significance'. 'Loss and degradation of native plant and animal habitat by invasion of escaped garden plants, including aquatic plants' was listed as a key threatening process in January 2010 under the Commonwealth EPBC Act.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

By undertaking the *Cox Creek Bridgewater Restoration Project*, Council aims to improve the ecological / recreational / historical and cultural values of this highly visible portion of the Cox Creek in Bridgewater. This will assist in mitigating the risk of:

- Deteriorating habitat values supporting threatened species
- Deteriorating recreational and amenity values
- Elevated bushfire fuels
- Community reputational damage and loss of community confidence
- Water quality issues
- Increased resource implications

The project serves to demonstrate to the community that Council is committed to substantially improving the values (environmental, recreational, historical, cultural and amenity) of both urban blue areas (Cox Creek itself) and the urban green areas (adjacent to Cox Creek).

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
High 2A	Low 2D	Low 2D

Much of the existing and historical works undertaken along the Cox Creek project area have been localised, sporadic and not strategically aligned across the landscape, or undertaken with a multi-property approach in mind. This project will provide an opportunity to undertake a large-scale management program, enabling Council to engage with multiple landowners and land managers which aims to encourage and motivate stakeholders to deliver long term and effective environmental management, following the completion of the project.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

All proposed on-ground management and monitoring works, and project administration are included under the project grant allowance. Council has committed to cash contributions within existing operational budgets that would normally be invested in work along Cox Creek, and ‘in-kind’ support through staff hours associated with activities such as contractor management, site visits and on-ground works. There will likely be some low levels of staffing commitment in support of the project across the organisation, for example:

- Project coordination (Biodiversity)
- Project control group (steering committee)
- Finance and Accounts
- IT / GIS spatial/mapping support
- Communications and Events team
- People and Culture
- Sustainable Assets
- Civil and Open Space

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

The *Cox Creek Bridgewater Restoration Project* proposal has particular community implications should it be successful. Some of the main objectives of the program are to improve the recreational, cultural, historical and aesthetic values of the creek environs within the Bridgewater area.

It is likely that there will be considerable community interest regarding the project given the significant works proposed and the obvious visual changes due to exotic tree and weed removals, structural engineering to unstable creek banks and large-scale revegetation. It is the intention to provide regular project updates to the community via web-based platforms, but also through informative signage and reference materials.

Customer service staff will be provided information and website links to direct the public to updated information regarding the project.

Engagement with the Aboriginal community is also specifically proposed as part of this project.

➤ **Sustainability Implications**

The Project is aimed at managing biodiversity by supporting habitat values and building resilience into the riparian ecosystem. In addition, the project aims to improve liveability in the Adelaide Hills area of Bridgewater for community members and visitors, by restoring recreational spaces and areas of historical significance and sustaining well-utilised trails.

Although much has already been undertaken to reduce ecosystem degradation, biodiversity loss will continue unless we act to address the decline. Timely and strategic conservation and management of biodiversity will help to maintain ecosystem function and services, which will in turn, deliver immediate and long-term benefits to Adelaide Hills Council inhabitants, including the native wildlife, native vegetation and primary production landscape surrounding the Cox Creek area.

By collaborating with other local landholders / land managers Council can improve the likelihood of long-term commitment to biodiversity management within the Cox Creek project area, and potentially encourage others to support the restoration objectives.

As a highly visible and accessible watercourse, the project is well placed to be a 'showcase' demonstration project.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted in the development of the report**

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

Council Committees: Not Applicable

Council Workshops: Not Applicable

Advisory Groups: Not Applicable

External Agencies: Not Applicable

Community: Not Applicable

➤ **Additional Analysis**

The Cox Creek project area comprises important native wildlife habitat for many native flora and fauna species populations, with threatened species and ecological communities which include 4 National, 23 State and 41 regionally threatened species. Flora species include *Thelymitra ixioides*, *Leionema hillebrandii*, *Acacia gunnii*, *Eucalyptus dalrympleana* ssp. *dalrympleana*, *E. viminalis* ssp. *viminalis* and *E. fasciculosa*. Fauna include the Nationally endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot, Bassian Thrush and the Chestnut-rumped Heathwren, State vulnerable Yellow-footed Antechinus, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo and Heath Goanna, and the as well as other significant and regionally threatened species, the Rakali (Water-rat), Short-finned Eel, the Eastern Long-necked Turtle, Brush-tailed Possum, Bibron's Toadlet, Pygmy Copperhead and Red-bellied Black Snake, Climbing and Mountain Galaxias, many varieties of woodland birds, some of which are in steady decline across the southern Mount Lofty Ranges, and invertebrates.

There are also two threatened ecological communities represented, including patches of State Endangered Candlebark open forest and Manna Gum woodlands. Small, perched swamps located in Engelbrook Reserve and Bridgewater Recreation Reserve are highly significant ecological communities often possessing threatened plant species, such as *Gahnia sieberiana*, *Leptospermum lanigerum* and *Blechnum* sp.

One of the primary threatening processes throughout the Cox Creek project area is the dominance of weeds, primarily woody tree species (Willows, Ash, Poplars), other shrubby woody weeds (Gorse, English and Cape Broom, Sallow Wattle, Pittosporum and Blackberry), broadleaf / grassy weeds (Fig Wort, Ivy, Wandering Jew, Periwinkle, Hemlock, Watsonia, 3 Corner Garlic, Cocksfoot). The dominance of some of these infestations is highly damaging, adding to elevated nutrient loading, poor water quality, flooding, bank destabilisation, degradation of wildlife habitat, and reduction in recreational and amenity values.

Despite the levels of degradation and active ongoing threats, the riparian ecosystem is still functioning reasonably effectively. By undertaking weed management, revegetation and bank stabilisation works, it is the intent of the project to significantly arrest further decline of native species and habitat values. A significant recovery of the Cox Creek project area can be realised by continuing to foster and build on the strong partnerships and existing stakeholder collaborations. It is anticipated that following 4 years of project funding, the necessary follow-up commitments can be achieved by annual stakeholder inputs and within operational budgets, particularly given that many project partners are already committed to managing the ecological health of the creekline.

The project will have the additional benefit of exposing and conserving historical landmarks associated with the Bridgewater Mill. The project will complement the historical, amenity and recreational values of this highly visible section of the Cox Creek. The European history of Bridgewater dates back to 1840 with the construction of the Inn, followed by the Bridgewater Mill which relied on the creek to power the huge waterwheel, which is still a distinctive part of the Township. The highly utilised walking trails which largely follow the creekline for a large proportion of the project area, include the Heysen Trail and the Pioneer Women's Trail.

A critical part of administering the grant will be to provide Milestone reporting to the Federal Government on an annual basis, as per the Grant Agreement. See Appendix 1 for *Sample Draft Funding Agreement*. Project updates will be provided to align with milestone reporting, available on Council's intranet and external website to inform the public.

3. OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

- I. Support the application for the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program grant opportunity for the Cox Creek Bridgewater Restoration Project
- II. Not approve application for the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program grant opportunity for the Cox Creek Bridgewater Restoration Project, and thus foregoing opportunities in key community and government partnerships and implementing priority environmental management actions.

4. APPENDICES

- (1) Urban Rivers and Catchments Program 2023 Sample Grant Agreement
- (2) Project Map

Appendix 1

*Urban Rivers and Catchments Program 2023 Sample
Grant Agreement*



Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement

between the Commonwealth of Australia represented by

Department of Industry, Science and Resources

and

<Grantee>

The Commonwealth Acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, water, culture and community. We pay our respects to the Elders both past and present. We acknowledge that our services are provided on many Indigenous lands. We continue to recognise that to achieve true reconciliation we need to work together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities, staff and stakeholders to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the community.

NB: This is an example standard grant agreement intended for use with the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program 2023. The Commonwealth reserves the option to amend or adjust the form of the grant agreement.

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Grant Agreement <grant number>

Once completed, this document, together with the Grant Details and the Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions (Schedule 1), forms an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the Grantee.

Parties to this Agreement

The Grantee

Full legal name of Grantee	<entity name>
Legal entity type (e.g. individual, incorporated association, company, partnership, etc)	<ABR entity type>
Trading or business name	<trading name>
Any relevant licence, registration or provider number	Not applicable
Australian Business Number (ABN) or other entity identifiers	<ABN>
Australian Company Number (ACN)	<ACN>
Registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST)?	<GST status + if statement>
Date from which GST registration was effective?	<GST registered date>
Registered office address	<ABR registered address> <city> <state> <postcode>
Relevant business place	<business street address> <city> <state> <postcode>

The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Australia represented by the
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
of 10 Binara Street CANBERRA ACT 2600
ABN 74 599 608 295

The Department of Industry, Science and Resources will manage the Agreement on behalf of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Background

The Commonwealth has agreed to enter this Agreement under which the Commonwealth will provide the Grantee with a Grant for the purpose of assisting the Grantee to undertake the associated Activity.

The Grantee agrees to use the Grant and undertake the Activity in accordance with this Agreement and the relevant Grant Details.

Scope of this Agreement

This Agreement comprises:

- (a) this document;
- (b) the Supplementary Terms (if any);
- (c) the Standard Grant Conditions (Schedule 1);
- (d) the Grant Details;
- (e) any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.

If there is any ambiguity or inconsistency between the documents comprising this Agreement in relation to a Grant, the document appearing higher in the list will have precedence to the extent of the ambiguity or inconsistency.

This Agreement represents the Parties' entire agreement in relation to the Grant provided under it and the relevant Activity and supersedes all prior representations, communications, agreements, statements and understandings, whether oral or in writing.

Certain information contained in or provided under this Agreement may be used for public reporting purposes.

Grant Details <grant number>

A. Purpose of the Grant

The Grant is being provided as part of the <grant opportunity name> grant opportunity.

<Grant opportunity objectives>

<Grant opportunity outcomes>

B. Activity

The Activity is made up of the Grantee's project and all eligible project activities as specified in these Grant Details.

Project title

<project title>

Project scope and description

<detailed project description>

Project outcomes

<project outcomes>

In undertaking the Activity, the Grantee must comply with the requirements of the grant opportunity guidelines (as in force at the time of application).

The Grantee must notify the Commonwealth about events relating to the project and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend.

C. Duration of the Grant

The Activity starts on <project start date> and ends on <project end date>, which is the **Activity Completion Date**.

The Agreement ends on <agreement end date> which is the **Agreement End Date**.

Activity Schedule

In undertaking the Activity, the Grantee will meet the following milestones by the due dates.

Milestone number	Milestone name and description	Due date
<No>	<milestone name> <milestone description>	<dd/mm/yyyy>

D. Payment of the Grant

The total amount of the Grant is <grant amount> (plus GST if applicable).

The Grant will be provided at up to <grant percentage> per cent of eligible expenditure as defined in the grant opportunity guidelines subject to availability of Program funds.

The Grant will be paid in accordance with clause ST2.

Fixed payments

The Grant will be paid according to the following schedule. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the project and compliance by the Grantee with its obligations under this Agreement.

Payment event	Payment amount (GST excl)	Anticipated payment date
<Payment trigger>	<insert amount>	<insert date>
<Payment trigger>	<insert amount>	<insert date>
Total	<total grant amount>	

Invoicing

The Grantee agrees to allow the Commonwealth to issue it with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for any taxable supplies it makes in relation to the Activity.

E. Reporting

The Grantee agrees to provide the following reports to the Commonwealth representative in accordance with the reporting requirements (Schedule 2).

<reporting table>

During the Agreement period, the Commonwealth may ask the Grantee for ad-hoc reports on the project. The Grantee must provide these reports in the timeframes notified by the Commonwealth.

F. Party representatives and address for notices

Grantee's representative and address

Grantee's representative name	<primary contact name>
Position	<primary contact position>
Address	<primary contact address>
Business hours telephone	<phone number>
Mobile	<mobile phone>
Email	<email address>

Commonwealth representative and address

Name of representative	<CSM name>
Position	<CSM position>
Postal address	GPO Box 2013 CANBERRA ACT 2601

Physical address	<CSM physical address> If blank 10 Binara Street CANBERRA ACT 2600
Business hours telephone	<CSM phone>
Email	<Program email address>

The Parties' representatives will be responsible for liaison and the day-to-day management of the Grant, as well as accepting and issuing any written notices in relation to the Grant.

G. Activity Material

Not applicable

Supplementary Terms

ST1. Other Contributions

ST1.1 In this Agreement, Other Contributions means the financial or in-kind contributions other than the Grant set out in the following table:

Contributor	Nature of Contribution	Amount (GST exclusive)	Timing
Grantee	< insert description of contribution, e.g., cash, access to equipment, secondment of personnel etc>	\$<insert amount>	<project end date>
<name of third party providing the Other Contribution>	<insert description of contribution, e.g., cash, access to equipment, secondment of personnel etc>	\$<insert amount>	<insert date or Milestone to which the Other Contribution relates>
Total		\$<total other contributions>	

ST1.2 The Grantee agrees to provide, or to ensure the provision of, the Other Contributions and to use them to undertake the Activity. If the Other Contributions are not provided in accordance with this clause, then the Commonwealth may:

- (a) suspend payment of the Grant until the Other Contributions are provided; or
- (b) terminate this Agreement in accordance with clause 19 of this Agreement.

ST2. Activity Budget

ST2.1 In this Agreement, Appropriation means money drawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

ST2.2 The Grantee agrees to use the Grant and any Other Contributions and undertake the Activity consistently with the Activity Budget in the following table:

<budget table>

Figures in the above table are GST inclusive amounts less GST credits that can be claimed in relation to the expenditure.

ST2.3 Subject to sufficient appropriation being available, the Grant will be paid up to the Annual Capped Amounts over the financial years specified in the following table.

Annual Capped Amounts

Financial year	Annual capped amount (GST excl)
<Insert financial year: yyyy-yy>	\$<amount>
<Insert financial year: yyyy-yy>	\$<amount>
<Insert financial year: yyyy-yy>	\$<amount>
<Insert financial year: yyyy-yy>	\$<amount>
Total	\$<total grant amount>

ST2.4 The Commonwealth is not required to make a payment if it would result in the amount paid in a financial year exceeding the Annual Capped Amount for that financial year specified in the table under clause ST2.3.

ST2.5 In accordance with the Activity Budget under clause ST2.2, the Annual Capped Amounts may not be exceeded unless the Commonwealth specifically approves an increase of that amount under clause ST2.8.

ST2.6 Subject to this clause, the Grantee may reallocate expenditure in respect of categories of expenditure in the Activity Budget, provided it does not materially change the Activity, any Milestone(s) set out in this Agreement, or cause the Grantee to be in breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

ST2.7 The Grantee must give the Commonwealth:

- (a) by 1 February each financial year; or
- (b) at any time the Grantee wishes to request a variation to any one or more of the Annual Capped Amounts; or
- (c) if otherwise requested by the Commonwealth,

a revised Activity Budget in a form acceptable to the Commonwealth. The revised Activity Budget must clearly identify any proposed changes, including of any proposed changes to the Annual Capped Amounts, and explain the reasons for the proposed changes.

ST2.8 The Commonwealth may, at its discretion, approve or reject a revised Activity Budget provided under clause ST2.7 and/or any proposed changes to the Annual Capped Amounts. The Commonwealth's approval may be granted subject to conditions.

ST2.9 If a revised Activity Budget and any proposed changes to the Annual Capped Amounts are approved by the Commonwealth, then it will become the Activity Budget and, if relevant, the Annual Capped Amounts will be adjusted accordingly.

ST3. Intellectual property in Activity Material

Not applicable

ST4. Access/monitoring/inspection

ST4.1 The Grantee agrees to give the Commonwealth, or any persons authorised in writing by the Commonwealth:

- (a) access to premises where the Activity is being performed and/or where Material relating to the Activity is kept within the time period specified in a Commonwealth notice; and
- (b) permission to inspect and take copies of any Material relevant to the Activity.

ST4.2 The Auditor-General and any Information Officer under the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010* (Cth) (including their delegates) are persons authorised for the purposes of clause ST4.1.

ST4.3 This clause ST4 does not detract from the statutory powers of the Auditor-General or an Information Officer (including their delegates).

ST5. Equipment and Assets

Not applicable

ST6. Specified Personnel

Not applicable

ST7. Relevant qualifications, licences, permits, approvals or skills

Not applicable

ST8. Vulnerable Persons

Not applicable

ST9. Child safety

ST9.1 In this Agreement

Child	means an individual(s) under the age of 18 years and Children has a similar meaning;
Child-Related Personnel	means officers, employees, contractors (including subcontractors), agents and volunteers of the Grantee involved with the Activity who as part of that involvement may interact with Children;
Legislation	means a provision of a statute or subordinate legislation of the Commonwealth, or of a State, Territory or local authority;
National Principles for Child Safe Organisations	means the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, which have been endorsed in draft form by the Commonwealth Government (available at: https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/childrens-rights/projects/child-safe-organisations) and subsequently, from the time of their endorsement by the Council of Australian Governments, the final National Principles for Child Safe Organisations as published by the Australian Government;
Relevant Legislation	means Legislation in force in any jurisdiction where any part of the Activity may be carried out;
Working With Children Check or WWCC	means the process in place pursuant to Relevant Legislation to screen an individual for fitness to work with Children.

Relevant checks and authority

ST9.2 The Grantee must

- (a) comply with all Relevant Legislation relating to the employment or engagement of Child-Related Personnel in relation to the Activity, including all necessary Working With Children Checks however described;
- (b) ensure that Working With Children Checks obtained in accordance with this clause ST9.2 remain current and that all Child-Related Personnel continue to comply with all Relevant Legislation for the duration of their involvement in the Activity; and
- (c) ensure that any subcontract entered into by the Grantee for the purposes of this Agreement imposes the same obligations in clauses ST9.2(a) and (b) on the subcontractor and also requires the subcontractor to include those obligations in any secondary subcontracts.

National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and other action for the safety of Children

ST9.3 The Grantee agrees in relation to the Activity to:

- (a) implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
- (b) ensure that all Child-Related Personnel implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
- (c) complete and update, at least annually, a risk assessment to identify the level of responsibility for Children and the level of risk of harm or abuse to Children;
- (d) put into place and update, at least annually, an appropriate risk management strategy to manage risks identified through the risk assessment required by this clause ST9.3;
- (e) provide training and establish a compliance regime to ensure that all Child Related Personnel are aware of, and comply with
 - (i) the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
 - (ii) the Grantee's risk management strategy required by this clause ST9.3;
 - (iii) Relevant Legislation relating to requirements for working with Children, including Working With Children Checks;
 - (iv) Relevant Legislation relating to mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect, however described;
- (f) provide the Commonwealth with an annual statement of compliance with clauses ST9.2 and ST9.3, in such form as may be specified by the Commonwealth; and
- (g) ensure that any subcontract entered into by the Grantee for the purposes of this Agreement imposes the same obligations in clauses ST9.3(a) to (e) on the subcontractor and also requires the subcontractor to include those obligations in any secondary subcontracts.

ST9.4 With reasonable notice to the Grantee, the Commonwealth may conduct a review of the Grantee's compliance with this clause ST9.

ST9.5 The Grantee agrees to:

- (a) notify the Commonwealth of any failure to comply with this clause ST9;
- (b) co-operate with the Commonwealth in any review conducted by the Commonwealth of the Grantee's implementation of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations or compliance with this clause ST9; and
- (c) promptly, and at the Grantee's cost, take such action as is necessary to rectify, to the Commonwealth's satisfaction, any failure to implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations or any other failure to comply with this clause ST9.

ST10. Commonwealth Material, facilities and assistance

Not applicable

ST11. Jurisdiction

ST11.1 This Agreement is governed by the law of the Australian Capital Territory.

ST12. Grantee trustee of trust (if applicable)

ST12.1 In this Agreement, **Trust** means the trust specified in the Parties to the Agreement section of this Agreement.

ST12.2 The Grantee warrants that:

- (a) it is the sole trustee of the Trust; and
- (b) it has full and valid power and authority to enter into this Agreement and perform the obligations under it on behalf of the Trust; and
- (c) it has entered into this Agreement for the proper administration of the Trust; and
- (d) all necessary resolutions, consents, approvals and procedures have been obtained or duly satisfied to enter into this Agreement and perform the obligations under it; and
- (e) it has the right to be indemnified out of the assets of the Trust for all liabilities incurred by it under this Agreement.

ST13. Fraud

ST13.1 In this Agreement, Fraud means dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means, and includes alleged, attempted, suspected or detected fraud.

ST13.2 The Grantee must ensure its personnel and subcontractors do not engage in any Fraud in relation to the Activity.

ST13.3 If the Grantee becomes aware of:

- (a) any Fraud in relation to the performance of the Activity; or
- (b) any other Fraud that has had or may have an effect on the performance of the Activity;

then it must within 5 business days report the matter to the Commonwealth and all appropriate law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

ST13.4 The Grantee must, at its own cost, investigate any Fraud referred to in clause ST13.3 in accordance with the Australian Government Investigations Standards available at www.ag.gov.au.

ST13.5 The Commonwealth may, at its discretion, investigate any Fraud in relation to the Activity. The Grantee agrees to co-operate and provide all reasonable assistance at its own cost with any such investigation.

ST13.6 This clause survives the termination or expiry of the Agreement.

ST14. Prohibited dealings

Not applicable

ST15. Anti-corruption

ST15.1 In this Agreement:

Illegal or Corrupt Practice means directly or indirectly:

- (a) making or causing to be made, any offer, gift, payment, consideration or benefit of any kind to any party, or

- (b) receiving or seeking to receive, any offer, gift, payment, consideration or benefit of any kind from any party, as an inducement or reward in relation to the performance of the Activity, which would or could be construed as an illegal or corrupt practice.

ST15.2 The Grantee warrants that the Grantee, its officers, employees, contractors, agents and any other individual or entity involved in carrying out the Activity have not, engaged in an Illegal or Corrupt Practice.

ST15.3 The Grantee agrees not to, and to take all reasonable steps to ensure that its officers, employees, contractors, agents and any other individual or entity involved in carrying out the Activity do not:

- (a) engage in an Illegal or Corrupt Practice; or
- (b) engage in any practice that could constitute the offence of bribing a foreign public official contained in section 70.2 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth).

ST15.4 The Grantee agrees to inform the Commonwealth within five business days if the Grantee becomes aware of any activity as described in ST15.3 in relation to the performance of the Activity.

ST16. Step-in rights

Not applicable

ST17. Grant administrator

Not applicable

ST18. Management Adviser

Not applicable

ST19. Indemnities

ST19.1 The Grantee indemnifies the Commonwealth, its officers, employees and contractors against any claim, loss or damage arising in connection with the Activity.

ST19.2 The Grantee's obligation to indemnify the Commonwealth will reduce proportionally to the extent any act or omission involving fault on the part of the Commonwealth contributed to the claim, loss or damage.

ST20. Compliance with Legislation and policies

ST20.1 In this Agreement:

Legislation means a provision of a statute or subordinate legislation of the Commonwealth, or of a State, Territory or local authority.

ST20.2 The Grantee agrees to comply with all Legislation applicable to its performance of this Agreement.

ST20.3 The Grantee agrees, in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, to comply with any of the Commonwealth's policies as notified, referred or made available by the Commonwealth to the Grantee (including by reference to an internet site).

ST20.4 In carrying out the Activity, the Grantee must comply with the following applicable policies/laws:

- (a) The Australian Government's Work Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme¹ (the Scheme)
- (b) State/territory legislation in relation to working with children and working with vulnerable people
- (c) Work Health and Safety Act (2011) requirements and state/territory legislation relating to work, health and safety
- (d) Waterways and catchment management
- (e) Public land and reserves
- (f) Biodiversity conservation and wildlife management including listed threatened species
- (g) Biosecurity
- (h) Native vegetation and environment protection
- (i) Indigenous heritage and relics
- (j) Waste disposal
- (k) Requirements relating to state/territory regulated activities.
- (l) State/Territory laws where applicable
- (m) You will also be required to:
 - (i) hold relevant permits or be otherwise accredited with, or authorised by, the relevant state or territory government/s to undertake the proposed activities in those jurisdictions
 - (ii) where applicable, comply with relevant codes of practice standards and guidelines
 - (iii) you and other people engaged in the project must not trespass on property in the course of undertaking your grant activity nor endorse, sanction, or give comfort to acts of trespass or unauthorised access to private property
 - (iv) you must also comply with any government measures and requirements in relation to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)..

ST21. Work health and safety

ST21.1 The Grantee agrees to ensure that it complies at all times with all applicable work health and safety legislative and regulatory requirements and any additional work health and safety requirements set out in the Grant Details.

ST21.2 If requested by the Commonwealth, the Grantee agrees to provide copies of its work health and safety management plans and processes and such other details of the arrangements it has in place to meet the requirements referred to in clause ST21.1.

ST21.3 When using the Commonwealth's premises or facilities, the Grantee agrees to comply with all reasonable directions and procedures relating to work health and safety and security in effect at those premises or facilities, as notified by the Commonwealth or as might reasonably be inferred from the use to which the premises or facilities are being put.

¹ The Work Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme can be found at <https://www.fsc.gov.au/what-accreditation-1>

ST22. Transition

Not applicable

ST23. Corporate Governance

ST23.1 In this Agreement:

Constitution means (depending on the context):

- (a) a company's, body corporate's or incorporated association's constitution, or equivalent documents, which (where relevant) includes rules and any amendments that are part of the constitution;
- (b) in relation to any other kind of body:
 - (i) the body's charter or memorandum; or
 - (ii) any instrument or law constituting or defining the constitution of the body or governing the activities of the body or its members.

ST23.2 The Grantee warrants that nothing in its constitution conflicts with its obligations under this Agreement.

ST23.3 The Grantee agrees to provide a copy of its constitution to the Commonwealth upon request and inform the Commonwealth whenever there is a change in the Grantee's constitution, structure or management.

ST24. Counterparts

ST24.1 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts. All counterparts, taken together, constitute one instrument. A Party may execute this Agreement by signing any counterpart.

ST25. Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material

Not applicable

ST26. Australian Industry Participation plan, Executive Summary and Implementation Report(s)

Not applicable

Schedule 1: Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions

1. Undertaking the Activity

1.1 The Grantee agrees to undertake the Activity for the purpose of the Grant in accordance with this Agreement.

1.2 The Grantee is fully responsible for the Activity and for ensuring the performance of all its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with all relevant laws. The Grantee will not be relieved of that responsibility because of:

- (a) the grant or withholding of any approval or the exercise or non-exercise of any right by the Commonwealth; or
- (b) any payment to, or withholding of any payment from, the Grantee under this Agreement.

1.3 The Grantee agrees that for the term of this Agreement, the Grantee will continue to meet the eligibility obligations relating to the [National Redress Scheme](#)² set out under the relevant grant opportunity guidelines to receive the Grant.

2. Payment of the Grant

2.1 The Commonwealth agrees to pay the Grant to the Grantee in accordance with the Grant Details.

2.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Commonwealth may by notice withhold payment of any amount of the Grant and/or take any other action specified in the Supplementary Terms if it reasonably believes that:

- (a) the Grantee has not complied with this Agreement;
- (b) the Grantee is unlikely to be able to perform the Activity or manage the Grant in accordance with this Agreement; or
- (c) there is a serious concern relating to this Agreement that requires investigation.

2.3 A notice under clause 2.2 will contain the reasons any action taken under clause 2.2 and, where relevant, the steps the Grantee can take to address those reasons.

2.4 The Commonwealth will only be obliged to pay the withheld amount once the Grantee has addressed the reasons contained in a notice under clause 2.2 to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction.

3. Acknowledgements

3.1 The Grantee agrees not to make any public announcement, including by social media, in connection with the awarding of the Grant without the Commonwealth's prior written approval.

3.2 The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the Commonwealth's support in all Material, publications and promotional and advertising materials published in connection with this Agreement. The Commonwealth may notify the Grantee of the form of acknowledgement that the Grantee is to use.

² The National Redress Scheme can be found at <https://www.nationalredress.gov.au>

4. Notices

4.1 Each Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party of anything reasonably likely to adversely affect the undertaking of the Activity, management of the Grant or its performance of any of its other requirements under this Agreement.

4.2 A notice given by a Party under this Agreement must be in writing and addressed to the other Party's representative as set out in the Grant Details or as most recently updated by notice given in accordance with this clause.

5. Relationship between the Parties

5.1 A Party is not by virtue of this Agreement the employee, agent or partner of the other Party and is not authorised to bind or represent the other Party.

6. Subcontracting

6.1 The Grantee is responsible for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including in relation to any tasks undertaken by subcontractors.

6.2 The Grantee agrees to make available to the Commonwealth the details of any of its subcontractors engaged to perform any tasks in relation to this Agreement upon request.

7. Conflict of interest

7.1 Other than those which have already been disclosed to the Commonwealth, the Grantee warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, at the date of this Agreement, neither it nor its officers have any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest in relation to the Activity.

7.2 If during the term of the Agreement, any actual, perceived or potential conflict arises or there is any material change to a previously disclosed conflict of interest, the Grantee agrees to:

- (a) notify the Commonwealth promptly and make full disclosure of all relevant information relating to the conflict; and
- (b) take any steps the Commonwealth reasonably requires to resolve or otherwise deal with that conflict.

8. Variation, assignment and waiver

8.1 This Agreement may be varied in writing only, signed by both Parties.

8.2 The Grantee cannot assign its obligations, and agrees not to assign its rights, under this Agreement without the Commonwealth's prior approval.

8.3 The Grantee agrees not to enter into negotiations with any other person for the purposes of entering into an arrangement that will require novation of, or involve any assignment of rights under, this Agreement without first consulting the Commonwealth.

8.4 A waiver by a Party of any of its rights under this Agreement is only effective if it is in a signed written notice to the other Party and then only to the extent specified in that notice.

9. Taxes, duties and government charges

9.1 The Grantee agrees to pay all taxes, duties and government charges imposed or levied in Australia or overseas in connection with the performance of this Agreement, except as provided by this Agreement.

9.2 If Goods and Services Tax (GST) is payable by a supplier on any supply made under this Agreement, the recipient of the supply will pay to the supplier an amount equal to the GST payable on the supply, in addition to and at the same time that the consideration for the supply is to be provided under this Agreement.

9.3 The Parties acknowledge and agree that they each:

- (a) are registered for GST purposes;
- (b) have quoted their Australian Business Number to the other; and
- (c) must notify the other of any changes to the matters covered by this clause.

9.4 The Grantee agrees that the Commonwealth will issue it with a recipient created tax invoice for any taxable supply it makes under this Agreement.

9.5 The Grantee agrees not to issue tax invoices in respect of any taxable supplies.

9.6 If the Grantee is not, or not required to be, registered for GST, then:

- (a) clauses 9.3(a), 9.4 and 9.5 do not apply; and
- (b) the Grantee agrees to notify the Commonwealth in writing within 7 days of becoming registered for GST if during the term of the Agreement it becomes, or is required to become, registered for GST.

10. Spending the Grant

10.1 The Grantee agrees to spend the Grant for the purpose of performing the Activity and otherwise in accordance with this Agreement.

10.2 Within 30 days after the Activity Completion Date, the Grantee agrees to provide a statement signed by the Grantee in a form specified by the Commonwealth verifying the Grant was spent in accordance with this agreement.

10.1 The Grantee agrees to spend the Grant for the purpose of performing the Activity and otherwise in accordance with this Agreement.

10.2 Within 60 days after the Activity Completion Date, the Grantee agrees to provide the Commonwealth with an independently audited financial acquittal report verifying that the Grant has been spent in accordance with this Agreement.

10.3 The reports under clause 10.2 must be audited by:

- (a) a Registered Company Auditor registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth); or
- (b) a certified Practising Accountant; or
- (c) a member of the Institute of Public Accountants; or
- (d) a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand;

who is not a principal member, shareholder, officer or employee of the Grantee or a related body corporate.

11. Repayment

11.1 If any amount of the Grant:

- (a) has been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement; or
- (b) is additional to the requirements of the Activity

then the Commonwealth may, by written notice:

- (c) require the Grantee to repay that amount to the Commonwealth;
- (d) require the Grantee to deal with that amount as directed by the Commonwealth; or
- (e) deduct the amount from subsequent payments of the Grant or amounts payable under another agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth.

11.2 If the Commonwealth issues a notice under this Agreement requiring the Grantee to repay a Grant amount:

- (a) the Grantee must do so within the time period specified in the notice;
- (b) the Grantee must pay interest on any part of the amount that is outstanding at the end of the time period specified in the notice until the outstanding amount is repaid in full; and
- (c) the Commonwealth may recover the amount and any interest under this Agreement as a debt due to the Commonwealth without further proof of the debt being required.

12. Record keeping

12.1 The Grantee agrees to keep financial accounts and other records that:

- (a) detail and document the conduct and management of the Activity;
- (b) identify the receipt and expenditure of the Grant and any Other Contributions separately within the Grantee's accounts and records so that at all times the Grant is identifiable;
- (c) enable all receipts and payments related to the Activity to be identified and reported.

12.2 The Grantee agrees to keep the records for five years after the Activity Completion Date or such other time specified in the Grant Details and provide copies of the records to the Commonwealth upon request.

13. Reporting and liaison

13.1 The Grantee agrees to provide the Reporting Material specified in the Grant Details to the Commonwealth.

13.2 In addition to the obligations in clause 13.1, the Grantee agrees to:

- (a) liaise with and provide information to the Commonwealth as reasonably required by the Commonwealth; and
- (b) comply with the Commonwealth's reasonable requests, directions, or monitoring requirements,

in relation to the Activity.

13.3 If the Commonwealth acting reasonably has concerns regarding the performance of the Activity or the management of the Grant, the Commonwealth may by written notice require the Grantee to provide one or more additional reports, containing the information and by the date(s) specified in the notice.

13.4 The Grantee acknowledges that the giving of false or misleading information to the Commonwealth is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

14. Privacy

14.1 When dealing with Personal Information in carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees:

- (a) to comply with the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth);
- (b) not to do anything which, if done by the Commonwealth, would be a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle;
- (c) to ensure that any of the Grantee's subcontractors or personnel who deal with Personal Information for the purposes of this Agreement are aware of the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and the Grantee's obligations under this clause;
- (d) to immediately notify the Commonwealth if the Grantee becomes aware of an actual or possible breach of this clause by the Grantee or any of the Grantee's subcontractors or personnel.

14.2 In carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees not to send any Personal Information outside of Australia without the Commonwealth's prior written approval. The Commonwealth may impose any conditions it considers appropriate when giving its approval.

15. Confidentiality

15.1 The Parties agree not to disclose each other's confidential information without the other Party's prior written consent unless required or authorised by law or Parliament to disclose.

15.2 The Commonwealth may disclose the Grantee's confidential information where;

- (a) the Commonwealth is providing information about the Activity or Grant in accordance with Commonwealth accountability and reporting requirements;
- (b) the Commonwealth is disclosing the information to a Minister of the Australian Government, a House or Committee of the Commonwealth Parliament; or
- (c) the Commonwealth is disclosing the information to its personnel or another Commonwealth agency where this serves the Commonwealth's legitimate interests.

16. Insurance

16.1 The Grantee agrees to:

- (a) conduct a risk assessment to identify the risk associated with undertaking the Activity: and
- (b) effect and maintain adequate and appropriate insurance to mitigate the risks identified in the risk assessment prepared under clause 16.1(a).

16.2 The Grantee agrees to provide proof of insurance to the Commonwealth upon request and within the time specified in the request.

17. Intellectual property

17.1 Subject to clause 17.2, the Grantee owns the Intellectual Property Rights in Activity Material and Reporting Material.

17.2 This Agreement does not affect the ownership of Intellectual Property Rights in Existing Material.

17.3 The Grantee provides the Commonwealth a permanent, non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use, modify, communicate, reproduce, publish, adapt and sub-license the Reporting Material for Commonwealth Purposes.

17.4 The licence in clause 17.3 does not apply to Activity Material.

18. Dispute resolution

18.1 The Parties agree not to initiate legal proceedings in relation to a dispute arising under this Agreement unless they have first tried and failed to resolve the dispute by negotiation.

18.2 Unless clause 18.3 applies, the Parties agree to continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement when a dispute exists.

18.3 The Parties may agree to suspend performance of the Agreement pending resolution of the dispute.

18.4 Failing settlement by negotiation in accordance with clause 18.1, the Parties may agree to refer the dispute to an independent third person with power to intervene and direct some form of resolution, in which case the Parties will be bound by that resolution. If the Parties do not agree to refer the dispute to an independent third person, either Party may initiate legal proceedings.

18.5 Each Party will bear their own costs in complying with this clause 18, and the Parties will share equally the cost of any third person engaged under clause 18.4.

18.6 The procedure for dispute resolution under this clause does not apply to any action relating to termination, cancellation or urgent interlocutory relief.

19. Reduction, Suspension and Termination

19.1 Reduction in scope of agreement for fault

19.1.1 If the Grantee does not comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is incapable of remedy, or if the Grantee has failed to comply with a notice to remedy, the Commonwealth may by written notice reduce the scope of the Agreement.

19.1.2 The Grantee agrees, on receipt of the notice of reduction, to:

- (a) stop or reduce the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice;
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from the reduction;
- (c) continue performing any part of the Activity or the Agreement not affected by the notice if requested to do so by the Commonwealth;
- (d) report on, and return any part of the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

19.1.3 In the event of reduction under clause 19.1.1, the amount of the Grant will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the scope of the Agreement.

19.2 Suspension

19.2.1 If:

- (a) the Grantee does not comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is capable of remedy;

- (b) the Commonwealth reasonably believes that the Grantee is unlikely to be able to perform the Activity or manage the Grant in accordance with this Agreement; or
- (c) the Commonwealth reasonably believes that there is a serious concern relating to this Agreement that requires investigation;

the Commonwealth may by written notice:

- (d) immediately suspend the Grantee from further performance of the Agreement (including expenditure of the Grant); and/or
- (e) require that the non-compliance or inability be remedied, or the investigation be completed, within the time specified in the notice.

19.2.2 If the Grantee:

- (a) remedies the non-compliance or inability specified in the notice to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction, or the Commonwealth reasonably concludes that the concern is unsubstantiated, the Commonwealth may direct the Grantee to recommence performing the Activity; or
- (b) fails to remedy the non-compliance or inability within the time specified, or the Commonwealth reasonably concludes that the concern is likely to be substantiated, the Commonwealth may reduce the scope of the Agreement in accordance with clause 19.1 or terminate the Agreement immediately by giving a second notice in accordance with clause 19.3.

19.3 Termination for fault

19.3.1 The Commonwealth may terminate this Agreement by notice where the Grantee has:

- (a) failed to comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is incapable of remedy or where clause 19.2.2(b) applies; or
- (b) provided false or misleading statements in relation to the Grant; or
- (c) become bankrupt or insolvent, entered into a scheme of arrangement with creditors, or come under any form of external administration; or
- (d) in addition to clause 19.3.1(a), breached the requirements in subclause 1.3.

19.3.2 The Grantee agrees, on receipt of the notice of termination, to:

- (a) stop the performance of the Grantee's obligations;
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from the termination; and
- (c) report on, and return any part of the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

20. Cancellation or reduction for convenience

20.1 The Commonwealth may cancel or reduce the scope of this Agreement by notice, due to:

- (a) a change in government policy; or
- (b) a Change in the Control of the Grantee which the Commonwealth reasonably believes will negatively affect the Grantee's ability to comply with this Agreement.

20.2 On receipt of a notice of reduction or cancellation under this clause, the Grantee agrees to:

- (a) stop or reduce the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice; and
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from that reduction or cancellation; and
- (c) continue performing any part of the Activity or the Agreement not affected by the notice if requested to do so by the Commonwealth;
- (d) report on, and return any part of the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

20.3 In the event of reduction or cancellation under this clause, the Commonwealth will be liable only to:

- (a) pay any part of the Grant due and owing to the Grantee under this Agreement at the date of the notice; and
- (b) reimburse any reasonable and substantiated expenses the Grantee unavoidably incurs that relate directly and entirely to the reduction in scope or cancellation of the Agreement.

20.4 In the event of reduction, the amount of the Grant will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the scope of the Agreement.

20.5 The Commonwealth's liability to pay any amount under this clause is:

- (a) subject to the Grantee's compliance with this Agreement; and
- (b) limited to an amount that when added to all other amounts already paid under the Agreement will not exceed the total amount of the Grant.

20.6 The Grantee will not be entitled to compensation for loss of prospective profits or benefits that would have been conferred on the Grantee but for the cancellation or reduction in scope of the Agreement under clause 20.1.

20.7 The Commonwealth will act reasonably in exercising its rights under this clause.

21. Survival

21.1 The following clauses survive termination, cancellation or expiry of this Agreement:

- clause 10 (Spending the Grant);
- clause 11 (Repayment);
- clause 12 (Record keeping);
- clause 13 (Reporting and liaison);
- clause 14 (Privacy);
- clause 15 (Confidentiality);
- clause 16 (Insurance)
- clause 17 (Intellectual property);
- clause 19 (Reduction, Suspension and Termination);
- clause 21 (Survival);
- clause 22 (Definitions);
- ST4 (Access/monitoring/inspection);
- ST19 (Indemnities); and

- any other clause which expressly or by implication from its nature is meant to survive.

22. Definitions

22.1 In this Agreement, unless the contrary appears:

- **Activity** means the activities described in the Grant Details and includes the provisions of the Reporting Material.
- **Activity Completion Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Activity Material** means any Material, other than Reporting Material, created or developed by the Grantee as a result of the Activity and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Activity Material.
- **Agreement** means the Grant Details, Supplementary Terms (if any), the Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions and any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.
- **Agreement End Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Australian Privacy Principle** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Change in the Control** means any change in any person(s) who directly exercise effective control over the Grantee.
- **Commonwealth** means the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Commonwealth entity specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Commonwealth Purposes** includes the following:
 - (a) the Commonwealth verifying and assessing grant proposals, including a grant application;
 - (b) the Commonwealth administering, monitoring, reporting on, auditing, publicising and evaluating a grant program or exercising its rights under this Agreement;
 - (c) the Commonwealth preparing, managing, reporting on, auditing and evaluating agreements, including this Agreement; and
 - (d) the Commonwealth developing and publishing policies, programs, guidelines and reports, including Commonwealth annual reports;
 but in all cases:
 - (e) excludes the commercialisation (being for-profit use) of the Material by the Commonwealth.
- **Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions** means this document.
- **Existing Material** means Material developed independently of this Agreement that is incorporated in or supplied as part of Reporting Material or Activity Material.
- **Grant** means the money, or any part of it, payable by the Commonwealth to the Grantee for the Activity as specified in the Grant Details and includes any interest earned by the Grantee on that money once the Grant has been paid to the Grantee.
- **Grantee** means the legal entity other than the Commonwealth specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Grant Details** means the document titled Grant Details that forms part of this Agreement.

- **Intellectual Property Rights** means all copyright, patents, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and other rights resulting from intellectual activity (other than moral rights under the *Copyright Act 1968*).
- **Material** includes documents, equipment, software (including source code and object code versions), goods, information and data stored by any means including all copies and extracts of them.
- **Party** means the Grantee or the Commonwealth.
- **Personal Information** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Records** includes documents, information and data stored by any means and all copies and extracts of the same.
- **Reporting Material** means all Material which the Grantee is required to provide to the Commonwealth for reporting purposes as specified in the Grant Details, and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Reporting Material.

Signatures

Executed as an agreement:

Commonwealth

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

Name	<name>
Position	<position >
Date	<date of execution >

Grantee

Full legal name of the Grantee	<name of the grantee> <ABN of the grantee>
Name of Authorised Representative	<name of authorised representative>
Date	<date of acceptance>

Schedule 2 Reporting requirements

Appendix 1

<grant opportunity name> - progress report requirements

You will need to provide the following information in your progress reports. The Commonwealth reserves the right to amend or adjust the requirements.

You must complete and submit your report on the [business.gov.au portal](https://business.gov.au/portal). You can enter the required information in stages and submit when it is complete.

Project progress

- a. Complete the following table, updating for all milestones shown in the Activity Schedule of your grant agreement.

Milestone	Agreed end date	Actual/ anticipated end date	Current % complete	Progress comments – work undertaken and impact of any delay

- b. Where applicable, describe any project activities completed during the reporting period that are not captured in the table above.
- c. Is the overall project proceeding in line with your grant agreement?
If no, identify any changes or anticipated issues. Comment on any impacts on project timing and outcomes and how you expect to manage these.
- d. Are there any planned events relating to the project that you are required to notify us about in accordance with your agreement?
If yes, provide details of the event including date, time, purpose of the event and key stakeholders expected to attend.
- e. Have you reported progress information about your project using the Australian Government's Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Tool (MERIT)?
- f. Has your project been adversely affected by climatic conditions and events?
If yes, describe how.
- g. How many jobs have been created because of your project?
- h. Have you actively partnered with First Nations groups or businesses to deliver the project?

- i. How many jobs and/or training opportunities for First Nations people have been provided by the project for 15-24 year olds?
- j. How many jobs for First Nations people have been provided by the project for 25-64 year olds?

Project outcomes

- a. Outline how your milestone delivery (to date) is achieving the relevant project outcomes. What actions has your project taken to restore and/or improved riparian areas, stream banks or aquatic habitats, to benefit native species including threatened species, or aquatic areas of significance?
- b. What actions has your project taken to improve water quality, water in the landscape, and waterway connectivity to benefit native aquatic species including threatened aquatic species, or aquatic areas of significance?
- c. What actions has your project taken to improve urban green and blue space e.g. improving community access to nature, improving water quality to benefit public health, and/or increasing shading to help reduce urban heat-related impacts due to climate change?

Project expenditure

Provide the following information about your eligible project expenditure. Eligible expenditure is divided into the same categories as the budget in your application.

If you are registered for GST, enter the GST exclusive amount. If you are not registered for GST, enter the GST inclusive amount. We may ask you to provide evidence of costs incurred.

Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines or contact us if you have any questions about eligible expenditure.

(A) Expenditure Item	(B) Approved Budget (AUD)	(C) Actual expenditure for this period (AUD)	(D) Total expenditure to date (AUD)	(E) Estimated expenditure for next period (AUD)	(F) Comments
enter approved budget item	enter amount in \$AUD	enter amount in \$AUD	enter amount in \$AUD	enter amount in \$AUD	enter comments justifying differences between the budgeted and actual expenditure

- a. Is the project expenditure broadly in line with the activity budget in the grant agreement?
If no, explain the reasons.

Project funding

- a. Provide details of all contributions to your project other than the grant. This includes your own contributions as well as any contributions from government (except this grant), project partners or others.

Name of Contributor	Type of Contribution	Expected Value of Contribution as per the Grant Agreement	Actual Value of Contribution to date	Comments
enter name of	Select	enter amount in \$AUD	enter amount in \$AUD	enter comments describing the impact of any delays or changes

organisation Contributor				to the delivery of the Research Activity
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Attachments

- a. Attach any agreed evidence required with this report to demonstrate project progress.
- b. Attach copies of any published reports and promotional material, relating to the project.

Declaration

You must ensure an authorised person completes the report and can declare the following:

- The information in this report is accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand the giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code 1995* (Cth).
- The activities identified in this report are for the purposes stated in the grant agreement.
- I am aware of the grantee's obligations under their grant agreement, including the need to keep the Commonwealth informed of any circumstances that may impact on the objectives, completion and/or outcomes of the agreed project.
- I am aware that the grant agreement empowers the Commonwealth to terminate the grant agreement and to request repayment of funds paid to the grantee where the grantee is in breach of the grant agreement.

Appendix 2

<grant opportunity name> - end of project report requirements

You will need to provide the following information in your end of project report. The Commonwealth reserves the right to amend or adjust the requirements.

You must complete and submit your report on the [business.gov.au portal](https://business.gov.au/portal). You can enter the required information in stages and submit when it is complete.

Project achievements

- a. Complete the following table, updating for all milestones shown in the Activity Schedule of your grant agreement.

Milestone	Agreed end date	Actual/ anticipated end date	Current % complete	Progress comments – work undertaken and impact of any delay

- b. Where applicable, describe any project activities completed during the reporting period that are not captured in the table above.

Project outcomes

- a. Outline the project outcomes achieved by the project end date.
- b. Have you completed the project outcomes report using the Australian Government's Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Tool (MERIT)?
- c. Do the achieved project outcomes align with those specified in the grant agreement?
If no, explain why.
- d. Are there any planned events relating to the project that you are required to notify us about in accordance with your agreement?

If yes, provide details of the event including date, time, purpose of the event and key stakeholders expected to attend.
- e. How many jobs have been created because of your project?
- f. Have you actively partnered with First Nations groups or businesses to deliver the project?
- g. How many jobs and/or training opportunities for First Nations people have been provided by the project for 15-24 year olds?
- h. How many jobs for First Nations people have been provided by the project for 25-64 year olds?

Project benefits

- a. What benefits has the project achieved?
- b. What ongoing impact will the project have?
- c. Did the project result in any unexpected benefits?
If yes, explain why.
- d. Did the project result in any unexpected negative impacts?
If yes, explain why.
- e. Is there any other information you wish to provide about your project?
If yes, provide details.

Total eligible project expenditure

(G) Expenditure Item	(H) Approved Budget (AUD)	(I) Actual expenditure for this period (AUD)	(J) Total expenditure to date (AUD)	(K) Comments
enter approved budget item	enter amount in \$AUD	enter amount in \$AUD	enter amount in \$AUD	enter comments justifying differences between the budgeted and actual expenditure

- a. Indicate the total eligible project expenditure incurred. Eligible expenditure is divided into the same categories as the budget in your application.

If you are registered for GST, enter the GST exclusive amount. If you are not registered for GST, enter the GST inclusive amount. We may ask you to provide evidence of costs incurred.

Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines or contact us if you have any questions about eligible expenditure.
- b. Provide any comments you may have to clarify any figures.
- c. Was the expenditure incurred in accordance with the activity budget in the grant agreement?

If no, explain the reason for a project underspend or overspend, or any other significant changes to the budget.

Project funding

Name of Contributor	Type of Contribution	Expected Value of Contribution as per the Grant Agreement	Actual Value of Contribution	Comments
enter name of organisation Contributor	Select	enter amount in \$AUD	enter amount in \$AUD	enter comments describing the impact of any delays or changes to the delivery of the Research Activity

- a. Provide details of all contributions to your project other than the grant. This includes your own contributions as well as any contributions from government (except this grant), project partners or others.

Updated business indicators

- a. Provide the following financial data for your organisation for your latest complete financial year.

These fields are mandatory and entering \$0 is acceptable if applicable.

- Financial year completed
- Sales revenue (turnover)
- Export revenue
- R&D expenditure
- Taxable income
- Number of employees including working proprietors and salaried directors (headcount)
- Number of independent contractors (headcount)

Attachments

- a. Attach any agreed evidence required with this report to demonstrate progress or successful completion of your project, including photos.
- b. Attach copies of any published reports and promotional material, relating to the project.
- c. Attach Independent Audit Report as outlined in the Reporting Schedule of the Grant Agreement, where applicable.

Declaration

You must ensure an authorised person completes the report and can declare the following:

- The information in this report is accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand the giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code 1995* (Cth).
- The grant was spent in accordance with the grant agreement.
- I am aware of the grantee's obligations under their grant agreement, including survival clauses.
- I am aware that the grant agreement empowers the Commonwealth to terminate the grant agreement and to request repayment of funds paid to the grantee where the grantee is in breach of the grant agreement.

Appendix 3

<grant opportunity name> - Compliance with working with children obligations

Where applicable, you will need to answer the following questions in your annual statement of compliance. The Commonwealth reserves the right to amend or adjust the requirements.

You must submit your annual statement of compliance as you would a report on the business.gov.au portal.

Statement of compliance

- 1 Is the organisation, and persons working with children on behalf of the organisation in relation to the Activity, compliant with Commonwealth, state or territory legislation?
- 2 Has the organisation completed a risk assessment in relation to the Activity and all persons who may engage with children in association with the Activity?
- 3 Has the organisation put in place an appropriate strategy to manage risks identified through the risk assessment?
- 4 Has the organisation delivered training and established a compliance regime to ensure that all persons who may engage with children are aware of, and comply with:
 - the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations
 - the risk management strategy in item 3 above
 - relevant legislation relating to requirements for working with children, including working with children checks
 - relevant legislation relating to requirements for working with vulnerable people, including working with vulnerable people checks; and
 - relevant legislation relating to mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect however described?

Declaration

You must ensure an authorised person completes the report and can declare the following:

- The information in this report is accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand the giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code 1995* (Cth).
- I am aware of the grantee's obligations under their grant agreement.
- I am aware that the grant agreement empowers the Commonwealth to terminate the grant agreement and to request repayment of funds paid to the grantee where the grantee is in breach of the grant agreement.

Appendix 4

Independent audit report

Background

These templates assist Grantees (and their auditors) to understand the audit requirements under a Commonwealth grant agreement administered by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources. For further information contact us on 13 28 46 or at business.gov.au.

When an independent audit report is required under our grant agreements the Grantee must provide us with:

- a statement of grant income and expenditure against the expenditure categories under the grant agreement (attachment A)
- an independent audit report on the statement of grant income and expenditure (attachment B)
- certification of certain matters by the auditor (attachment C).

You can find additional information on the grant opportunity relevant to your grant at business.gov.au or by calling us on 13 28 46.

Eligible expenditure

Advice on eligible expenditure for projects under the grant opportunity can be found in grant opportunity guidelines. These guidelines are revised from time to time and therefore more than one version of the document may exist. The relevant guidelines are those that were effective at the time the Grantee's application was accepted.

It is essential that Grantees and their auditors understand the eligible expenditure requirements because these determine whether, and the extent to which, certain costs are reportable and claimable.

The amount of grant funding we approve is based on the Grantee's estimated eligible expenditure, as provided in their application. However, the grant funding any Grantee is ultimately entitled to receive is determined against actual eligible expenditure incurred and paid for on the project. The grant amount specified in the grant agreement is the **maximum** amount the Grantee may be paid.

The expenditure reported in the 'statement of grant income and expenditure' at attachment A must represent actual 'eligible expenditure' paid on the project during that period.

Attachment A – Statement of grant income and expenditure

Grant opportunity name	[grant opportunity name]
Project number	[project number]
Grantee	[organisation]
Project title	[project title]
Reporting period start date	[project start date or other reporting period start date]
Reporting period end date	[project end date or other reporting period end date]

This statement of grant income and expenditure must be prepared by the Grantee and contain the following:

- Statement of funds, Grantee contributions and other financial assistance*
- Statement of eligible expenditure*
- Notes to the statement of eligible expenditure, explaining the basis of compilation
- Certification by directors of the Grantee
- *We will compare this information to that detailed in the grant agreement.

1. Statement of funds, Grantee contributions and other financial assistance

Complete the following table for all cash and in-kind contributions for your project for the period in question, including:

- the grant
- other government funding
- your own contributions
- partner or other third party contributions
- any additional private sector funding.

Insert rows as required.

Contributor	Cash amount (GST excl)	Estimated in-kind amount (GST excl)	Total (GST excl)
Grant	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)
Grantee	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)
[enter contributor]	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)
[enter contributor]	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)
Total	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)	\$(enter amount)

2. Statement of eligible expenditure

You must provide detail of the eligible expenditure that has been incurred and paid for during the reporting period in a 'Statement of eligible expenditure' that contains the following information.

No. of expenditure item	Eligible expenditure category (as per grant agreement)	Eligible expenditure item	Supplier name	Supplier invoice number	Supplier invoice date	Invoice amount GST exclusive	Date invoice paid (if applicable)
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Comment on any variance between the expenditure items and amounts detailed in the grant agreement and the actual items and amounts detailed in the attached statement of eligible expenditure.

[enter details]

3. Note to the statement of eligible expenditure

3.1 Eligible expenditure

The eligible expenditure as reported in the statement of eligible expenditure is in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines.

3.2 Basis of compilation

This statement of eligible expenditure has been prepared to meet the requirements of the grant agreement between [enter Grantee name] and the Commonwealth represented by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources. Significant accounting policies applied in the compilation of the statement of grant income and expenditure include the following:

[enter details]

4. Certification by directors [if not director, replace with appropriate equivalent]

[Grantee name]

[Project number]

For the period [dd/ mm/yyyy] to [dd/ mm/yyyy]

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and believe, having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

Statement of grant income and expenditure

- a. We have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the statement of grant income and expenditure in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and the terms of the grant agreement with the Commonwealth, represented by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources dated [enter date]; in particular, the statement of grant income and expenditure presents fairly in accordance therewith.
- b. All events subsequent to the date of the statement of grant income and expenditure which require adjustment or disclosure so as to present fairly the statement of grant income and expenditure, have been adjusted or disclosed.
- c. [Where applicable] The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the statement of grant income and expenditure as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to this representation letter.
- d. That all Grantee contributions and other financial assistance were spent for the purpose of the project and in accordance with the grant agreement and that the Grantee has complied with the grant agreement and relevant accounting policies.
- e. That salaries and allowances paid to persons involved in the project are in accordance with any applicable award or agreement in force under any relevant law on industrial or workplace relations.

Signature

Name [enter name]

Director

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

Signature

Name [enter name]

Director

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

5. For Auditor use only

I certify that this statement of grant income and expenditure is the one used to prepare my independent audit report dated [enter date] for the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

Signature

Name [enter name]

Position [enter position]

Auditor's employer [enter employer name]

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

Attachment B - Independent audit report

Background for auditors

The purpose of the independent audit report is to provide us with an auditor's opinion on the Grantee's statement of grant income and expenditure. The statement of grant income and expenditure is prepared by the Grantee to correspond with the expenditure reported to the department by the Grantee for the same period, in the process of claiming grant payments.

The independent audit report must be prepared by a person who is an approved auditor.

An approved auditor is a person who is:

- a. registered as a company auditor under the *Corporations Act 2001* or an appropriately qualified member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, or of CPA Australia or the Institute of Public Accountants; and
- b. not a principal, member, shareholder, officer, agent, subcontractor or employee of the Grantee or of a related body corporate or a Connected Entity.

The audit should be undertaken and reported in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

The independent audit report must follow the required format and include any qualification regarding the matters on which the auditor provides an opinion. We may follow up any qualifications with the Grantee or auditor. The independent audit report must be submitted on the auditor's letterhead.

Auditors must comply with the professional requirements of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, CPA Australia and the Institute of Public Accountants in the conduct of their audit.

If the auditor forms an opinion that the statement of grant income and expenditure does not give a true and fair view of the eligible expenditure for the period, the independent audit report should be qualified and the error quantified in the qualification section of the independent audit report.

The required independent audit report format follows.

Auditor's report

Independent audit report in relation to [Grantee name]'s statement of grant income and expenditure to the Commonwealth, represented by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department).

We have audited:

- a. the accompanying statement of grant income and expenditure of [Grantee name] for the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy], a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and management's attestation statement thereon (together "the financial statement"). The financial statement has been prepared by management using the cash basis of accounting described in note 3.2 to the financial statement; and
- b. [Grantee name]'s compliance with the terms of the grant agreement between [Grantee name] and the Commonwealth dated [date of agreement] for the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy] (the grant agreement).

We have:

- a. reviewed [Grantee name]'s statement of labour costs in support of its claim of eligible expenditure; and
- b. performed limited assurance procedures on [Grantee name]'s statement of employee numbers under the grant agreement].

Management's responsibility

Management is responsible for:

- a. the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 3.2, this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in accordance with the grant agreement;
- b. compliance with the terms of the grant agreement;
- c. the preparation of the statement of employee numbers and labour costs in support of eligible expenditure; and
- d. such internal control as management determines is necessary to:
 - i enable the preparation of the financial statement and the statement of [employee numbers and]labour costs that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
 - ii enable compliance with the terms of the grant agreement.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibilities are:

- a. To express an opinion, based on our audit, on:
 - i the financial statement; and
 - ii [Grantee name]'s compliance, in all material respects, with the terms of the grant agreement; and

- b. To conclude based on:
 - i our review procedures, on the statement of labour costs; and
 - ii our limited assurance procedures on the statement of employee numbers.

We conducted our audit of the financial statement in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards; our audit of compliance with the grant agreement in accordance with ASAE 3100, our review of the statement of labour costs in accordance with ASRE 2405[; and our limited assurance procedures on employee numbers in accordance with ASAE 3000]. The applicable Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform our work to:

- a. obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement and that [Grantee name] has complied, in all material respects, with the terms of the grant agreement; and
- b. obtain limited assurance as to whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the statements of employee numbers and labour costs are materially misstated.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement and about the Grantee's compliance with the grant agreement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Grantee's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement, and to the Grantee's compliance with the grant agreement, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Grantee's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

A review consists of making enquiries and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the statement of labour costs.

A limited assurance engagement undertaken in respect of the statement of employee numbers, in accordance with ASAE 3000 involves [level of detail about procedures to be determined by the auditor]. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement; and consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion, review and limited assurance conclusions.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a. the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the grant income and expenditure of [Grantee name] for the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy] in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in note 3.2 and the terms of the grant agreement, dated [date of agreement], with the Commonwealth; and

- b. [Grantee name] has complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the grant agreement between the organisation and the Commonwealth dated [date of agreement], for the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy].

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 3.2 to the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared to provide information to the department in accordance with the grant agreement, dated [date of agreement]. As a result, the financial statement may not be suitable for another purpose.

Use of Report

This report has been prepared for [Grantee name] and the department in accordance with the requirements of the grant agreement between [Grantee name] and the Commonwealth, dated [date of agreement]. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than [Grantee name] and the department, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Conclusions

Based on:

- a. Our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the statement of labour costs in the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy] is not, in all material respects, fairly presented in accordance with the grant agreement dated [date of agreement] with the Commonwealth; and
- b. The procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the statement of employee numbers as at [dd/mm/yyyy] is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the grant agreement dated [date of agreement] with the Commonwealth].

Auditor's signature

Name [enter name]

Auditor's employer [enter employer name]

Employer's address [enter address]

Qualifications [enter qualification]

Position [enter position]

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

Attachment C - Certification of certain matters by the auditor

The department also requires a certification of certain matters by the auditor in addition to the independent audit report. This should be submitted with the statement of grant income and expenditure and independent audit report.

The auditor who signs this certification must also initial and date a copy of the Grantee's statement of eligible expenditure. The department will not accept an independent audit report that lacks this attachment.

The required format of certification is on the following page.

[print on auditor letterhead]

[addressee]

Department of Industry, Science and Resources
GPO Box 2013
Canberra ACT 2601

I understand that the Commonwealth, represented by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources and [Grantee name] have entered into a grant agreement for the provision of financial assistance under the [grant opportunity name] to the Grantee for the project. A condition of funding under the grant agreement is that the Grantee provides a statement of grant income and expenditure certifying that expenditure on approved project items has been incurred within the relevant audit period and paid in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines, and is supportable by appropriate documentation.

In fulfilment of the condition, I hereby certify that:

- a. I am a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand/ CPA Australia/ the Institute of Public Accountants (as a Public Practice Certified Member).
- b. I have prepared the independent audit report on [Grantee name]'s, statement of grant income and expenditure in accordance with the details of the grant agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth, project no [project no] dated [dd/mm/yyyy].
- c. I have reviewed the grant agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth, project no [project no] dated [dd/mm/yyyy], and related grant opportunity guidelines and understand the requirements pertaining to financial reporting and eligible expenditure contained therein.
- d. I have signed the attached copy of [Grantee name]'s statement of eligible expenditure that I used to prepare the independent audit report.
- e. I have complied with the professional independence requirements of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand/ CPA Australia/the Institute of Public Accountants. I specifically certify that I:
 - i am not, and have not been, a director, office holder, or employee of [Grantee name] or related body corporate of [Grantee name]
 - ii have not been previously engaged by [Grantee name] for the purpose of preparing their [grant opportunity name] application or any report required under the grant agreement
 - iii have no financial interest in [Grantee name].

Signature

Name [enter name]

Qualifications [enter qualification]

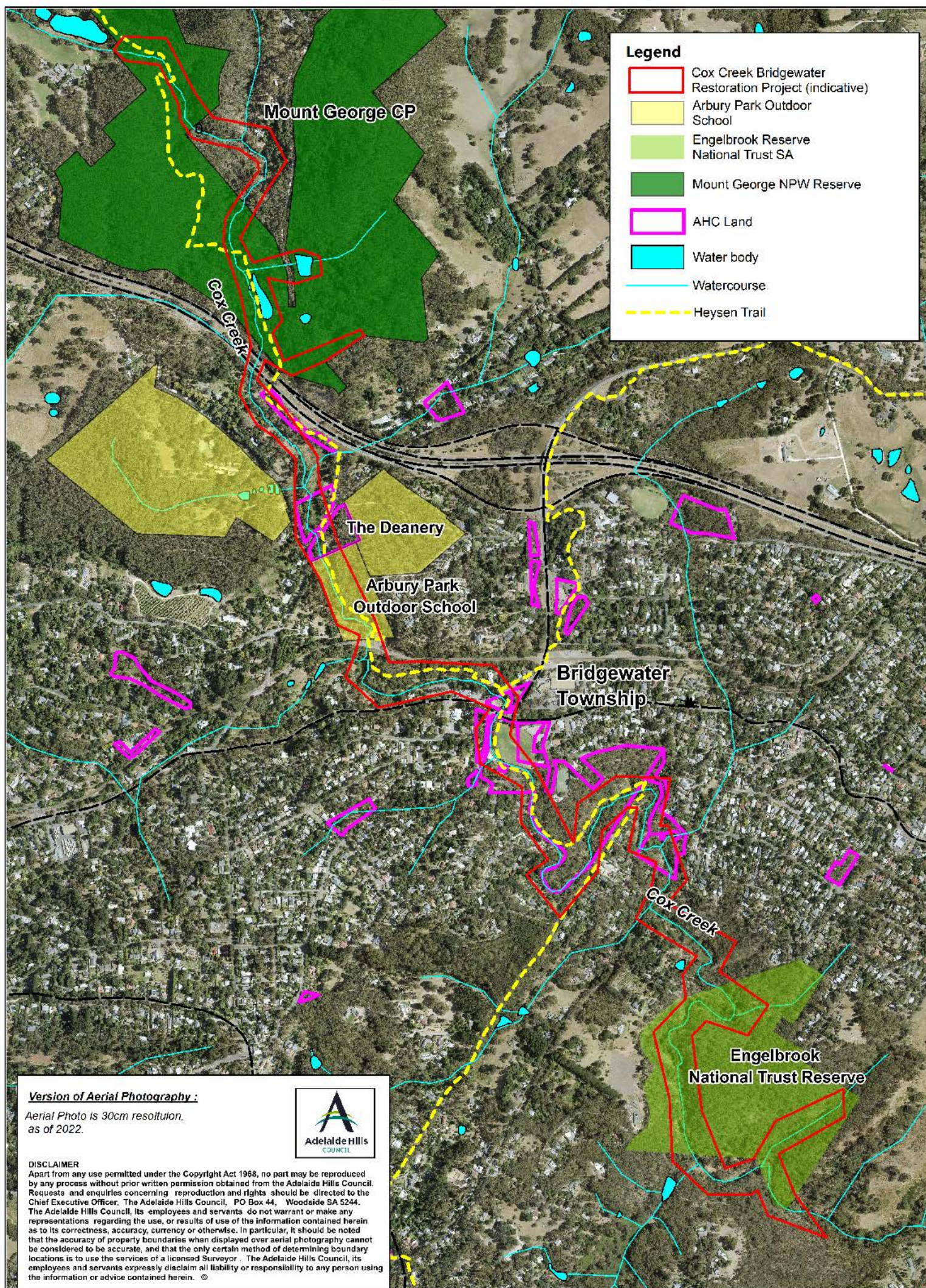
Position [enter position]

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

Appendix 2

Project Map

Cox Creek Bridgewater Restoration Project



Grant Opportunity – Duration of Confidentiality

Subject to the CEO, or his delegate, disclosing information or any document (in whole or in part) for the purpose of implementing Council's decision(s) in this matter in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 19.2 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(j) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* to retain the Items in confidence as detailed in the Duration of Confidentiality Table below:

Report	Until Further Order
Related Attachments	Until Further Order
Minutes	Until Further Order
Other (presentation, documents, or similar)	Until Further Order

Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.