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CAR PRIVATE RESERVE PROGRAM FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

(Ref: Tas CAR Private Reserve Program 99-00/1)

This Agreement is made on the 29th day of JULY, 1999

SIGNED for and on behalf of the)
COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA:)

between

The Commonwealth of Australia ("the Commonwealth"), represented by Environment Australia

(Full Name) [Redacted]

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(Signature))

and

The State of Tasmania ("the State"), represented by the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment

In the Presence of:)

[Redacted]

for the purpose of providing Commonwealth financial assistance to the State under section 19 of the *Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Act 1997*;

(Full Name))

for the purpose of linking Commonwealth and State priorities and programs agreed between the parties, as outlined in Attachment C of the Partnership Agreement; and

(Signature))

SIGNED for and on behalf of the State of)
TASMANIA:)

for specified activities to enable the State, within the financial assistance provided, to achieve, in part, the outcomes sought in the *Strategic Plan for the Private Land Component of the CAR Reserve System*.

[Redacted]

The title of the activity under this component of financial assistance for specified outputs, outcomes and reports in the Program Details is as per the list attached.

(Full Name))

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(Signature))

This Agreement comprises the entire terms and conditions for carrying out the activities described herein, and includes:

In the Presence of:)

(a) the Program Details, including any Special Terms and Conditions attached to this Agreement;

[Redacted]

(b) the Standard Terms and Conditions as currently agreed between the parties in Attachment B of the Partnership Agreement; and

(Full Name))

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(c) the Partnership Agreement.

(Signature))

(d) the Strategic Plan for the Private Land Component of the CAR Reserve System.

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Attachment B

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PROGRAM DETAILS**Title: CAR Private Reserve Program****Scope and Timeframes:**

Projects were developed in the context of the *Strategic Plan*. Individual project details are set out in the project applications.

This Financial Agreement applies to those projects listed in Appendix 1.

Payment:

Payment will be made to the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment, which will be responsible for administering the funds on behalf of the State.

Reporting requirements:

Annual reporting requirements are outlined in the Standard Terms and Conditions of the Financial Agreements at Attachment B to the Partnership Agreement (Clause 4).

Intellectual Property:

The intellectual property will vest with Tasmania and Clause 6 of the Standard Terms and Conditions will apply.

Publicity:

Further to Clause 14 of the Partnership Agreement, projects receiving Commonwealth funding shall give appropriate acknowledgment to the Natural Heritage Trust as the source of those funds.

Special Terms and Conditions:

Nil

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Appendix 1 to CAR Reserve Program Financial Agreement 99/1.

This Financial Agreement covers the following project proposals.

Purchases

Out of scope



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The Honourable Robert Hill
Senator of South Australia
Parliamentary Offices
Parliament House
Canberra

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Discrepancies

Subject; Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement – Funding to Establish Reserves to Protect CAR Values on Private Land

The major conservation objective of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) is to establish the Comprehensive Adequate and Representative (CAR) Reserve System. Thirty million dollars is provided under the Agreement to establish a program to protect forest communities on private land which could not be adequately protected on public land. In accordance with Attachment 8 of the RFA and the Strategic Plan prepared to implement the program, agreement has been reached with a number of landowners to establish CAR reserves on their properties. The proposals have been submitted to the Advisory Committee for their consideration and the Committee unanimously supports all proposals. I have approved them.

The proposals involve establishing CAR reserves in one of three ways, by purchasing land with the agreement of the owner, by the owner agreeing to enter into a management agreement including a covenant in perpetuity and by the owner agreeing to enter into a 20 year management agreement.

Of the \$30M available for the program, \$10M has already been provided by the Commonwealth and is invested in the Tasmanian Trust Fund earning interest which will accrue to the program. The remaining \$20M is available from Tasmania's share of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) as you approve specific proposals for its expenditure. The financial management objective set out in the Strategic Plan is to "manage the funds to maximise the interest earned for the benefit of the program whilst ensuring that landowners are paid within a reasonable time." Thus it is desirable to spend the NHT component of the funding first.

The cost of the new proposals detailed in this minute is \$1,265,400, \$1,216,000 for land purchases, \$29,800 for management agreements including covenants in perpetuity and \$19,600 for a 20 year management agreement without covenant. The proportion of funds for land purchases within this sets of proposals is much higher than is likely to be the case with future sets of proposals because a number of forests of very high conservation value suitable for purchase and inclusion in the public land reserve system have been targeted. Future sets of proposals are likely to be predominantly management agreements, preferably including covenants in perpetuity.

This set of proposals makes major progress towards protecting CAR values on private land by protecting 695 ha of Inland *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest in those parts of the range where it is most threatened, 950 ha of Inland *Eucalyptus tenuiramis* forest including the largest remaining stand of old growth forest on private land, 300 ha of *Eucalyptus rodwayi* forest, the second largest stand on private land, and all the unreserved habitat of one of Tasmania's most threatened plant, *Tetratheca gunnii*.

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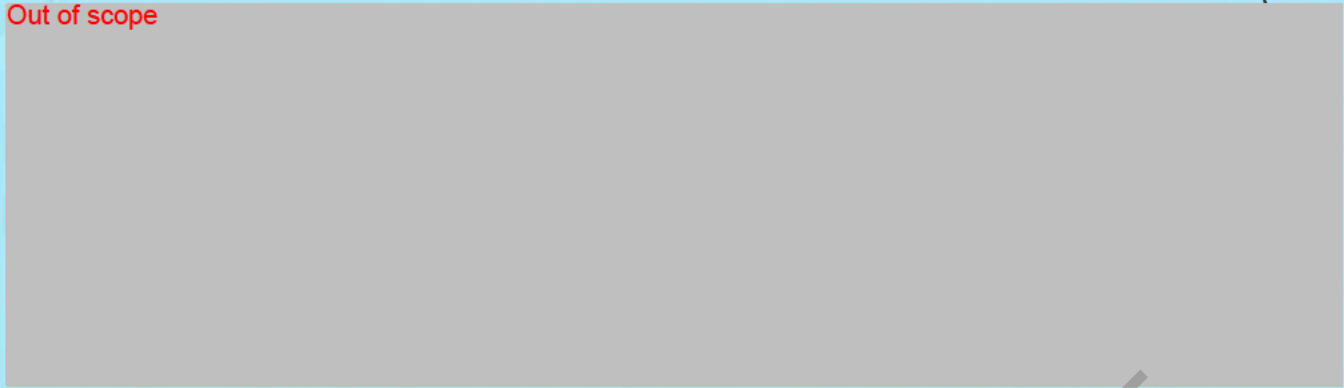
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David Lewellyn

David Lewellyn MHA
Minister
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2. H. Laker "Marney's Hill"

The proposal

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Reservation priority

The primary value of this block is 70 hectares of Inland *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest which is a vulnerable RFA community requiring reservation of 60% of its extant distribution (13 413 ha out of 22 590 ha is required to achieve JANIS targets). The forest is in good condition with a diverse understorey including several rare species including a large population of the RFA Priority Species *Brunonia australis* Blue Pincushion which is listed as vulnerable under the Tasmanian *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*. This block is at the edge of the geographic range of both *Brunonia australis* and the Inland *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest type. There are few reserves in this region and very few reserves of this forest type.

Degree of threat

The owner has an agreement with North Forest Products to clear nearly half the forest for a eucalypt plantation. The owner is not interested in a covenant and management agreement and will only consider the purchase option.

Negotiations

A government valuer has recommended a purchase price of \$75,000. The owner estimated that the property is worth \$85,000, but has agreed to sell for \$75 000. The valuer also noted that such properties are rare in close proximity to Westbury and that this one would sell readily for rural/residential purposes. If purchased, this property will be offered for resale with a covenant to protect the forest in order to recoup some of the purchase cost.



Senator the Hon Robert Hill
Leader of the Government in the Senate
Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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The Hon David Llewellyn MHA
Minister for Primary Industries, Water and Environment
First Floor
Franklin Square Offices
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Dear Minister David

Thank you for your letter of 11 June 1999 containing approval for proposals to establish reserves to protect Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) Values on private land, the major conservation objective of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement.

I note that these proposals have been examined and recommended by the relevant Advisory Committee acting in accordance with the Strategic Plan, and on scientific advice. I note that a high percentage of the costs I am asked to approve are for purchase of property. As you would be aware, if the full range of CAR Values are to be protected on private land within the budget available, it is essential that a full range of incentives, (as well as outright purchase) be developed and actively pursued.

For example, it would seem that there is considerable potential to utilise a revolving fund model for acquiring lands, securing CAR Values through covenanting arrangements, and on-selling those lands to sympathetic purchasers. I understand that my department has furnished the Advisory Committee with comprehensive information on the full suite on incentives which could be brought to bear to achieve the goals of the program within budget. I trust that this advice is being actively pursued and implemented.

I am pleased to approve the specific proposals as outlined in your letter to the sum of \$1,265,400. I wish you well with the progress of this important Natural Heritage Trust initiative.

Yours sincerely

Robert Hill

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