

Australian Capital Territory- Demand Management-Efficiency Measures Project-Business Case

PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY-LED EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

1. This schedule has been developed consistent with clause 25 of the Project Agreement for Murray- Darling Basin Water Infrastructure – Australian Capital Territory (ACT)-led Projects.
2. The Demand Management Efficiency Measures Project will provide a business case that determines a preferred option for recovery of up to 2 GL of efficiency measures water under the Murray Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program (MDBWIP).
3. The ACT Government recently benchmarked Canberra against other cities in Australia using the Water Sensitive Cities Index developed by the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities. The results indicated that the ACT ranks well against other Australian cities and towns, and is well on its way to becoming a water sensitive city, although this remains a challenging goal. The report identifies an action plan (which will be implemented through the MDBWIP) for Canberra to continue its journey to a water sensitive city that includes as a critical action increasing community literacy on water savings and water quality.
4. Business case development for the project includes, but it is not limited to:
 - Improving water use efficiency in existing commercial, industrial and residential buildings, as well as mandated improvements in future developments.
 - Exploring best practice opportunities and survey relevant stakeholders to identify the most appropriate market based instruments and community-wide education and engagement programs to drive a positive contribution to water saving in the ACT.
5. These initiatives will be delivered through the ACT Government’s highly successful Actsmart water efficiency program that was prominent in the region during the Millennium Drought. During this time this program had a strong focus on water use efficiency. Notably, the program introduced water efficient fixtures in businesses and households and in 2013 alone, Actsmart saved more than 1.7 GL of water through these installations.
 - In addition to improving water use efficiency the ACT government will explore best practice technology and survey relevant stakeholders to identify the most appropriate market based instruments and community-wide education and engagement programs to drive a positive contribution to water savings in the ACT.
6. A detailed business case will be developed addressing each of the above activities and also addressing the information requirements and criteria in clauses 23 and 24 of the ACT Project Agreement.

7. The final business case will provide a compelling case for Commonwealth investment of Water for the Environment (WESA) funds and will provide the basis for a decision by the ACT and the Commonwealth, on whether to proceed with implementation of the identified options.
8. If the parties decide to proceed with full implementation of the project, a new project schedule will be added to the ACT Project Agreement which details the implementation activities and milestones.
9. In accordance with clause 25 of the Agreement, milestones for projects, their relationship to outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments are set out in Table 1.
10. The Project Business Case will be completed by 29 November 2019.
11. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to this project of \$172,500 in respect of this Agreement as shown in Table 1. GST is not applicable to the payments.

Table 1: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

Outputs	Milestones	Report due	Payment
Business Case	Project commencement	06/2019	\$0
	Engage appropriately qualified professionals to undertake the abovementioned investigations.	07/2019	\$43,125
	Draft report	09/2019	\$43,125
	Undertake investigations to quantify compliance with the MDBWIP requirement of neutral or positive socioeconomic outcomes including a multi criteria analysis against the ACT long term water security requirements, cost benefit analysis and any other identified requirements.	10/2019	\$43,125
	Final Business Case	11/2019	\$43,125
		TOTAL	\$172,500

12. The ACT will be responsible for ensuring that a completed business case provides relevant information as the basis for decision making in accordance with clause 24 of this agreement. This will include detailed cost estimates for implementation of the project.

SIGN OFF

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable David Littleproud MP

Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

Date: 7.4.19

Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by



Mr Mick Gentleman MLA

Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Date: 15/5/19