

## Schedule B

# New South Wales Project Scoping Initiative – Feasibility Activities

### PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR NEW SOUTH WALES PROJECT SCOPING INITIATIVE

1. This Schedule has been developed consistent with the Project Agreement for Delivery of Environmental Measures in Northern Murray-Darling Basin (the Agreement).
2. In accordance with the Agreement and this Schedule, the State of New South Wales (NSW) will undertake feasibility activities which will include:
  - (a) identifying and investigating potential projects which could be proposed for business case funding under the Toolkit;
  - (b) developing and submitting feasibility proposals for projects which NSW wants the Commonwealth to consider for business case funding under the Toolkit; and
  - (c) identifying and investigating scalability options for projects, where agreed by the Commonwealth.
3. In undertaking the feasibility activities, NSW will ensure that any feasibility proposals provided to the Commonwealth for consideration includes sufficient information to enable the Commonwealth to make a sound and defensible decision on whether to provide business case funding for the relevant proposals, and in this respect, enable the following assessments to be undertaken:
  - (a) a prioritisation assessment using the Northern Basin Toolkit Ecological Prioritisation Framework, which was endorsed by the Basin Officials Committee in May 2019; and
  - (b) a value for money assessment.
4. NSW will also engage a consultant to:
  - (a) review each of the projects NSW has identified and proposes to investigate for business case funding under the Toolkit;
  - (b) confirm whether the proposed projects align with the Toolkit funding objectives as set out in the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray Darling Basin* and the prioritisation framework;
  - (c) carry out due diligence checks prior to commencing any coordinated activities to confirm funding suitability;
  - (d) recommend a package of projects in which NSW should seek business case funding under the Toolkit; and
  - (e) develop project proposals for assessment.

5. NSW is expected to complete the feasibility activities, including the milestone specified in Table 1 in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 1.
6. If the Commonwealth decides to fund further business case development and activities, details of the development and consequent implementation activities and milestones will be included in separate bilateral schedules under the Agreement.
7. In accordance with the Agreement, milestones for projects, their relationship to outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments are set out in Table 1 and are to be completed to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction.
8. The Commonwealth and NSW agree that the Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to this project of up to \$270,676.78 GST exclusive for the activities under this Schedule, and as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Milestones, reporting and payment summary**

Outputs	Milestones	Milestone due	Payment
<b>Governance arrangements in place</b>	A report that provides evidence that management arrangements are in place to support producing feasibility proposals in accordance with this Schedule, including a work plan and contract with consultant.	15 December 2019	\$135,000
<b>Feasibility activities including development of final feasibility proposals</b>	Feasibility proposals which contain sufficient information for proposal assessment and decision making, including initial estimated costings for the development of any business cases and initial estimated costs for project implementation.	28 February 2020	\$135,676.78
	A separate report on feasibility activities for all potential projects investigated, including results of activities undertaken.		
<b>Total</b>			\$270,676.78

**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 Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management

Date: 13.11.19

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



**The Honourable Melinda Pavey MP**

Minister for Water, Property and Housing

Date: 7-5-20