

Schedule F

New South Wales Gwydir Constraints Measure – Feasibility Activities

PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR NEW SOUTH WALES GWYDIR CONSTRAINTS MEASURE PROJECT

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 for the NSW Gwydir Constraints Measures Project.
3. The Commonwealth and NSW acknowledge and agree that this Schedule is not intended to replace any obligations which NSW is required to deliver under the *Funding Agreement in Relation to the Development of Business Cases for Prospective Constraints Measure Projects* (the 2015 Funding Agreement) which was executed on 8 December 2015, including any obligations which may survive expiry.
4. The Commonwealth and NSW agree that the feasibility activities required under this Schedule are intended to build on, and not replace, those activities which NSW agreed to undertake for the 2015 Funding Agreement. NSW also acknowledges and agrees that it is not entitled to, and will not make any further claims for payments under the Funding Agreement, including in relation to the final two milestones.
5. The Commonwealth and NSW also agree that the feasibility activities that NSW will undertake will include NSW:
 - (a) identifying and investigating scalability options for the project;
 - (b) developing and submitting a feasibility proposal for the project to be used as part of the Toolkit prioritisation process and assessment;
 - (c) undertaking a series of pre-business case activities to inform business case development for the project, and providing a report on these additional investigations.
6. In undertaking the above 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 any future funding for the project, 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.

7. NSW will also ensure that:
 - (a) in undertaking its investigations to develop the feasibility proposal, NSW will:
 - i. ensure consideration is given to the inclusion of the Mehi and Ballin Boora;
 - ii. commence processes to re-engage the community and update them in relation to the project, including the potential for an increased geographic scope;
 - iii. develop initial costings for the development of any business case and estimated costs for project implementation; and
 - iv. assess and document ecological outcomes of the project to support the prioritisation framework assessment.
 - (b) in undertaking the pre-business case activities:
 - i. NSW is to:
 - A. identify easements or other means of establishing a delivery pathway which may require further information;
 - B. perform a risk assessment and obtain risk mitigation advice;
 - C. further develop costings for the development of any business case and estimated costs for project implementation; and
 - D. complete other related activities to support future business case development, such as appropriate modelling, due diligence and mapping exercises.
8. NSW acknowledges that funding for activities under Clause 7(b) is provided on the understanding that completion of the activities will not delay NSW from delivering the relevant business case to the Commonwealth, should the relevant project progress to business case development.
9. NSW is expected to complete the activities, including the milestones specified in Table 1, in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 1.
10. If the Commonwealth decides to fund further business case development and activities, details of the development and milestones will be included in a separate bilateral schedule under the Agreement.
11. In accordance with the Agreement, outputs, milestones for projects, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and maximum payments are set out in Table 1 and are to be completed to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction.
12. The Commonwealth and NSW also agree that the Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution of up to \$1,184,500 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
Governance arrangements in place	A report that provides evidence that management arrangements are in place to support producing feasibility proposal and other related activities in accordance with this Schedule, including work plan.	Within 10 business days of execution of the Agreement and this Schedule	\$145,000
Feasibility proposal	<p>Feasibility proposal which contains sufficient information for proposal assessment and decision making, including initial estimated costings for the development of any business case, initial estimated costs for project implementation and scalability options.</p> <p>A separate report on feasibility activities, including community engagement undertaken.</p>	Within 8 weeks of the completion of the first milestone for this Schedule, or 31 July 2020, whichever is earlier	\$200,000
Other feasibility and pre-business case activities	A separate report on other feasibility and pre-business case activities undertaken in accordance with this Schedule, namely the identification of easements or other means of establishing a delivery pathway, a risk assessment and risk mitigation advice, finalisation of project scope, further costings for the development of any business case and for project implementation, and other related activities undertaken to support future business case development.	5 October 2020	\$839,500.00
Total			\$1,184,500.00

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

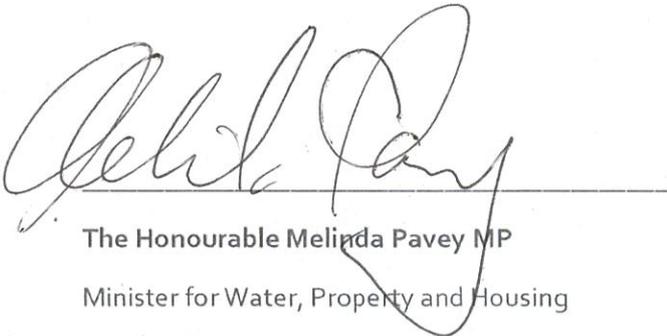


The Honourable Keith Pitt MP

Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia

Date: 20/4/20

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