

## Schedule A

# Queensland Northern Basin Toolkit Measures Proposal – Feasibility Activities

### PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR QUEENSLAND NORTHERN BASIN TOOLKIT MEASURES PROPOSAL

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, Queensland will undertake feasibility activities which will include:
  - (a) identifying and investigating potential projects which could be proposed for business case funding under the Toolkit; and
  - (b) developing and submitting feasibility proposals for projects which Queensland wants the Commonwealth to consider for business case funding under the Toolkit.
3. In undertaking the feasibility activities, Queensland 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. Queensland will engage one or more consultants or third parties to investigate a suite of potential projects and, where appropriate, develop project proposals for assessment, covering the following seven themes (unless otherwise agreed):
  - (a) reducing priority barriers to fish passage across the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin;
  - (b) addressing cold water pollution in the Border Rivers;
  - (c) restoring priority riverine and riparian habitat;
  - (d) re-establishing threatened native fish species;
  - (e) fish-friendly water extraction (pump screening);
  - (f) modification of Bi-furcation weirs in the Lower Balonne; and
  - (g) improving cross-border environmental water accounting arrangements.
5. Queensland will ensure that any investigations relating to the themes referred to involves:

- (a) desktop and literature reviews to compile and assess information and identify options;
  - (b) for item 4 (a) to (f) above, two workshops with technical and policy experts and stakeholders to identify projects;
  - (c) for item 4(g) above, a review of environmental water accounting practices, constraints and opportunities as necessary to support development of a rigorous and transparent accounting method to calculate the contribution of held environmental water crossing the Queensland-NSW border and timing of contributions, as well as supporting operating protocols and procedures and preferred institutional arrangements.
6. Queensland is expected to complete the feasibility activities, including the milestone specified in Table 1 in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 1.
  7. 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.
  8. 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.
  9. The Commonwealth and Queensland agree that the Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to this project of up to \$451,250 GST exclusive for the activities under this Schedule, and as shown in Table 1.

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

Outputs	Milestone	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 for consultant.	30 November 2019	\$315,875
<b>Final feasibility proposals for potential Toolkit measure projects</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	\$135,375
	A separate report on feasibility activities undertaken for all potential projects investigated, including results of activities undertaken.		
<b>Total</b>			\$451,250

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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

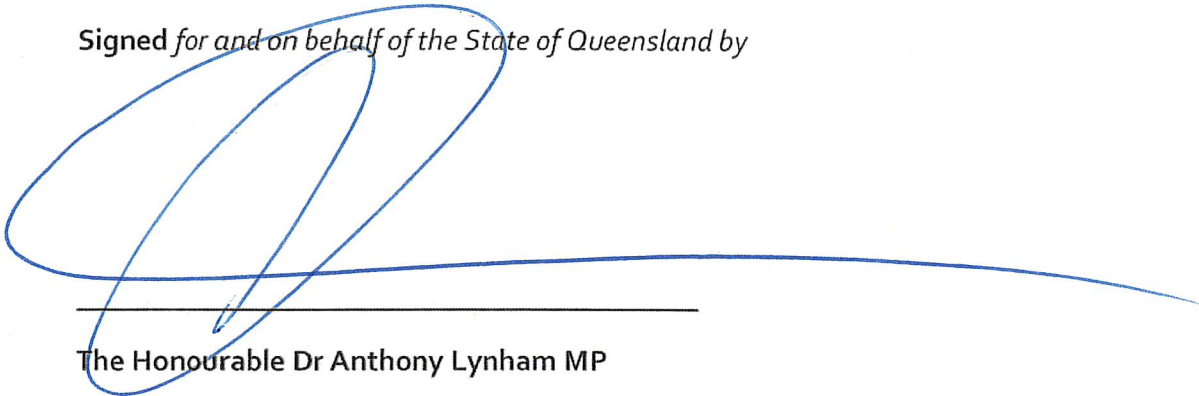


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Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management

Date: 13.11.19

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



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6/12/19