

Implementation plan for South Australia in working towards the Common Registry System

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON WATER FOR THE FUTURE

PRELIMINARIES

1. This implementation plan is created subject to the provisions of the *National Partnership Agreement on Water for the Future* and should be read in conjunction with that agreement.
2. As part of the Water for the Future initiative, the Australian Government has committed to be a financial partner of the South Australian Government, to enable ongoing engagement in development of the Common Registry System (CRS) which is a component of the National Water Market System (NWMS).
3. The Commonwealth has agreed to provide financial assistance of \$294,155 to fund the necessary resources for South Australia's engagement in the development of the CRS. The project work is scheduled to be completed by 30 April 2011. It is consistent with the objectives and funding criteria for the NWMS.

TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

4. This implementation plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and the State of South Australia, represented by the Minister for Water.
5. This implementation plan will cease on completion of the project as specified in this implementation plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks specified in this implementation plan.
6. This implementation plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers.
7. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing 30 days notice in writing. Where this implementation plan is terminated, the Commonwealth's liability to make payments to the State is limited to payments associated with performance benchmarks achieved by the State by the date of effect of termination of this implementation plan.
8. The parties to this implementation plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the parties' commitment to this implementation plan.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

9. The objective of this project is to ensure that the Common Registry System and the National Water Market System adequately cover and articulate all business requirements of the South Australian water register. It does not directly address any particular NWMS performance outcomes.
10. This implementation plan is to assist in finalising South Australia's Common Registry System capability requirements.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the Commonwealth

11. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing the State's performance against the project milestones in accordance with this implementation plan and providing any consequential financial contribution to the State for that performance.

Role of the State

12. The State will have responsibility for:
 - (a) completing the project in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this implementation plan
 - (b) meeting all conditions including providing reports, in accordance with this implementation plan and
 - (c) fully funding the Project after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth.
13. The State agrees to establish the SA NWMS Project Team to monitor and oversee the implementation of the project. A Commonwealth representative may attend and participate in all meetings (via telephone or in person).
14. The State agrees to have in place and maintain a project management plan, including but not limited to, a procurement strategy, communication, risk and stakeholder plans.
15. The State agrees to provide access to information, sites or assets to enable assessment or review of the implementation of the Project.

MILESTONES AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

16. The maximum funding to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project is \$294,155 payable in accordance with milestones set out in table 1 below. All payments are exclusive of GST.
17. The Commonwealth and South Australia have agreed that payment will be made following clear demonstration that specific NWMS targets identified in the proposal have been met. The identified targets and indicators of their success are in Attachment A.

Table 1: Milestones and associated payments

| Payment Number | Milestone | Date | Amount (excluding GST) \$ |
|----------------|--|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the deliverables (described in Attachment A). Submission of a final report to the satisfaction of the Committee and the Commonwealth. | 7 June 2011 | \$294,155 |

18. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to the State Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*.

BUDGET

19. The overall project budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 2.

Table 2

| Expenditure Item | Cwlth Amount \$ | State Amount \$ | Other Amount \$ | Total Cost \$ |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Finalised SA capability requirements for the design of the Common Registry System and the NWMS program overall. | \$294,155 | 0.0 | 0.0 | \$294,155 |
| Total Budget: | \$294,155 | 0.0 | 0.0 | \$294,155 |

REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

20. Each report is to contain the following information:
- a description of actual performance of the project to date against the project milestone/s and budget.
 - evaluate the project, including assessing the extent to which the objective has been achieved and explaining why any aspect was not achieved.
 - include a discussion of any other matters, relating to the project, limited to the minimum necessary for the effective assessment of performance.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

21. Intellectual property and licensing arrangements are as follows:

- (a) The State owns the intellectual property (IP) in the project material (anything created or acquired primarily for the project).
- (b) The State grants the Commonwealth a licence to use the project material and associated IP for similar water register systems.
- (c) The licence specifically includes a right to sub-licence to parties to the National Water Initiative (NWI), and Australian water authorities, trusts and cooperatives only.
- (d) The licence specifically includes the purposes of replicating, developing compatible, comparable, similar water register systems (but not commercialising) the project. (Commercialising does not include charging on a cost recovery basis.)
- (e) The State grants the Commonwealth a licence to use existing material (anything in existence before the project commenced) in the same manner as the project material.
- (f) Additionally, where that material is owned by a third party, the State must arrange for that third party to grant the Commonwealth a licence.
- (d) However, where any existing material or associated IP is owned by a third party and a license purchased by the State, the Commonwealth must procure that licence on a commercial basis.
- (e) Similarly, if the Commonwealth sub-licences that material, the Commonwealth must ensure that the sub-licensee procures the original licence on a commercial basis.

NOTICE OF DETAILS FOR THIS PROJECT

22. A notice relating to this project, rather than the agreement generally, is to be in writing and dealt with as follows:

a) if given by the State to the Commonwealth:

Aidan Dalgliesh
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National Water Market System Branch
Water Reform Division
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water,
Population and Communities
GPO Box 787
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Tel: 02 6274 1859 Fax: 02 6274 2271;
Email: aidan.dalgliesh@environment.gov.au

or

b) if given by the Commonwealth to the State:

Kylie O'Connell
Director Water Planning & Management
Department for Water
Level 2, 25 Grenfell St
Adelaide SA 5000

Tel: 08 8463 6375 Fax: 08 8463 6999
Email: kylie.o'connell@sa.gov.au

ATTACHMENT A

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA IN WORKING TOWARDS THE COMMON REGISTRY SYSTEM

A1. This table sets out the relevant NWMS targets and the indicators and measures of success that will be used to demonstrate achievement of the targets.

| Deliverable | | Indicator | Achievement measure |
|-------------|--|---|---|
| a | Update data and business discovery documents | Reviews are completed of SA Data and Business Discovery documents | Documents are endorsed by South Australia and by the Commonwealth |
| b | Participate in the change impact assessment (CIA) workshops and finalise CIA report | Completion of change impact assessment document | Documents are endorsed by South Australia and by the Commonwealth |
| c | Review and comment on all draft and final versions of the "NWMS Solution Blueprint" completed by 20th Feb 2011 | Solution Blueprint review phases completed | Documents are endorsed by South Australia and by the Commonwealth |
| d | Draft (South Australian) CRS project plan | To ensure South Australia is well positioned and prepared to adopt a Nationally consistent Common Registry System implemented by the Commonwealth, that will enable the retirement of the existing State Water Information License Management Application (WILMA) | Documents are endorsed by South Australia Water Reform Program Board and provided to the Commonwealth for input to the overall CRS project plan |

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|-------------|--|--|--|
| e | Draft (South Australian) Data Quality project plan | To drive improvement in data quality relating to water trade data, and merge relevant datasets to align South Australia to a Nationally consistent standard as determined by the NWMS. | Documents are endorsed by South Australia Water Reform Program Board and provided to the Commonwealth for input to the overall data quality plan |
| f | Draft Meter Data Management System project plan | To develop a strategy and system for capturing meter data from entitlement holders and making this information publicly available | Documents are endorsed by South Australia Water Reform Program Board and provided to the Commonwealth for input to the overall CRS project plan |
| g | Draft (South Australian) Separation of Water Rights /Unbundling project plan | To ensure an unbundled water rights regime is implemented for South Australia in the most effective and efficient manner. | Documents are endorsed by South Australia Water Reform Program Board and provided to the Commonwealth for input to the overall CRS project plan |
| h | Draft Business Process engineering project plan | To identify business processes that are impacted by the CRS, map new business processes and elevate relevant policy and legislative impacts. | Documents are endorsed by South Australia Water Reform Program Board and provided to the Commonwealth for input to the overall CRS project plan |