
**Transitional Arrangement and Financial Agreement
between the Australian Government
and the State of Queensland for
Implementation of Caring for our Country**

This Agreement is made on the First day of July 2008 between the Commonwealth of Australia ('the Commonwealth') and the State of Queensland ('the State') pursuant to clause 19(2) of the *Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Act 1997* (Cth) and Section 5 of the *Natural Resource Management (Financial Assistance) Act 1992* (Cth).

PREAMBLE

- A. In March 2008, the Commonwealth announced Caring for our Country as an ongoing and integrated program, bringing together the delivery of the Natural Heritage Trust, National Landcare Program, Environmental Stewardship and Working on Country Programs.
- B. The goal of Caring for our Country announced by the Commonwealth is 'an environment that is healthy, better protected, well managed, resilient and provides essential ecosystem services in a changing climate'.
- C. The Commonwealth announced that Caring for our Country will have six National Priority Areas for Investment:
- a. **a national reserve system**, including an enhanced National Reserve System and implementing the 2007 election commitment for *Indigenous Protected Areas*;
 - b. **biodiversity and natural icons**, including world heritage, biodiversity protection (including threatened species and communities, feral animals and weeds), environmental stewardship and implementing election commitments for the *Tasmanian Devil* and *Cane Toads*;
 - c. **coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats**, including implementing election commitments for *Reef Rescue*, *Coast Care*, *Gippsland Lakes* and *Tuggerah Lakes*;
 - d. **sustainable farm practices**, including Landcare and land management change;
 - e. **natural resource management in remote and northern Australia**; and
 - f. **community skills, knowledge and engagement**, including NRM facilitators and implementing election commitments for an *Indigenous Emissions Trading Scheme* and *Indigenous Rangers*.
- D. The Commonwealth announced that it would allocate \$2.25 billion in funding for the first five years of Caring for our Country, over \$700 million of which will be allocated to the regional delivery of Caring for our Country throughout Australia.
- E. As a result of these announcements the Parties have agreed to enter into this Agreement for the delivery of Caring for our Country in Queensland during the 2008-09 financial year.
- F. In entering into this Agreement, the Commonwealth and the State recognise that they have a mutual interest to improve the condition of Australia's natural resources.
- G. The Parties acknowledge that the following principles will guide the working relationship under Caring for our Country:
- a. mutual benefit;
 - b. administrative simplicity and efficiency; and
 - c. maintenance of effort.

- H. The Parties further acknowledge that:
 - a. this Agreement is closely linked to the work the State is also doing in the area of improving Queensland's natural resources; and
 - b. the State has priority areas of investment which may differ from the National Priority Areas of Investment for Caring for our Country.
- I. The Parties acknowledge that Caring for our Country will take an integrated approach to other related programs and the Parties agree to communicate and work together where opportunities exist to ensure that investments complement each other, avoid duplication and achieve greater investment outcomes.

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Agreement establishes terms and conditions for the delivery of Caring for our Country Funds to Regional NRM Bodies and Queensland agencies for the 2008-09 transitional year.

2. TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 2.1 This Agreement will commence on 1 July 2008 and will continue in force until such date as the Parties agree in writing the Agreement shall end unless terminated earlier in accordance with clause 20.13.
- 2.2 Upon signing of this Agreement by all Parties this Agreement will be a public document and will be placed on the relevant Commonwealth and State websites.
- 2.3 The Parties acknowledge that during the term of this Agreement, the Parties will work together to finalise a comprehensive Caring for our Country Agreement to replace this Agreement.

3. REPRESENTATION

- 3.1 The Commonwealth shall be represented for the purposes of this Agreement by the Hon. Peter Garrett, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, and the Hon. Tony Burke, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 3.2 The State shall be represented for the purposes of this Agreement by the Hon. Craig Wallace, Minister for Natural Resources and Water, and the Hon. Andrew McNamara, Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation.

4. PREVIOUS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 The Parties acknowledge that there remain outstanding obligations under Financial Agreements entered into under the Previous Bilateral Agreements. The Parties acknowledge that those Financial Agreements and Previous Bilateral Agreements shall continue in force for the purposes of those outstanding obligations.

PART 2 - IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

5. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 The principles guiding the Commonwealth in the development and implementation of Caring for our Country under this Agreement are:
- a) the Commonwealth will make investments against the National Priority Areas for Investment identified in Preamble C;
 - b) the National Priority Areas for Investment will have achievable and measurable outcomes; and
 - c) accountability to the community on progress on investment outcomes will be supported by a robust monitoring and evaluation process.
- 5.2 The principles guiding all Parties under this Agreement are that all Parties:
- a) continue to support regional delivery to achieve outcomes that address the decline in Australia's natural resources through targeted investments that align with Caring for our Country activities;
 - b) contribute to improving accountability and reporting on outcomes for Caring for our Country expenditure;
 - c) acknowledge that there may be investment priorities additional to those identified in this Agreement in which the State may choose to invest;
 - d) work together to make strategic investment decisions and encourage complementary investments in order to optimise outcomes; and

- e) work to ensure complementary investments are made that assist in alignment of effort between Commonwealth and State priorities.

The Parties agree to use their best endeavours to operate within these principles.

6 COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1 The Parties acknowledge that the Commonwealth's intention is that Caring for our Country will be an integrated program, supported by:
- a) clearly defined and measurable outcomes agreed by the Prime Minister, with specific 1 – 3 year targets;
 - b) a business approach to investments with the development of a business plan by the Commonwealth to guide investment for 2009-10 and subsequent years;
 - c) a single portal to streamline program delivery;
 - d) the implementation of the 2007 Election Commitments;
 - e) provision of the guaranteed base level funding and transitional funding as outlined in clause 13 by the Commonwealth for Regional NRM Bodies for the delivery of Caring for our Country national priorities;
 - f) a mechanism to enable access to 'non-quarantined funds' under Caring for our Country to any legal entity, including state and local government agencies; and
 - g) determination of the regional indicative allocations for future Caring for our Country Agreements.

7. REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 7.1 The Parties acknowledge that the State and Regional NRM Bodies will play an essential role in assisting the Commonwealth to achieve its national priorities throughout Australia.
- 7.2 The Commonwealth will provide funding to Regional NRM Bodies as outlined in clause 13.
- 7.3 The Parties acknowledge that existing Regional NRM Plans and Regional Investment Strategies for 2008-09 will be used to determine investments that best complement and contribute to the program outcomes.
- 7.4 The Parties recognise that there are existing accredited Regional NRM Plans and NRM accreditation criteria. These plans and the accreditation criteria will continue to be recognised during the term of this Agreement.

8. STATE ARRANGEMENTS

- 8.1 The Commonwealth acknowledges that the State may have additional priority areas and outcomes to those of the Commonwealth as identified in this Agreement when deciding on investments to be made by the State towards existing Regional NRM Bodies.

9. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

- 9.1 The Parties will work together to realise the goals and commitments made in this Agreement by each Party complying with the provisions of this Agreement and fulfilling its obligations as outlined in this Agreement.

Role of the Joint Strategic Investment Panel

- 9.2 The Joint Strategic Investment Panel of senior officials representing the Parties for the purposes of this Agreement is responsible for:
- a) setting strategic direction for complementary investments of the Parties, decision-making and for development of recommendations to the Commonwealth and State Ministers;
 - b) approving all Milestones and payment schedules under Activity Agreements; and

- c) assessing the performance of the Proponents with respect to all the reports outlined in clause 16.2 as submitted by each Proponent and reporting the findings to the Parties for their review.

Role of the Commonwealth

- 9.3 The Commonwealth is responsible for:
- a) providing Funding under this Agreement for Caring for our Country;
 - b) making decisions on the Commonwealth's Investments;
 - c) setting Caring for our Country Targets and outcomes;
 - d) seeking to encourage linkages between the implementation of the Commonwealth's National Priority Areas for Investment and State priorities;
 - e) developing a single portal to streamline program delivery;
 - f) developing a business plan to guide investments; and
 - g) reporting annually on outcomes of Caring for our Country.

Role of the State

- 9.4 The State is responsible for:
- a) managing Funding and delivery arrangements with Proponents to ensure that investments are efficiently and effectively delivered;
 - b) managing the Caring for our Country Holding Account;
 - c) ensuring that the Proponents maintain a high level of governance; and
 - d) providing reporting information in an agreed timeframe and format to the Commonwealth to enable the Commonwealth to report annually on the outcomes of Caring for our Country.

10. MONITORING AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 10.1 The State agrees to assist the Commonwealth to monitor, evaluate and report on Caring for our Country Investments by requiring that the Proponent supplies data and information:
- a) to support outcome reporting on Caring for our Country Targets, outcomes and priorities;
 - b) that provides for evaluation of Caring for our Country Investments for impact, appropriateness, effectiveness, efficiency and legacy; and
 - c) where relevant and available, that incorporates monitoring the 'state of' and 'trend in' resource condition generally and specifically to support the Commonwealth to report on and evaluate the outcomes of Caring for our Country Investments.

- 10.2 The Parties agree that in relation to Caring for Our Country Investments, the State will ensure that the Proponent applies Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) principles to all Activities, consistent with the Australian Government National Natural Resource Management Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Framework.

11. COMMUNITY SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 11.1 The Parties acknowledge that the key outcomes of the Commonwealth investing in 'enhancing community skills, knowledge and engagement', one of the National Priority Areas, is to enhance the skills, knowledge and engagement of the community to make informed decisions and take collaborative action toward improving the condition of our land, water and biodiversity assets.

12. COMMUNICATION AND PROMOTION

- 12.1 The Parties agree that acknowledgement will be given to the Commonwealth for investments made by the Commonwealth through Caring for our Country under this Agreement. The Commonwealth's requirements, as periodically updated, in relation to acknowledgment, announcements, logos or badging on any promotional material, including but not limited to any publication, article, newsletter, brochure, other literary work, website, sign, poster and other material or literary work produced under Caring

for our Country; and at relevant forums, conferences, functions and events, are set out at www.nrm.gov.au.

- 12.2 The Commonwealth will ensure when making a public statement or in any publicity material produced under this Agreement that appropriate acknowledgement is given to the State.

PART 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

13. FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

- 13.1 Subject to Parliamentary appropriation, in 2008-09 the Commonwealth will provide Funding to the State consisting of:
- a) base level funding of \$20,600,000 to Regional NRM Bodies in Queensland, which represents no less than 60% of the long term average annual allocation provided by the Commonwealth under the previous NHT2 and NAP Programs; and
 - b) transitional funding of \$5,160,000 to Regional NRM Bodies in Queensland, to assist in the transition to Caring for our Country.
- 13.2 The Commonwealth may also provide funding to the State during the term of this Agreement consisting of:
- a) additional funds ('non-quarantined funds'), for which the Commonwealth will develop a delivery mechanism; and
 - b) Implementation of Election Commitment funding, the amount of which is to be decided during the term of this Agreement; and
 - c) such other funds as the Commonwealth decides.

Where the Commonwealth determines that funding of the types referred to in this clause 13.2 will be provided to the State, the Parties agree that this will be provided through an exchange of letters between an Authorised Officer of the Commonwealth and State Chief Executive and delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- 13.3 Subject to necessary State approvals, the State will provide cash funding of \$17,200,000 in 2008-09 towards its commitment to environmental and natural resource management in Queensland. This cash funding amount will be utilised for Regional NRM Body allocations, program administration (including monitoring and reporting), State-level programs and high profile programs.
- 13.4 The Parties acknowledge that the Commonwealth's National Partnership Payments are likely to be introduced in 2008-09 and operational arrangements contained in this Agreement may need to be reviewed and amended to meet these new requirements.

14. PAYMENT OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FUNDING

- 14.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the Commonwealth will pay Funds into the Caring for our Country Holding Account in the amounts specified in the Payment Schedule and at the following times:
- a) Payment 1 must be paid by 14 July 2008;
 - b) Payment 2 must be paid by 1 December 2008; and
 - c) Payment 3 must be paid by 15 February 2009.

Caring for our Country Holding Account

- 14.2 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the State will use the Caring for our Country Holding Account to separately record and account for all transactions made under this Agreement.
- 14.3 The State must ensure that the Caring for our Country Holding Account is an interest

bearing account. Interest payable is subject to the same terms and conditions as agreed with the financial institution with which the monies of the Department of Natural Resources and Water are deposited. The State will be responsible for the administration of Funds in the Caring for our Country Holding Account in accordance with this clause 14.

- 14.4 Any interest earned on the Funds held in the Caring for our Country Holding Account will be retained in the Caring for our Country Holding Account and reallocated by the Commonwealth to contribute to Caring for our Country priorities.

Administration of the Funds from the Caring for Our Country Holding Account

- 14.5 The Parties agree that the Commonwealth will be responsible for:
- a) authorising the release of Caring for our Country Funds from the Caring for our Country Holding Account;
 - b) reviewing six-monthly financial-milestone reports submitted by each Proponent for each Activity being undertaken by that Proponent in accordance with the relevant Schedules; and
 - c) reviewing annual performance reports submitted by each Proponent in relation to each Activity being undertaken by that Proponent in accordance with the relevant Schedules.
- 14.6 The Parties agree that the State must not pay the Funds out of the Caring for our Country Holding Account unless the Commonwealth has provided the State with a written authorisation to do so.
- 14.7 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the State will be responsible for making payments of Funds out of the Caring for our Country Holding Account to Proponents within 21 days of receiving the Commonwealth's written authorisation referred to in Clause 14.6 and subject to receipt of the appropriate invoice from the Proponent.
- 14.8 Funds released from the Caring for our Country Holding Account for the delivery of the Activities outlined in the Schedules to this Agreement must be paid to Proponents in accordance with signed Activity Agreements.
- 14.9 Release of the Funds from the Caring for our Country Holding Account for an Activity may be deferred until the Milestones or other agreed actions for that Activity have been completed to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth.
- 14.10 Any overpayments to a Proponent made by the State from the Caring for our Country Holding Account must be recovered by the State and returned to the Caring for our Country Holding Account. The returned Funds may be reallocated to Alternative Activities as approved by the Commonwealth.
- 14.11 The State must recover from Proponents any Funds that have not been spent on an Activity or have been misspent and deposit the returned Funds into the Caring for our Country Holding Account. Those returned Funds may be reallocated to Alternative Activities as approved by the Commonwealth.

15. REGIONAL DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

- 15.1 The State must, within 45 days from the Commencement Date, or at such other time as the Parties agree, enter into Activity Agreements with Proponents for all of the Activities outlined in the Schedules to this Agreement. The Activity Agreements must be consistent with all the conditions and reporting requirements of this Agreement.
- 15.2 Prior to the State entering into an Activity Agreement with a Proponent, the State must ensure that the Proponent:

- a) has the capacity to manage the Activity and monitor expenditure in accordance with sound accounting practices; and
- b) satisfies all of the relevant terms and conditions set out in this Agreement and any other terms and conditions that may apply to the Activity from time to time.

15.3 The Activity Agreements must provide that:

- a) the Proponents will perform, or procure the performance of, all of the Activities;
- b) the Proponents will achieve, or procure the achievement of, the Milestones and the Expected Outcomes;
- c) the State will pay the Funds allocated to an Activity specified in the Schedules to the Proponent when issued with a written direction from the Commonwealth to pay the Funds;
- d) if the Proponent intends to engage a third party to perform the Activity or Activities, and the same Proponent has previously engaged the same third party to perform an activity under NHT2, NAP or NLP, the third party must provide a complete acquittal of all prior funds before it receives any funds under the current Agreement; and
- e) the Activity Agreement may be terminated by the State if this Agreement is terminated.

15.4 Where the Milestones for an Activity are not specified in the Schedules, the Parties shall agree in writing on the Milestones for each such Activity within 30 days of the commencement of this Agreement. Once agreed, the Milestones shall be taken to be included in the Schedules. In the event that the Parties do not agree on the Milestones for an Activity, any Funds which have been paid into the Caring for our Country Holding Account for the purpose of that Activity shall be retained in that Account and reallocated to Alternative Activities as approved by the Commonwealth.

15.5 The State must not enter into an Activity Agreement in respect of an Activity unless the Expected Outcomes as specified in the Schedule for that Activity are reflected in the Activity Agreement.

16. AUDITING, REPORTING AND ACQUITTAL REQUIREMENTS

16.1 The State must provide to the Commonwealth, by 30 September each year in respect of the financial year ending on the previous 30 June, an Annual Financial Statement for the Caring for our Country Holding Account audited by an Independent Auditor. The audited Annual Financial Statement must include:

- a) all Funds received into the Caring for our Country Holding Account;
- b) all Funds paid out of the Caring for Our Country Holding Account by Proponent and Activity;
- c) interest accrued in the Caring for our Country Holding Account;
- d) any Funds returned or recovered from the Proponents and deposited back into the Caring for our Country Holding Account; and
- e) a certification signed by the Certifying Officer stating that, in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, the transactions shown on the statement were made in accordance with this Agreement.

16.2 The State must ensure that the Activity Agreements made with each Proponent includes a requirement that each Proponent must submit to the Joint Strategic Investment Panel, covering all Activities:

- a) a draft financial-Milestone report by 15 November 2008;
- b) six-monthly financial-Milestone reports by 12 January and 12 July;
- c) an annual performance report against Expected Outcomes, Caring for our Country Targets, outcomes and priorities by 12 July subject to subclause (e);

- d) an annual financial report audited by an Independent Auditor by 15 September; and
- e) a final report and acquittal for Activities which do not receive continued funding in 2009-10 within 30 days of completion of the Activity. This report will replace the 12 July performance report outlined in clause 16.2(c) above if the report is going to be received by the Commonwealth before 30 September.

The format of each report will be provided by the Commonwealth by 30 September 2008 and will, in relation to performance and final reports, include a requirement for monitoring and reporting as per clause 10.

- 16.3 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, Proponents who are to receive ongoing funding and have failed to submit the required reports or acquittals referred to in clause 16.2, or have submitted inadequate information, will not be paid any further Funds by the Commonwealth until the reports or acquittals have been satisfactorily completed. The Commonwealth must direct the State in writing that the reports or acquittals have not been submitted or satisfactorily completed and that no further Caring for our Country Funds will be paid until such time as the Commonwealth is satisfied that the Proponent has fulfilled their obligations in relation to the reports or acquittals. The State will, upon receipt of the Commonwealth's written direction, advise the Proponent of same.
- 16.4 The State must ensure that the Activity Agreements made with each Proponent include a requirement that a copy of the final report in clause 16.2(e) above for each Activity is forwarded directly to the Commonwealth.
- 17. ACTIVITY MATERIAL, ASSETS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**
- 17.1 For Activities undertaken by the Proponent, the Intellectual Property in Activity Material created under or in connection with this Agreement vests on its creation in the Proponent. The State will ensure that Proponents grant to the Commonwealth an irrevocable, royalty-free, world wide, non-exclusive licence (including the right to sub-licence) to use, reproduce, adapt and exploit the Activity Material.
- 17.2 The State must ensure that the Commonwealth is provided with a copy of all Activity Material upon request.
- 17.3 Ownership of Intellectual Property in any Pre-existing Material owned by the Commonwealth, the State, Proponent or a third party is unaffected by clause 17.1, unless otherwise agreed by the State, the Commonwealth and any relevant third party.
- 17.4 Unless otherwise agreed between the Parties, Assets required for Activity implementation and acquired with Caring for our Country Funds, shall be deemed to be the property of the Proponent, provided that they are used to advance the objectives of the Caring for our Country as applicable following completion of the Activity. For Commonwealth monitoring purposes, the State must ensure that the Proponent maintains a register of Assets in accordance with its own accounting practices for assets acquired under this Agreement.
- 17.5 To the extent that Activity Material or Pre-existing Material comprises traditional Indigenous knowledge that is culturally sensitive to Indigenous groups, the Parties agree that they will not disclose such material to persons or bodies outside the Commonwealth or the State without the agreement of the relevant Indigenous groups.

18. BOOKS AND RECORDS

- 18.1 The State must ensure, by including suitable provisions in the Activity Agreement, that the Proponent:
- a) keeps and must require its contractors to keep adequate books and records in sufficient detail to enable the amounts of Funds payable by the State to the Proponent to be determined separately;
 - b) retains for a period of six years after termination or expiration of the Activity Agreement books and records relating to the provision of the Funds;
 - c) allows the Commonwealth and its representatives, at reasonable times, to audit (including examine and copy) material in the possession of the Proponent which is relevant to this Agreement (including the Proponent's books and records); and
 - d) gives full and accurate answers to any questions the Commonwealth or its representatives may have concerning the books or records relating to this Agreement and provides all assistance reasonably requested by the Commonwealth in respect of any inquiry into or concerning the Activity Agreement or the Activity.
- 18.2 The State must:
- a) keep and require its contractors to keep adequate books and records in sufficient detail to enable amounts of Funds payable by the Commonwealth under this Agreement to be separately determined;
 - b) retain for a period of six years after termination or expiration of this Agreement all books and records relating to the provision of Funds to the State;
 - c) allow the Commonwealth and its representatives, at reasonable times, to audit (including examine and copy) material in the possession of the State which is relevant to a Proponent Agreement; and
 - d) give full and accurate answers to any questions the Commonwealth or its representatives may have concerning any books or records relating to this Agreement and provide all assistance reasonably requested by the Commonwealth in respect of any inquiry into or concerning an Activity Agreement or this Agreement. For these purposes an inquiry includes any administrative or statutory review, audit or inquiry (whether with or external to the Commonwealth), and request for information directed to the Commonwealth, and any inquiry conducted by Parliament or a Parliamentary committee.

19. TAXES, DUTIES AND GOVERNMENT CHARGES

- 19.1 All taxes, duties and government charges imposed or levied in Australia or overseas, including any GST, in connection with this Agreement must be borne by the Party as specified in the relevant legislation.

PART 4 OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

20. OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT

- 20.1 During the term of this Agreement, the Parties will notify and consult each other on matters that come to their attention that may improve the operation of this Agreement.
- 20.2 In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention appears:
- a) reference to an individual or person includes a corporation or other legal entity or, where a person is nominated, the individual occupying that position;
 - b) words in the singular number include the plural and words in the plural number include the singular;
 - c) words importing a gender include any other gender;

- d) all references to clauses are clauses in this Agreement unless specified;
- e) all references to dollars are to Australian dollars and this Agreement uses Australian currency and are exclusive of GST unless otherwise stated;
- f) reference to any statute or other legislation (whether primary or subordinate) is to a statute or other legislation of the Commonwealth or the State as the context requires, and if it has been or is amended, is a reference to that statute or other legislation as amended; and
- g) where any word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any other part of speech or other grammatical form in respect of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning; and other words and expressions used in this Agreement will, so far as is applicable, have the meanings attributed to them by definitions in the Act.

20.3 The Schedules form part of this Agreement. If there is any inconsistency between the clauses of this Agreement and the Schedules, the following order of precedence applies:

- a) the terms and conditions contained in the clauses of this Agreement; then
- b) the Schedules.

Variation

20.4 Subject to clauses 20.5 and 20.6, this Agreement may only be varied by agreement of both Parties in writing.

20.5 The State may, with the agreement of the Commonwealth Project Officer in writing, vary:

- a) payment schedules under an Activity Agreement, (but not the total funding for the Activities);
- b) Milestone due dates that do not extend the final completion date of the Activities; and
- c) Milestones that do not alter the Expected Outcomes of the Activities.

20.6 The Joint Strategic Investment Panel may vary:

- a) Funds for an Activity, provided that the variation is no more than 10% (or \$200,000 whichever is the lesser amount) and that any variation is offset against variations to the total funding of other Activities in the same region;
- b) Milestone dates that do not extend the final completion date of that Activity by more than 6 months from the original completion date; and
- c) Outputs for an Activity that result in no more than a 10% variation (where quantifiable, or where not, in the reasonable opinion of the Joint Strategic Investment Panel).

Review of Activity

20.7. The Commonwealth may at any time review the progress of an Activity and the State shall cooperate in any such review.

20.8 Where the Commonwealth considers that the performance of an Activity has not fulfilled the conditions of this Agreement, and the State cannot resolve the matter with the Proponent, and the Parties, following discussion, have not been able to renegotiate the Activity so as to achieve a satisfactory result, the Activity may be terminated in accordance with clause 20.9.

20.9 Subject to clauses 20.8, and 20.10, an Activity may be terminated by the Commonwealth by written notice to the State. Where the State receives such a notice it shall recover from the relevant Proponent all Funds provided to the Proponent that have not been expended by the Proponent or which the Proponent has misspent and return those Funds to the Caring for our Country Holding Account. Such recovered Funds along with any other Funds held in the Caring for our Country Holding Account in respect of the terminated Activity will be reallocated to Alternative

Activities as approved by the Commonwealth.

- 20.10 The Funds referred to in clause 20.9 do not include Funds legally committed for expenditure by the Proponent in accordance with the Activity Agreement before the date of the Commonwealth's written notice.

Dispute Resolution

- 20.11 The Parties agree that any dispute arising during the course of this Agreement is to be dealt with as follows:

- a) the Party claiming that there is a dispute will send the other written notice setting out the nature of the dispute; and
- b) the Parties will try to resolve the dispute through direct negotiation by persons who have the authority to resolve the dispute.

- 20.12 If the Parties' representatives are unable to resolve the dispute, the Parties will refer the dispute to the Commonwealth Ministers and the State Ministers for resolution.

Termination

- 20.13 If the Commonwealth Ministers and the State Ministers are unable to resolve a dispute in accordance with clause 20.12, the Agreement will be terminated three (3) months after the Commonwealth or State Ministers notify the other Party's Ministers of their intention to terminate.

Recovery of Unspent Funds

- 20.14 If the Agreement is terminated under clause 20.13, the State must recover from Proponents any Funds that are unspent (other than Funds that have been legally committed for expenditure in accordance with an Activity Agreement before the date of termination) or have been misspent and return those Funds, together with any other Funds remaining in the Caring for our Country Holding Account, to the Commonwealth.

Authority

- 20.15 Any action which under this Agreement is required or permitted to be taken by a Party, other than which is specifically required to be taken by a Minister, may be taken by an Authorised Officer of the Commonwealth and State Chief Executive.

Compliance with laws

- 20.16 The Parties must, in carrying out their obligations under this Agreement, comply with the provisions of all relevant statutes, regulations, by-law and requirement of the Commonwealth and the State.

Counterparts

- 20.17 This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts which, when taken together, will constitute one instrument.

21 NOTICES

- 21.1 Any notice, request or other communication to be given under this Agreement is to be in writing directed to the recipient's address specified in clause 21.2.

- 21.2 The Parties' notice details are:

The Commonwealth:

Australian Government Natural Resource Management Team
GPO Box 787
Canberra ACT 2601

The State

Department of Natural Resources and Water

22.2 In this Agreement, the following definitions apply unless a contrary intention appears within this Agreement.

Activity/ Activities	means a project or activity, or set of activities, listed in the Schedules to this Agreement;
Activity Agreement	means the agreement between the State of Queensland and a Proponent to deliver one or more Activities;
Activity Material	means all Material created as part of or in performance of an Activity, and includes new, enhanced or derived data;
Agreement	means all parts of this Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland and includes any Schedules and/or Attachments to this Agreement;
Alternative Activities	means alternative Activities approved in writing by the Commonwealth;
Asset	is defined as a capital item to the value of \$10,000 or more;
Authorised Officer of the Commonwealth	means an officer of the Commonwealth who has the relevant delegation;
Caring for our Country Holding Account	means the account established by the State of Queensland within the Department of Natural Resources and Water referred to in clause 14;
Certifying Officer	means the authorised officer (senior executive or general manager) of the Department of Natural Resources and Water;
Commencement Date	means 1 July 2008;
Culturally Sensitive	means any traditional or cultural issue which in accordance with traditional laws and customs, including as advised by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders, is considered to be sensitive, or of a secret or sacred nature;
Election Commitments	means the 2007 Commonwealth Election Commitments as referred to in Preamble C and clause 6.1(d);
Expected Outcomes	means the outcome expected to be achieved for each Activity as specified in the Schedule for that Activity;
Financial Agreement	means an agreement entered between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland under the previous NHT2 and NAP Bilateral Agreements;
Funding or Funds	means the amount payable by the Commonwealth under this Agreement for Activities;
GST	has the meaning as given in clause 195-1 of the GST Act;

GST Act	means the <i>A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999</i> (Cth);
Independent Auditor	is a person who is member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the National Institute of Accountants, or CPA Australia, or who is registered as an auditor pursuant to the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth);
Intellectual Property	includes all copyright (including rights in relation to phonograms and broadcasts), all rights in relation to inventions (including patent rights), plant varieties, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and circuit layouts, and all other rights resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic fields, as well as traditional Indigenous knowledge but does not include Moral Rights;
Investment	means a payment of Funding directed at achieving Caring for our Country outcomes under this Agreement;
Joint Strategic Investment Panel	means the Commonwealth/State panel whose role is described in clause 9.2;
Local Government	means legally constituted Councils, Shires, Municipalities or other local authorities established under State legislation, including the State Government (under a two-tier government arrangement). This definition includes Deed of Grant in Trust bodies which are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-run local governments;
Material	includes documents, equipment, software, goods, information and data stored by any means;
Milestones	means the milestones for each Activity specified in the Schedule for that Activity, or as agreed in accordance with clause 15.4;
National Priority Areas for Investment	means the six National Priority Areas for Investment of the Commonwealth as identified in Preamble C of this Agreement;
NAP	means the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality adopted by Commonwealth, State/Territory Governments between 2002 – 2008 to address salinity and improve water quality in priority areas;
NHT2	means the second phase of the Natural Heritage Trust (funding period 2002-03 to 2007-08);
NRM	means natural resource management, which includes any activity relating to the management of the use, development or conservation of one or more of the following natural resources: soil, water, vegetation, biodiversity or any other natural resource, including coastal and marine areas and World Heritage, Ramsar Wetlands and the natural values of nationally listed heritage places;
NRM Facilitators	means Australian Government NRM Facilitators and Indigenous Land Management Facilitators funded under Caring for our Country;
NRM Region	means the geographic regions for which NRM planning will be undertaken, and will include the coastal waters of the State of

	Queensland and the sea-bed and subsoil beneath, and the airspace above;
Party or Parties	means the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland who are signatories to this Agreement;
Payment Schedule	means schedule 1 as attached to this Agreement;
Pre-existing Material	any Material in existence prior to the commencement of this Agreement;
Previous Bilateral Agreements	refers to the Bilateral Agreements made between the Parties for the purposes of: the delivery of the second phase of the Natural Heritage Trust (known as the NHT Extension) on 18 June 2004 (NHT2 Bilateral Agreement); and the delivery of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) on 24 February 2002 (NAP Bilateral Agreement);
Project Officer	means the Commonwealth officer responsible for the administration of this Agreement as nominated by the Commonwealth and notified to the State from time to time;
Proponent	means the organisation, including a Regional NRM Body, responsible for performing one or more Activities under an Activity Agreement;
Regional Investment Strategies	means the document outlining the elements of a Regional NRM Plan for which Caring for our Country Funding is sought;
Regional NRM Body	means a regional body designated by the Parties for the purposes of Caring for our Country as established under NHT2;
Regional NRM Plan	means an integrated catchment/regional natural resource management plan accredited under NHT2;
Schedules	means schedules 2-15 attached to this Agreement or a schedule agreed in accordance with clause 15.4;
Stakeholder	includes persons, groups or institutions (including local, regional, state and Commonwealth government agencies) with interests in a policy, programme or project relevant to the delivery of Caring for our Country;
State	means the State of Queensland;
State Chief Executive	has the meaning attributed to it in the <i>Public Service Act 1996</i> (Qld);
Targets	means a target specified by the Commonwealth for Caring for our Country;
Transitional Year	Means the 2008-09 Financial Year;
The Act	means the <i>Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Act 1997</i> (Cth), as amended from time to time, unless otherwise specified;
Term of this Agreement	refers to the period described in clause 2.

EXECUTED as an agreement.

Signed for and on behalf of the COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA by:

The Honourable Peter Garrett MP, AM
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

This _____ day of _____ 2008

The Honourable Tony Burke MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

This _____ day of _____ 2008

Signed for and on behalf of the STATE OF QUEENSLAND by:

The Honourable Craig Wallace, MLA
Minister for Natural Resources and Water

This _____ day of _____ 2008

The Honourable Andrew McNamara, MLA
Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation.

This _____ day of _____ 2008

SCHEDULE 1: PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Commonwealth Payments:

Period	Amount	Payment Due Date
First (July to December 2008)	\$15,500,000	By 14 July 2008
Second (January to March 2009)	\$6,500,000	By 1 December 2008
Third (April to June 2009)	\$3,760,000	By 15 February 2009
Total	\$25,760,000	

SCHEDULE 2: Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management Inc (BMRG)

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Biodiversity Partnerships	The aim of this program will be to establish 52 conservation covenants (both voluntary and attached to title) resulting in 500 ha of protected/enhanced land leading to protection for high value and iconic environmental assets, enhancement and rehabilitation of wetlands, coastal native vegetation, riparian and terrestrial vegetation, and eradication, reduction or containment of pest plants and animals.	<p>Contribution to terrestrial native, riparian and wetland vegetation being enhanced/rehabilitated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 ha will be fenced to protect Endangered/Vulnerable/Rare listed species and high value ecological communities from feral animals and predators. • In partnership with the South East Queensland Rainforest Recovery Program will provide incentives and extension services to landholders. • Weed management by Fraser Island Natural Integrity Alliance. • Landholder capacity to enter into conservation agreements will be increased through training sessions resulting in both formal and voluntary conservation partnerships being developed. 	\$620,000			
Better Catchments	BMRG's Better Catchments program is an integrated approach to delivery of on-ground outcomes and will deliver improved catchment health with a focus on improving resource condition within priority sub-catchments. The program will focus on protection and rehabilitation of streams, rivers and marine aquatic habitats through improved water quality [sedimentation, pollutants and environmental flows] implementing a strategic catchment/sub-catchment based pest plant and animal control program, as well as coastal and estuarine remediation activities.	<p>Delivery of high levels of resource condition improvement within each priority sub-catchment and a reduction of the impacts of pest plants and animals on land, water, biodiversity and productivity assets leading to an overall improvement in wider catchments condition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant species recovery actions for species such as the Glossy Black Cockatoo and Grey Nurse Sharks listed under the IUCN Red List of Threatened Animals in March 2000 and EPBC Act 1999. • In-stream habitats enhancement programs established. • 85 ha of native terrestrial and riparian vegetation established in high priority areas. 	\$737,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Country to Coast Regional NRM Plan	This program will review and align the BMRG's "Country to Coast" natural resource management plan with the state and local government "Wide Bay 2026" statutory regional plan that provides clear direction for future growth in the Wide Bay Burnett region.	Agreement with state agencies, local governments, business, industry, community groups and the BMRG to regional NRM targets under the BMRG "Country to Coast" Regional Plan. This will lead to more focused use of funding to deliver and measure on-ground NRM outcomes.	\$125,000			
Local Government Engagement, Partnerships and Projects	The aim of this program will be to engage local governments to achieve natural resource management (NRM) outcomes, participate and initiate NRM projects, contribute and develop NRM planning mechanisms, and to further local governments' connection with the NRM community.	<p>A Regional Council partnership will be formed to address natural resource management issues resulting in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporation of water quality and biodiversity components in Regional Councils' storm water management plans. • Training of local government employees in natural asset identification, condition assessment skills and operational practices. 	\$78,000			
Community Development, Engagement and Education	This program will assist in the BMRG's stakeholder and community development, ensuring effective engagement and delivery of a focused education campaign targeting educational institutes, not for profit groups and industry groups.	<p>Development of mentoring programs; increased awareness and education; knowledge sharing networks created and maintained; and stakeholder maps created. Outcomes will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten school based seminars held to increase awareness in NRM and worksheets distributed. • Four seminars with 100 participants on Business Sustainability held targeting not for profit groups. • NRM awards held to recognise achievements of community and industry. <p>The outcome will be the effective increase in the number of people within the community achieving, supporting, promoting, and initiating NRM outcomes.</p>	\$150,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Caring for Country	The aim of this program will be to actively engage traditional owners in the planning for and implementing of natural resource management activities.	The Traditional Owner Working Group actively planning for and implementing natural resource management activities, including completion of the Cultural Heritage Mapping for the Burnett Mary region. Outcomes will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Owner Working Group meetings held. • Mapping training held for up to 30 participants. • Traditional Ecological Knowledge protocols implemented. 	\$90,000			
Core Costs	This program ensures the regional body's operation is smooth, efficient and effective, with active support from the Board ensuring clear direction and accountability.	An efficient organisation backed by an effective Board, leading to natural resource management programs and projects being implemented delivering effective and efficient governance practices that meet the requirements of the relevant statutes.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$2,050,000.00	\$1,025,000	\$512,500	\$512,500

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SCHEDULE 3: Burdekin Solutions Ltd, trading as ‘Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM’

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Managing pest plants and animals	<p>Develop and maintain a coordinated, cost-effective regional-scale response to controlling pest plants and animals, and preventing and eradicating new and emerging pests and weeds, through regional-scale collaborative pest management planning and the maintenance of a rapid-response to emerging pests.</p> <p>Prevent the emergence of new pest plants through collaboration with plant nurseries, and widespread community promotion.</p>	<p>Regional biodiversity and agricultural assets are protected from pest plants and animals by region-wide targeted, coordinated and cost-effective collaborative arrangements, including eradication of new and emerging pest and animal threats before the problem becomes more pervasive.</p>	\$205,000			
Threatened habitats and endangered species	<p>Targets existing endangered species including Irwin’s Turtle, Black Throated Finch, and the Northern Quoll, and works with landholders, QEPA, researchers and the wider community to improve and/or increase habitat.</p>	<p>The population viability of Irwin’s Turtle, the Black Throated Finch and the Northern Quoll is improved through the protection of critical habitat.</p>	\$190,000			
Restoring and maintaining habitat connectivity	<p>Sub program works with landholders, building a landscape stewardship ethic, and building their capacity to restore and maintain habitat connectivity in the landscape.</p>	<p>Improved resilience and conservation of ecological communities in productive landscapes by the off-reserve protection of habitat and bio-regional corridors in three threatened regional ecosystems (Einasleigh Uplands, the Desert Uplands and, the Brigalow Belt North).</p>	\$120,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Restoration of priority wetlands in the lower Burdekin	Works with relevant landholders and land managers in the priority Barratta and Sheepstation Creek systems, to secure long term maintenance and protection of priority wetlands through planning, targeted weed management, appropriate flow management, where possible, such as increasing environmental releases by Sunwater from the lower irrigation area, and collaborative stewardship agreements.	Improved habitat condition and functionality of wetlands in the Barratta and Sheepstation Creek systems, including the long term commitment for future management in accordance with best practice standards.	\$170,000			
Supporting an integrated monitoring response for the Burdekin & Black Ross WQIPs	<p>Sub program to enhance the regional coordination and delivery of monitoring and reporting within the Burdekin and Black Ross WQIP by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building and supporting collaboration and alignment of effort between key stakeholders in the implementation of the Burdekin and Black Ross WQIP Water Quality Monitoring strategies; • improving the transfer of information knowledge amongst the resource managers and users, and the wider community; and • improve the community's capacity to understand and aid in water quality monitoring. 	Enhanced water quality in the Burdekin, Black and Ross rivers through improved management resulting from better coordinated and cost-effective water quality monitoring, more effective data and knowledge sharing amongst resource managers, and better community understanding of water quality issues.	\$90,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Sustainable coastal development	Works with local government, GBRMPA and other key coastal resource users and managers, to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective regional collaboration and partnerships, and • the integration of best practice into coastal planning and management, through the provision of environmental information and expertise. 	Improved protection of high priority coastal bio-physical assets by the adoption of ecologically sustainable best practice in the planning, use and development of the region's coastal resources by resource users and managers.	\$220,000			
Healthy Coastal and Marine Ecosystems	Works with the community to improve their understanding of estuarine and coastal fish habitat and threats to it, and encourage improved stewardship of fish habitats.	Improved protection and management of high use coastal fish habitats in the region through better community understanding of the importance of estuarine and coastal fish habitat and threats to it.	\$190,000			
Building community capacity and engagement in coastal management	Supports coast care groups, land-holders, and traditional owners in the effective delivery of on ground management actions, through the targeted delivery of advice, resources training and extension.	Enhanced coastal habitat protection and management through improved knowledge and skills of coast-care groups, land-holders and Traditional Owners, and their greater engagement and participation in sustainable coastal management.	\$180,000			
Integrated groundwater management in the lower Burdekin	Works with key groundwater stakeholders to improve the ecological health of groundwater dependent ecosystems, and the sustainability of intensive agriculture in the lower Burdekin, through improved collaboration and alignment of effort, improved knowledge transfer, and the alignment and integration of groundwater management with the wider management of natural resources.	Improved ecological health of groundwater dependent ecosystems as a result of better coordination and alignment of effort between groundwater management stakeholders in the lower Burdekin, within a wider NRM systems framework.	\$60,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Sustainable Grazing Land Management	In partnership with industry, work with the grazing land managers in high priority erosion catchments, to improve their skills, knowledge and understanding of landscape function and socio-economic resilience, with a particular focus on maintaining and/or enhancing soil health and improving water quality outcomes. The program is focused on delivery of targeted extension and property planning at the property scale.	Improved water quality in the Bogie River sub-catchment through the increased adoption of sustainable grazing land management practices by 20% of land owners.	\$470,000			
Sustainable Agricultural Land Management	In partnership with the horticultural industry and other stakeholders, work with the farming community to benchmark current NRM-sensitive practice.	Improved practices for sustainable management of natural resources in the horticultural industry by more efficiently and effectively targeting practice change programs as a result of better knowledge of current practice.	\$50,000			
Supporting an Effective and Resilient NRM Community	Working with community-based NRM groups, this sub program seeks to develop strong community networks, and build NRM skills, capacity, knowledge and awareness.	Regional natural resources are better managed as a result of community-based NRM groups being more effectively engaged, empowered and enabled to participate in the management of natural resources.	\$160,000			
Fostering Community Engagement and Participation	Through targeted communications and marketing, this sub program seeks to inform, consult, involve, collaborate with and empower the broader community to address natural resource management issues and to take part in decision making regarding natural resource management.	Natural resource management programs in the Burdekin region will be more effective as the wider Burdekin community is better able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand the relevance of NRM; • identify opportunities and have the confidence to participate in NRM activities and processes; and • understand and recognize all perspectives within the community in relation to NRM. 	\$80,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Valuing and building capacity for Traditional Owner Management of Land and Sea Country	Working with Traditional Owners, and other relevant stakeholders, this sub program seeks the achievement of real and measurable outcomes for Traditional Owners in the management of Land and Sea Country, through Governance support, targeted capacity building, and the provision of technical and other support for country based management planning.	16 Traditional Owner groups are more effectively engaged, skilled, empowered and participating in the management of country and natural resources.	\$235,000			
Core Operating Costs	To enable the Board to function and meet on a regular basis to ensure it meets requirements under the Companies Act and mitigates risk of investing public money. Provide operating structure and business support to enable the Board and regional body to operate in accordance with relevant legal and contractual requirements.	A skilled and representative regional body Board managing public investment that delivers on the outcomes of Caring for our Country. Well designed and implemented NRM programs and projects delivered in accordance with best practice governance that meets the requirements of the relevant standards and statutes.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$2,670,000	\$1,602,000	\$667,500	\$400,500

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SCHEDULE 4: Cape York Region

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
<p>Endangered Rare and Vulnerable Fauna Species</p>	<p>Implements recovery actions, in particular addressing threatening processes (identified from the Biodiversity Back-on-Track program) that impact on multiple threatened species in Cape York.</p> <p>Augments a wildlife corridor in the Julatten area to improve the integrity of the Wet Tropics World Heritage boundary and the conservation status of the Southern Cassowary <i>Casuarius casuarius johnsonii</i>.</p>	<p>Improved protection of five high priority threatened species or ecosystems restricted to, or with their predominant occurrence in, Cape York Peninsula.</p> <p>Improved conservation outcomes for the Southern Cassowary <i>Casuarius casuarius johnsonii</i> in the Julatten-Mowbray area.</p>	<p>\$315,000</p>			
<p>Protection and management of Priority Wetlands</p>	<p>Works with stakeholders and school groups to raise awareness of important wetlands (e.g. Keatings Lagoon), undertake catchment management in (e.g. Bloomfield/Yalangi/Laura/Normanby), management planning (Jack Lakes), and breeding and release of <i>Salvinia</i> weevil to prevent wider downstream infestation of significant wetlands.</p> <p>Raises awareness of exotic fish species (<i>Tilapia</i>) to prevent deliberate or accidental release.</p>	<p>Control of <i>Salvinia</i> at Honey Dam, preventing infestation of the significant wetlands of Lakefield National Park;</p> <p>Reduces risk of further <i>Tilapia</i> ingress into northern river systems;</p> <p>Builds community awareness of the importance of wetlands management.</p>	<p>\$261,500</p>			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Turtle nest protection and monitoring	Continues control of feral pigs and dogs in western coastal Cape York to reduce impacts on turtle nests and coastal swale/dune vegetation. Quantifies the results of differing control techniques to improve future targeting of resources.	Reduce feral pig and feral dog predation on marine turtle nests on Cape York to improve the breeding success of Flatback, Hawksbill and Olive Ridley turtles.	\$250,000			
Coastal freshwater and marine ecosystem Health	Continues off-shore sea-grass health assessment and water quality monitoring in the Annan-Endeavour river system. Builds capacity within indigenous communities to conduct water quality monitoring.	Provides an important benchmark for Reef Rescue water quality monitoring in the lagoon and adjacent catchments.	\$290,000			
Weed and Feral Animal Management	Implements elements of the <i>Cape York Weed and Feral Animal Management Strategy</i> to contain and/or stem the spread of pest species, or limit their impacts in key areas.	At least four Weeds of National Significance and several key feral animals (pigs, black buck and wild dogs) targeted in strategic areas to minimise spread and re-infection in areas important for maintaining ecosystem function.	\$290,500			
Fire management of savannah ecosystems	The impact of fire on the Biodiversity of Cape York Peninsula Project aims to provide land managers with the knowledge and capacity to strategically manage fire for biodiversity, and to monitor the impact of fire on biodiversity in order to adapt management as new information becomes available.	Improved knowledge of the impact of different fire regimes on savannah ecosystems and associated landholder training.	\$253,000			
TOTAL			\$1,660,000	\$685,140	\$539,930	\$434,930

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SCHEDULE 5: Condamine Catchment Natural Resource Management Corporation Ltd, trading as ‘Condamine Alliance’

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Biodiversity Partnerships	Aligns regional NRM plans with local government plans and decision making through partnerships with local government and utility organizations in the Condamine catchment which have influence on reducing biodiversity decline.	Protection of high priority biodiversity assets including 1000 ha of regional ecosystems, habitats supporting Endangered Vulnerable or Rare (EVR) species, and/or bioregional corridors.	\$220,000			
Endangered Vulnerable and Rare Fauna Species	Targets existing endangered communities of bluegrass, vine scrub and Brigalow and works with landholders to increase the extent and improve the condition of the ecosystems ensuring improved capacity of landholders to ensure long term management of the ecosystems.	Increased extent and improved condition of three habitats supporting endangered ecosystems: bluegrass grassland, Vine thicket and Brigalow.	\$500,000			
River Rescue	Implements the Condamine River Rescue Program through partnerships with the key stakeholders to improve the aquatic habitat of six high priority reaches.	Six aquatic habitats have improved habitat area and native fish populations have increased.	\$210,000			
Intensive Livestock Industry delivering Water Quality Outcomes	In partnership with the dairy and egg industry, this sub-program will focus on knowledge, skills and understanding and the environmental and associated production benefits and encourage a stewardship arrangement in managing effluent and practices to deliver water quality outcomes.	Water quality is improved in the Condamine catchment through increased adoption of sustainable dairy (30% increase) and egg industry (25% increase) practices.	\$150,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Sustainable Farming	In partnership with industry, work with the agricultural community to improve their skills, knowledge and understanding of the key natural resource management issues (salinity, water use efficiency, soil health) and the management options required in a changing climate; and encourage a stewardship arrangement in managing environmental performance.	Key environmental benefits in a changing climate are delivered through the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices across 3 industry groups and 30 key influential land managers.	\$200,000			
Cover in grazing lands providing multiple benefits	Work with the grazing land managers to improve their skills, knowledge and understanding of cover and the environmental and associated production benefits and encourage a stewardship arrangement in managing cover levels.	Soil assets are protected from water erosion, through the maintenance of 50% groundcover across an additional 10,000 ha of grazing land.	\$150,000			
Land Management Analysis	Provides an updated snapshot of land management and ground cover across the catchment to build upon the knowledge gained from previous surveys (2005, 2006 and 2007).	Identification of geographical areas adopting sustainable farm practices to inform risks and immediate future investment.	\$30,000			
Community Partnerships	This sub program will target land managers from the five key catchment sectors (farming, grazing, urban, peri-urban and local government) to increase engagement with the specific mandate for implementation of on-ground actions across the key NRM issues.	Land managers from 5 catchment community sectors (farming, grazing, urban, peri-urban and local government) with improved knowledge and skills to manage natural resources.	\$120,000			
Indigenous Partnerships	Protection of the cultural values of the Condamine catchment through the continued facilitation of the established Indigenous partnerships.	100% of Caring for Our Country programs and associated projects will be assessed by Traditional Owners for cultural significance.	\$150,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Core Operating Costs	To enable the Board to function and meet on a regular basis to ensure the Alliance meets its requirements under the Companies Act and mitigates risk of investing public money. Provide operating structure and business support to enable the Alliance and the Board to operate in accordance with relevant legal and contractual requirements.	Board managing public investment that delivers on the outcomes of Caring for our Country. Programs and projects implemented that deliver effective and efficient governance practices that meet the requirements of the relevant statutes.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$1,980,000	\$1,294,000	\$358,000	\$328,000

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SCHEDULE 6: Desert Channels Queensland Inc

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
<p>Protecting Our Future Biodiversity and Natural Icons</p>	<p>The Protecting Our Future program represents the main delivery vehicle for integrated on-ground, capacity building and technical support activities directly targeting national Caring for our Country priorities.</p> <p>The Biodiversity and Natural Icons sub-program involves a range of activities to plan, prioritise and implement biodiversity initiatives.</p>	<p>Improved biodiversity and protection of endangered species and other priority ecosystems, through on ground initiatives such as fencing, re-vegetation and control of pest plants and animals, complemented by attitudinal and practice change, with specific targeted species and areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mound springs containing suites of species endemic to single springs in many cases (Edgbaston goby, Elizabeth Springs goby); • <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river red gum) riparian corridors and their associated fauna including the red goshawk and grey falcon; • the cracking clay soils of the Mitchell Grass Downs – home to the Julia Creek dunnart; • the grassland ecosystems of the iconic Channel Country – critical to the survival of the plain’s rat, kowari, dusky hopping mouse, bilby and letterwing kite; • the Desert Uplands – a biodiversity hotspot, with its high rate of floral endemism, and birds such as the black throated finch, and eastern race of squatter pigeon. <p>Pest management will include ongoing monitoring, mapping and control of invasive pest species of national significance, including prickly acacia, mesquite, parkinsonia, parthenium and rubber vine; identification and control of emerging pest species such as cactus; and monitoring and control of feral cat populations.</p>	<p>\$1,052,000 total for all 3 sub-programs under <i>Protecting Our Future</i></p>			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Protecting Our Future Sustainable Farm Practices	<p>The Protecting Our Future program represents the main delivery vehicle for integrated on-ground, capacity building and technical support activities directly targeting national Caring for our Country priorities.</p> <p>The Sustainable Farm Practices sub-program involves identifying, and working in, strategic areas for improved land management particularly in relation to pasture and invasive species. Activities will include provision of integrated property planning, information and training, and funding and supporting on-ground action to improve farm practices. While investment will focus on strategic areas, a portion will be accessible to all relevant properties in the region. Achievements will be enhanced through developing partnerships with experienced training and other rural service providers.</p>	<p>Improved maintenance of ground cover and reduction of total grazing pressure on the region's largely intact natural grazing systems including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Mitchell Grass Downs • the Channel Country • the fragile land systems of the Desert Uplands biodiversity hotspot. <p>This will involve on-ground initiatives such as fencing for stock exclusion, installation of alternative watering points, vegetation regeneration, maintenance of ground cover and improved management of total grazing pressure, and will be reinforced by training and technical support for landholders in property planning & ongoing control of nationally significant invasive pest species - see <i>Biodiversity & Natural Icons</i> above.</p>	\$1,052,000 total for all 3 sub-programs under <i>Protecting Our Future</i>			
Protecting Our Future - Critical Aquatic Habitats	<p>The Protecting Our Future program represents the main delivery vehicle for integrated on-ground, capacity building and technical support activities directly targeting national Caring for our Country priorities.</p> <p>The Critical Aquatic Habitats sub-program involves protection and improved management of key aquatic refugia in the arid region. These refugia include permanent waterholes, ephemeral lakes and springs, and actions will be developed and implemented through a range of focused planning, capacity building and on-ground initiatives.</p>	<p>Increased area of critical aquatic habitats protected and/or rehabilitated through on ground initiatives such as stock exclusion and installation of alternative watering points, all directed at protection or enhancement of wetlands and their associated flora and fauna:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the permanent waterholes of the Cooper, Diamantina and Georgina rivers, which are critical drought refugia for the genetic blueprint of the region's wetland species; • Channel Country ephemeral wetlands; • continued preservation of the near-natural flows of the rivers in the region; • mound springs (see <i>Biodiversity & Natural Icons</i> above); • wetlands such as Lakes Buchanan and Galilee in the Desert Uplands (biodiversity hotspot). 				

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Partnerships & Information Management	<p>This program involves enhancing the awareness and capacity of the region's community to participate in NRM planning and implementation, backed by input from and collaboration with a range of relevant organisations.</p> <p>This will also be supported through the review and updating of regional and sub-regional plans, based on sound information and knowledge. Planning will be supported, and achievements measured, through monitoring and evaluation mechanisms which will be focused as appropriate on all Caring for our Country programs.</p>	<p>Greater awareness across the regional community of natural resource management issues and opportunities to undertake on-ground action, through continued production of the well received 'Basin Bullet' periodical, complemented by a range of other regular and informative communication products.</p> <p>Increased understanding and use by targeted land managers and other relevant stakeholders of a range of mapping, data analysis, training and other services/ products, including land management and biodiversity training.</p> <p>Improved public lands management planning (for example town commons of the region).</p> <p>Collaboration with State and local governments in, for example, the leasehold land review and ongoing control of pest plant and animal species throughout the region.</p> <p>Changed practices by tourists and tourism operators to protect sensitive habitats such as mound springs, critical waterhole refugia, and riparian areas of the region.</p>	\$298,000			
Core Costs	<p>This program ensures the regional body's operation is smooth, efficient and effective, with active support from the Board ensuring clear direction and accountability.</p>	<p>An efficient organisation backed by an effective Board, leading to natural resource management programs and projects being implemented delivering effective and efficient governance practices that meet the requirements of the relevant statutes.</p>	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$1,600,000			

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SCHEDULE 7: Fitzroy Basin Association Inc

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Biodiversity On-ground Action	This program will deliver on ground actions to improve and protect important remnant vegetation and wildlife corridors, control pest species threats to biodiversity, and implement species recovery and management plans.	<p>Improved regional ecosystems and endangered and threatened species through rehabilitation and protection of an average 12,000 ha per year of significant remnant vegetation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of on-ground works and agreements to manage threatened species such as the Crimson Finch and Yellow Chat through voluntary multi-year agreements with landholders to protect large refuge areas, or corridors between larger areas of bush land. • Targeted control of the aquatic weed Hymenachne at Fitzroy River turtle breeding sites. 	\$425,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Land and Water On-ground Action	This program aims to establish an integrated Fitzroy Basin Land and Water Quality Incentive Scheme, delivered through priority neighbourhood catchments property plans to increase the area of the region under sustainable farming practices.	<p>A significant average reduction per year of up to 400,000 tonnes in sediments and nutrients entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon through uptake of sustainable farm practices involving adoption of grazing and farming systems by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of 2500 ha stream banks and 200ha from excess cattle grazing through 100 km riparian fencing and off-stream watering. • Improved groundcover by managing grazing pressure to land capacity through exclusion fencing and watering systems. • 5000 ha cropping systems adapted to reduce sediment, nutrient and chemical lost to waterways. <p>On ground actions across all programs will increase the system's resilience to climate change impacts.</p>	\$700,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Coastal Program On-ground Action	This program will develop on ground actions to improve water quality entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon and other critical aquatic habitats and will maintain or improve condition of fragile coastal ecosystems.	Protection of fragile coastal environments and threatened marine species through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of gross pollutant traps. • Fencing off of 250 ha estuarine foreshore such as mangroves and salt marshes from cattle grazing. • Increasing barramundi and other aquatic species populations by installation of fish passage devices and/or removal of floodplain levies/dams. • Increasing success of breeding of the Yellow Finch Capricorn sub-population by fencing to exclude cattle from breeding wetlands and wider scale pest control during the breeding season. 	\$200,000			
Land and Water Technical Support	This program will assess the condition and trend of natural assets, in particular ground cover and water quality. It will develop best practices to use natural resources in the cropping and grazing production systems sustainably and integrate data and information into models of neighbourhood catchments priority setting and extension.	Delivery of on-going technical support for the uptake of the Sustainable Farm Practice program across the entire Fitzroy Basin through the completion of the Grains Best Management Practice with potential to influence practice on 1,000,000 ha of cropping lands in the Fitzroy Basin and enhancing increased understanding of Reef water quality targets through hands on involvement in capturing water quality information.	\$150,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Land and Water Engagement & Capacity Building	<p>This program will improve the community's skills and knowledge to manage natural resources.</p> <p>Property management plans will be developed by landholders, traditional owners and stakeholders through the Neighbourhood Catchments delivery model.</p>	<p>Through facilitation, knowledge brokering and training these activities will contribute to 150 landholders managing approximately 500,000 ha of land to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve 30,000-50,000 ha of biodiversity significant riparian zones and wetlands protected in property plans. • Increase uptake of Sustainable Farm Practices predominantly in grazing (450,000 ha) and dryland cropping (50,000 ha). • Manage, monitor, and cooperate with adjoining land managers and other organisations to improve sustainable farm practices and Reef water quality through improved skills and knowledge. 	\$527,643			
Biodiversity Technical Support	<p>This sub program will support threatened species/ecological communities by identifying and ranking for action threatened species in the region. It will develop management plans, monitor condition and trend of remnant and re-growth vegetation, and develop fire management plans.</p>	<p>Protected threatened species and ecological communities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing management plans for four threatened species/ communities. • Brokering protection of 5000 ha vegetation with mining companies • Assisting one Traditional Owner group to apply for declaration of their land as an Indigenous Protected Area. • Ensuring fire management planning is applicable to various regional landscapes. 	\$75,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Biodiversity Engagement and Capacity Building	This program will invest in engagement, and capacity building to support improved community skills and knowledge of biodiversity and its management for intrinsic value and provision of ecosystem services.	Protected threatened species and ecological communities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing communication and education products about biodiversity and specific management at property scale or species scale. • Developing property management plans by landholders incorporating biodiversity and sustainable forest practices that recognise the benefits of biodiversity e.g. stock water quality, climate change resilience, wind breaks, integrated pest management. • Landholders managing remnant vegetation through property plans. 	\$221,513			
Coastal Program Technical Support	This program will develop management plans and recommendations for marine and coastal species and ecosystems to be implemented by future coastal on ground action and stakeholders.	Protected marine and coastal species and ecosystems by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling and risk management measures for marine pests. • Planning for improvements to infrastructure to improve fish passage. • Developing management plans for Ramsar and other wetlands of national importance and for the Keppel Islands. • Developing management or recovery plans for at least two more species/communities. 	\$89,331			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Coastal Program Engagement and Capacity Building	This program will focus on engagement and capacity building to support improved community skills and knowledge with respect to use of coastal resources for production and recreation such as tourism.	Protected marine and coastal species and ecosystems by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewing partnerships with recently amalgamated Regional Councils and coastal communities to develop Community Coastcare Plans. These plans will form the basis of proposed and future on-ground investment in populated coastal areas. Engaging coastal graziers to develop property management plans incorporating protection and management of coastal assets including dunes and native vegetation. 	\$221,513			
Core Operating Costs	This program ensures the regional body's operation is smooth, efficient and effective, with active support from the Board ensuring clear direction and accountability.	An efficient organisation backed by an effective Board implementing best practice governance leading to strategic natural resource management planning, programs and projects being implemented.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$2,860,000.00	\$1,430,000	\$715,000	\$715,000

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SCHEDULE 8: Mackay Whitsunday Natural Resource Management Group Inc

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Clarke Connors Range Bushfire Consortium	The Clarke Connors Range Bushfire Consortium aligns fire management practices, supporting Rural Fire Brigades and landholders.	The land condition and biodiversity value of the Clarke Connors Range in the Mackay Whitsunday region is improved by historical fire mapping, strategic burning that manages fire intensity and frequency, wet season spelling, pest plant control, landholder incentive schemes and fire control infrastructure for rural fire brigades.	\$180,000			
Essential Habitats and Ecosystem engines	The Ecosystem Engine project assists landholders to rehabilitate biodiversity within agricultural landscapes by data collection, essential habitat mapping, cross-landscape projects and restoring ecosystem services using incentives under Sustainable Landscapes banner.	Improved representation of and/or protection of habitats of key species in the Mackay Whitsunday region (e.g. Leaf-tail Gecko, Whitsunday Bottle Tree, Mt Blackwood Holly, Northern Quoll, Proserpine rock-wallaby, Rufous Owl and Coastal Sheathtail bat) by providing on-ground incentives to control pest animals and collect data of key species to update conservation plans.	\$55,000			
Coasts and Communities	Land restoration by regional councils, industry and coastal communities using approved coastal management plans. Also the gazettal of portions of foreshore habitats as Nature Refuges or reserves.	Improved conservation and secured habitat of coastal threatened species (migratory shorebirds and marine turtles) in Mackay Whitsunday by the adoption of approved coastal management plans by regional councils, restoration and fencing of coastal vegetation and the reinstatement of connections between coastal wetlands.	\$180,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Agriculture (intensive and extensive)	Land managers in high priority sub catchments (determined by the Water Quality Improvement Plan) adopting known and scientifically validated best management practices, reducing nutrient and chemical export by 25-30% and reducing sediment export by 5-10% within 5 years. Funds to support the adoption will be leveraged in a major incentives partnership with government, industry and commercial funding providers. The sub program provides the regional support business and contract structures to deliver the Reef Rescue initiative.	Reduction of the sediments, nutrients and chemical exports from agricultural lands and improved economic returns from intensive and extensive agricultural land uses in Mackay Whitsunday by using incentives, training and reporting tools to achieve industry best practices; securing partnerships with other investors; and providing the business and contract infrastructure to deliver Reef Rescue objectives.	\$325,000			
Traditional owner Reference Group	The Traditional Owner Reference Group provides strong and effective governance and formalise traditional owner networks. It will also support the negotiation on the management of key reserves in the Mackay Whitsunday region.	Increased skills, knowledge and engagement of traditional owners in NRM policy, planning and implementation within the Mackay Whitsunday region by conducting workshops and reaching agreement for an ongoing reference group.	\$44,000			
Aboriginal fish trap management	On-ground works to stabilise fish trap condition.	Fish Traps and other associated cultural resources will be restored and maintained within the natural landscape context by the completion of a management plan and by supporting the required on-ground works.	\$36,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Capacity Building and Institutional change	Community engagement and adoption of NRM process and operations via the establishment of rural and urban consultative committees focused on NRM issues and overall sustainability. The redevelopment and maintenance of sub regional social change capacity with the community via service provision from the integrated land care and catchment management groups.	New and ongoing institutional arrangements in the Mackay Whitsunday region between natural resource management (NRM) agencies, the agricultural industry, urban businesses and three community catchment Landcare groups to secure shared visions of outcomes to improve regional, state and national outcomes in NRM.	\$80,000			
Core Operating Costs	This sub-program is a contribution to the regional body's operation as a smooth, efficient and effective organisation, with active support from the Board ensuring clear direction and accountability.	Contribution to an efficient organisation backed by an effective Board, leading to natural resource management programs and projects being implemented delivering effective and efficient governance practices that meet the requirements of the relevant statutes.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$1,150,000.00	0	0	3

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SCHEDULE 9: Northern Gulf Resource Management Group Ltd (NGRMG)

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Biodiversity conservation	<p>Partnership with State Government co-investing in the establishment of an ‘off-park’ representative conservation system through the Nature Assist program designed to identify and negotiate with landholders to establish perpetual Nature Refuges. Refugia habitats protected and managed solely for biodiversity and genetic sanctuary in a changing climate.</p> <p>Sustainable tourism and environmental management of the mutton hole wetland, a Wetland of National Significance.</p>	<p>2 Nature Refuges established (total 20,000 ha). Ecologically significant habitats and refugia of northern remote Australia protected. Wetland of national significance for biodiversity and cultural value protected (Mutton Hole wetlands total area 7860 ha). Increase in country primarily managed for conservation and cultural heritage. Best practice management being implemented on sites/properties with threatened or significant native species or communities (minimum 3 properties).</p>	\$197,000			
Pest prevention, containment, and eradication	<p>Increased participation of properties managing fire for sustainable natural resource outcomes.</p> <p>Industry participation, investment and concurrence with public good natural resource outcomes.</p> <p><i>Parthenium</i> contained outside of the region so that it does not establish in the Northern Gulf.</p>	<p>3,100 ha of priority weeds treated. Extent of current terrestrial environmental pests assessed (target species include <i>Parthenium</i>, Bellyache Bush, Giant Rats Tail). Essential habitats, assemblages, function and connection protected. New terrestrial pest incursions minimised (namely <i>Parthenium</i>). Land managers work cooperatively and strategically on NRM issues (weeds, fire, savannah health etc).</p>	\$82,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Extensive savannah landscapes	<p>Improved condition (productive and natural) of grazed savannah landscapes.</p> <p>Improved knowledge, planning, implementation and monitoring tools provided at the pastoral property level will benchmark condition, identify important assets and allow better targeting of future investments.</p>	<p>Savannah ecosystem health improved over 250,000 ha of northern remote Australia (approximately 10 properties).</p> <p>Savannah land condition trend analysis conducted.</p> <p>Best practice management being implemented on sites/properties with threatened or significant native species or communities (additional 10 sites or properties).</p> <p>Uptake of grazing property planning and GIS consistent with leasehold renewal - pasture spelling, pest management, fire etc (minimum of 15 properties in 2008).</p>	\$490,000			
Threats to priority fish habitat reduced	<p>Preventing <i>Tilapia</i> (and other exotic fish) from taking over Northern Gulf waterways. The sub program will largely be running complementary pest fish education and management programs across an integrated whole-of-north Queensland approach.</p>	<p>Monitoring existing populations of <i>Tilapia</i> and strategic monitoring of high risk areas, a minimum of 10 sites sampled approximately 3 times a year (primarily around areas of existing infestations, high population and irrigation areas).</p> <p>Public education – undertake regular public education activities, including presentations at meetings, media, newsletters, school groups etc. Minimum of 15 information events.</p> <p>Assess the status of rainbowfish, gudgeons and crayfish from upper Walsh to see if they also represent fish introductions. In particular, the recent Walsh River infestation will receive priority attention.</p> <p>New aquatic pest incursions minimised.</p>	\$80,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Enhanced knowledge for reducing threats to freshwater assets and ecosystem services	A remote sensing based approach for monitoring riparian zone change and for spatially integrating land condition assessment in the Northern Gulf NRM Region.	Riparian condition assessment & erosion mapping across the Northern Gulf. Preliminary assessment of high risk of gully formation and guidelines for managing this land unit (landscape type etc). Validation of the riparian condition of the Mitchell River catchment (77,000km ²). Complete spatial database of freshwater assets, processes and threats.	\$68,500			
Traditional Owner management of regionally significant ecosystems and knowledge	Traditional owner knowledge captured and maintained for future generations, management decisions and planning.	Traditional owners capturing and recording traditional knowledge from elders. Sharing of knowledge maintaining respect for cultural values. Younger generation believing and wanting to learn culture. All of the language groups in the Northern Gulf NRM Region will be involved - Tagalaka, Kurtijar, Euwamian, Wakamin, Mbarbarrum, and Djungan.	\$142,500			
Core Operating Costs	Costs associated with the meeting the company's compliance obligations and ensuring that all projects and contracts are performing, timely and coordinated; reporting and dissemination of information.	Effective governance for managing public funds and enhanced community participation with NRM. NGRMG general and annual general meetings. Director remuneration. Membership processes.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$1,310,000.00	\$654,500	\$327,750	\$327,750

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SCHEDULE 10: Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC)

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Improve conservation status of native species	Identifying distribution and ecological requirements of at-risk species and communities and developing and implementing recovery plans for their protection.	Improved protection of essential habitat and species, including reptiles of the Southern Brigalow Belt, and Threatened Flora of the Stanthorpe Plateau, through identification of priority areas for a targeted environmental stewardship program and on-ground works.	\$65,000			
Increase in extent of remnant native vegetation	Managing regrowth back to remnant vegetation status with a focus on endangered and of concern ecosystems, via a combination of bush tender and sub-catchment planning and incentives.	Increase in the protected extent of endangered and of concern regional ecosystems, such as those of the Balonne, Moonie River, and Weir River catchments, with a focus on semi-evergreen vine thicket, Brigalow, and native grasslands, through regrowth habitat retention under voluntary conservation agreements.	\$210,000			
Maintain or improve ecological function of native vegetation	Improve habitat linkages between high nature conservation value (HNCV) areas at a landscape scale through sub-catchment planning and incentives.	Improved connectivity and ecosystem functionality through 200 ha of critical linkages and habitat condition enhanced, rehabilitated, or under changed management practices, using a mix of sub-catchment planning, voluntary conservation agreements (Land for Wildlife), and reserve management plans in partnership with local governments.	\$165,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Feral Animals	Using the best available current science to work with landholders, local and state government and key stakeholders (e.g. commercial shooters), to develop and implement coordinated multiple property weed and pest management plans. Regional plans will inform the development and implementation of sub-catchment plans by groups of landholders in high priority areas. Landholders will be supported with delivery of training sessions, workshops, and capacity building activities to plan and implement control measures.	Terrestrial native vegetation and biodiversity values enhanced through 30,000 ha of pest animal control, with a focus on pigs, cats, and foxes, and aquatic pests such as mosquito fish and European Carp.	\$215,000			
Weeds	Using the best available current science to work with landholders, local and state government and key stakeholders (e.g. National Parks), to develop and implement coordinated multiple property weed and pest management plans. Regional plans will inform the development and implementation of sub-catchment plans by groups of landholders in high priority areas. Landholders will be supported with delivery of training sessions, workshops, and capacity building activities to plan and implement control measures.	Enhanced biodiversity values, priority wetlands / riparian areas and high value agricultural lands through 5,000 ha of coordinated weed control of priority weed species such as Chilean needle grass, blackberry, parthenium, harrisia cactus, and Parkinsonia.	\$205,000			
Improved Water Quality and Riparian Function	Improved land management (grazing and cropping practices) including controlled stock access to riparian zone (including fencing, off-stream watering points and commitment to controlled time grazing in riparian zones).	Improved wetland condition through changed riparian zone management, including protection of 20 hectares of riparian native vegetation.	\$195,000			
Healthy aquatic flora and fauna in priority wetlands	Recommended practices that minimise impacts of land and water use on wetland health are identified and implemented in priority wetlands.	Improved priority wetland condition through community awareness of riverine management best practice and participation in riverine improvement activities.	\$205,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Landscapes in Balance	Develop and implement 2 sub-catchment plans with landholder sub-catchment planning groups, within the Queensland Murray darling Basin (QMDB) that supports land use in accordance with capability, soil conservation and salinity risk constraints.	Improved management of agricultural landscapes through: 30,000 ha of land resource assessment; 800 ha of land treated for erosion through exclusion fencing to manage grazing pressure; and 800 ha of land treated and protected from soil erosion by engineering works.	\$345,000			
Farming for the Future	Develop and implement 3 industry best practice/current recommended practices that predominantly influence grazing and farming systems will be developed in collaboration with industry organisations within the QMDB that address resource condition risk factors. These will incorporate government planning initiatives, and will be implemented through sub-catchment planning processes. Collaborative arrangements with research, development and extension provide will inform these industry approaches.	Improved sustainable management of agricultural land through best management practices (BMP)/ recommended current practices (RCP) developed and/or revised in collaboration with Cotton, Grain and Grazing industry organizations, with a focus on land condition decline, pasture run-down, biodiversity protection, cultural values and soil structure decline.	\$165,000			
Risky Business – adaptive landscapes	The extent and severity of impacts caused at a global level, like the region's prolonged drought and climate change experience, will be assessed through an analysis of risk factors affecting the region's ecological and production systems. Management practice change in terms of regional drought recovery planning and climate change adaptation will be developed and landholders engaged to achieve adoption.	Maintenance of groundcover, increased pasture resilience and production balance as a result of improved risk analyses leading to better decision making, salinity risk management, drought recovery planning, and adoption of climate change adaptation strategies, in the cropping and mixed farming sectors.	\$90,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Enhancing our Communities' NRM Skills	<p>There are a number of established groups and networks of people involved in natural resource management planning and decision making across the region. QMDC support of trainers, facilitators and coordinators plays a critical support role for these groups.</p> <p>The training delivered through this sub-program aims to improve the skills of facilitators and coordinators as well as those of local groups and networks.</p> <p>The training offered to the local groups and networks is designed to complement the skills training outlined in the biophysical sub-programs.</p>	<p>Public and private land managers are undertaking innovative and appropriate practices to address NRM issues, by using QMDC's accredited and experienced trainers and facilitators to provide communication styles workshops, leadership and conflict resolution training and other similar modules based on the principles of group development, and ensure that these key decision-makers continue to have access to appropriate support and expertise to ensure the on-going development of their capacity (skills and knowledge) to achieve natural resource management outcomes.</p>	\$225,000			
Improve the state of community biodiversity knowledge in QMDB	<p>Biodiversity capacity building program (Farmecology) as accredited training activities for biodiversity extension to the community for community and land managers will be developed and implemented throughout the region.</p>	<p>Relevant and critical land managers value their biodiversity assets and manage them appropriately as a result of accredited Farmecology packages extended to 20 community members/landholders across the QMDB.</p>	\$40,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Engaging communities in NRM	<p>QMDC with a number of key regional partners will organise, coordinate and/or host a range of events and activities across the region. These will include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naturally Resourceful - targeting groups of rural women and encouraging them to embrace the challenges of sustainability and change faced by rural communities; Youth Fora - covering a number of structured learning activities targeting school age children through to young adults, and which are designed to introduce these age groups to NRM science in a practical way; and Working with various sectors of the regional community to develop and showcase innovative approaches to NRM. 	<p>A diversity of people from within the region is actively involved in and contributing to natural resource and environmental management activities, by targeting key sectors of the community that traditionally have low engagement in natural resource management decision-making (such as women and youth), delivering activities to increase this engagement and enhance their skills as decision-makers.</p>	\$75,000			
Traditional knowledge revival pathways	<p>Traditional knowledge Information relating to natural resource management is captured, stored, and disseminated to the aboriginal and wider community. This will be done by developing protocols for and implementing Traditional Knowledge projects.</p>	<p>Traditional knowledge relating to aboriginal values, social and environmental perspectives is available to guide the management of natural resources by landholders, resource managers, and all members of the community.</p>	\$125,000			
Cultural heritage ongoing implementation	<p>Develop and deliver NRM works incentive packages for the protection, maintenance and enhancement of culturally significant sites.</p>	<p>Culturally significant sites and ‘at risk’ flora and fauna species of specific cultural significance are protected by specific natural resource management works programs and projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 ha of culturally significant native vegetation 17 ha of culturally significant riparian vegetation 	\$65,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Core Operating Costs	This program ensures the regional body's operation is smooth, efficient and effective, with active support from the Board ensuring clear direction and accountability.	Efficient organisation backed by an effective Board, leading to natural resource management programs and projects being implemented, and delivering effective and efficient governance practices that meet the requirements of the relevant statutes.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$2,640,000	\$1,848,000	\$528,000	\$264,000

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SCHEDULE 11: Southeast Queensland Catchments Ltd (SEQC)

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Habitat Condition	Protecting existing good habitat via fire management planning and implementation; weed eradication and control; and pest animal control.	Contribution to an improved condition of existing native vegetation habitat in the Upper Maroochy, Benarkin, Ravensbourne and Tambourine Mountain coastal range areas of SEQ utilising fencing, weed management and rehabilitation of native vegetation at sites secured with binding covenant.	\$210,000			
Ecosystem Services	To define and assess the ecosystem services of South East Queensland (SEQ) and develop an 'agreed framework' to link ecosystem functions, and services with constituents of well being. A series of maps for the region has been prepared that indicates the spatial distribution of ecosystems and ecosystem functions within the SEQ region. Ecosystem services provide a significant opportunity to develop a metric to: prioritise the most urgent ecosystem services for repair; and to devise a means for equivalency in biodiversity offset trading arrangements.	Taking an Australian leadership role in association with the Australia 21 group to develop ecosystem services for NRM leading to a new framework document " <i>Ecosystem Services in South East Queensland</i> " produced by SEQC that is supported by both mapping and economic valuation in SEQ.	\$100,000			
Regional Planning	To provide a workable program logic framework for the effective implementation of NRM including knowledge evaluation events; planning workshops; community consultation and engagement; and framework development.	Finalisation of the <i>South East Queensland Natural Resource Management Plan 2008</i> which, through agreement between State agencies, Local governments and the regional community, aligns regional NRM targets under the SEQ Regional Plan and secures subregional targets such as vegetation cover and corridors to manage incremental clearing and fragmentation.	\$100,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Data and Information provision	Facilitation of collaborations between research providers, resource assessment programs and NRM planning organisations (in particular local governments); dissemination of natural resource mapping information throughout the organisation, other stakeholders and to the community.	Contribution to improved management of natural resources in SEQ by all key stakeholders and the community through the collection and integration of regional data and mapping to improve planning & decision making.	\$100,000			
Healthy Landscapes	Reduce sediment from rural and non-urban diffuse sources in targeted sub catchments involving 70% engagement of relevant landholders in selected landscapes.	Contribution to improved water quality in SEQ and Moreton Bay (declared Ramsar wetland site) by reduced non-urban diffuse sediments in the Lockyer, Logan/Albert and Bremer catchments through land manager engagement and profiling and in-stream works including fencing off-stream water points and improved land management.	\$500,000			
Water Quality Monitoring	Supporting community monitoring programs involving ambient and event monitoring with local councils, community groups and state agency programs, and building community skills and knowledge to monitor their aquatic habitats.	Improved coastal water quality in SEQ and Moreton Bay (declared Ramsar wetland site) through the support of community water quality monitoring programs providing training and accreditation for volunteers in all SEQC sub catchments; facilitating development of new collaborations and water quality monitoring plans between local government and community groups.	\$210,000			
Coastal Community Skills	This program raises awareness of coastal habitat and biodiversity issues amongst the local community using awareness raising meetings and events. Examples include displays at events; fact sheets; media opportunities; websites; training and educational materials; training workshops; and facilitation of collaborative arrangements amongst community organisations, stakeholders, planners and providers.	Improved condition of sensitive coastal sites in SEQ and Moreton Bay (declared Ramsar wetland site) through targeted events that increase the community's awareness, skills and knowledge of relevant coastal habitat and biodiversity issues.	\$75,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Grazing Management	To enhance the adaptive decision-making skills required for profitable and sustainable grazing management and to foster a culture of farmer led sharing of such skills and experience.	Contribution to the sustainable management of ground cover on grazing lands in the Upper Brisbane and Logan/Albert catchments of SEQ and subsequent improved water quality and improved biodiversity in SEQ through targeted advanced grazing management training, and incentive funding for promoting improved grazing management.	\$250,000			
Sustainable Agricultural Systems Water Management	Improve farm productivity and increase water use efficiency using sustainable production management and systems. Reduce rural diffuse pollution and preserve groundwater through working with industry groups, extension staff, and equipment providers to educate and assist farm managers implement best management practices (BMP) in production and water management systems using new technology.	Contribution to improved farm productivity and increased water use efficiency within SEQ through working with industry groups and equipment providers to educate and assist farm managers implement best management practices in production and water management systems using new telemetry technology.	\$250,000			
Community Engagement	To engage the SEQ community in NRM issues and projects providing technical support to the community and other stakeholders in the development planning and design of projects that will have significant positive impacts on the resource condition of SEQ natural resource assets.	Contribution to NRM improvements in South East Queensland by engaging the community (NRM networks and groups, State and Local Government, industry and other key stakeholders) in NRM issues and facilitating the provision of technical support and planning expertise for the design and implementation of on-ground projects focusing on national priority areas that will have the best positive resource condition impact.	\$290,000			
Community Skills	To raise awareness of NRM issues within the SEQ community and build community skills and knowledge to make positive impacts on resource condition.	Contribution to Natural Resource Management (NRM) improved in SEQ by building community skills and knowledge through the support of 200 NRM events, 80 NRM training workshops and the production and distribution of associated promotional and educational materials.	\$225,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Climate Change Readiness	To build resilience through greater knowledge of climate change issues within the SEQ community and build the community skills and knowledge to make positive impacts on climate change adaptation and mitigation.	The resilience of South East Queensland to climate change is strengthened by building the community's skills, knowledge and adoption of adaptation and mitigation strategies and actions through 10 events/workshops, media exposure and the production & distribution of educational materials.	\$80,000			
Core Operating Costs	This sub-program is a contribution to the regional body's operation as a smooth, efficient and effective organisation, with active support from the Board ensuring clear direction and accountability.	Contribution to an efficient organisation backed by an effective Board, leading to natural resource management programs and projects being implemented delivering effective and efficient governance practices that meet the requirements of the relevant statutes.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$2,640,000.00	0	0	3

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SCHEDULE 12: Southern Gulf Catchments Inc

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Biodiversity	This program involves the identification, assessment and protection of high priority biodiverse areas, including rare and endangered species and habitat.	<p>Improved protection of key biodiversity assets across the region - in the Desert Uplands biodiversity hot spot alone in the east of the region, there are 22 rare or threatened animals, including the Masked Owl and the Julia Creek Dunnart, and 29 rare or threatened plants. Moreover, the region supports more than half of Queensland's shorebirds and at least another 100,000 other wetland birds, including ducks, geese, egrets, pelicans and cranes. These biodiversity values will be enhanced through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tailored studies and action planning to generate enhanced knowledge of, and management options for, the overall biodiversity assets of the region in general and for priority species and habitat in particular; • protection of 200ha of high value biodiverse areas through a range of devolved incentive schemes, including installation of fencing and associated infrastructure; • increased land area subjected to strategic fire management practices, to control invasive plant species and stimulate desired species. 	\$218,500			
Sustainable Landscapes	<p>This program involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protection and/or rehabilitation of land systems susceptible to degradation from grazing pressure. • enhancement of the capacity of land managers and other relevant stakeholders to develop and implement NRM initiatives. • stabilisation and amelioration of the extent and impact of pest animals and production. 	<p>Improved management of farming systems and properties, reflecting the overall significance of the region's grazing sector, but balancing productivity with conservation, and involving such initiatives as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 ha of land protected by over 20 km of fencing, and complemented by new watering points, to improve grazing management; • 400 ha of land treated with appropriate control measures against priority pest animals and plants; • increasing the number and range of properties beyond the 150 (one third of the region's total) already participating in property management planning and sustainable grazing management workshops, and other tailored training exercises; • ongoing development and provision of a range of mapping and other information and technical support services for landholders. 	\$248,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Aquatic	This program involves assessment, prioritisation and protection of the integrity and conservation value of rivers and wetlands of the region.	<p>Improved water quality and enhanced aquatic habitat, including protection of the region’s gulf rivers, many of which are of state and national significance. There will also be a special focus on the region’s wetlands, which are among the most important and extensive in the country, being a major site in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway for migratory birds and one of the three most important areas in Australia for migratory shorebirds, as well as being integral to the region’s productivity, including the prawn and fin-fish industries, tourism and pastoral sectors.</p> <p>Initiatives conducted under this program are expected to involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 ha of riparian vegetation protected by 20km of fencing; • 40 km of stream bank and bed stabilised by installing off-stream watering points; • 500 ha of wetland areas protected by 40km of fencing; • ongoing collaboration in the cross-regional <i>Ghost Nets</i> marine debris removal, and dugong and marine turtle protection projects; • obstacles to priority fish passages removed. 	\$90,000			
Culture, Community & Capacity	<p>This program involves enhancement of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the awareness and capacity of the region’s community to participate in NRM planning and implementation. • the representation and engagement of indigenous groups in NRM planning, decision making and delivery. • monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and data applied to and emerging from Caring for our Country activities. 	<p>Regional community better motivated and able to participate in the planning and implementation of NRM initiatives through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focused consultations/meetings with stakeholder groups; • awareness and skills raising initiatives involving indigenous and other community groups; • protection of priority cultural/heritage sites of significance to the indigenous community, including through fencing etc; • regular, informative communication and awareness raising products, including the regional body’s highly regarded <i>Southern Gulf Links</i> newsletter. 	\$503,500			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Core Costs	This program ensures the regional body's operation is smooth, efficient and effective, with active support from the Board ensuring clear direction and accountability.	An efficient organisation backed by an effective Board, leading to natural resource management programs and projects being implemented delivering effective and efficient governance practices that meet the requirements of the relevant statutes.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$1,310,000	\$655,000	\$458,500	\$196,500

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SCHEDULE 13: South West NRM Ltd

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Land Use and Landscape Management Futurescapes	A devolved grant program funding the undertaking of a variety of relatively straight forward on-ground works by landholders on their properties where group planning is not required.	Contribution to increased protection of Queensland regional ecosystems and flora and fauna habitats of environmental significance in South West Queensland by fencing, rehabilitation and relocation of stock watering points.	\$100,000			
Land Use and Landscape Management Futurescape	A devolved grant program funding the undertaking of a variety of relatively straight forward on-ground works by landholders on their properties where group planning is not required.	Contribution to increased protection of riparian, wetland and mound spring areas in South West Queensland by fencing, soil erosion works and relocation of stock watering.	\$100,000			
Land Use and Landscape Management -Planscapes	A local project planning and devolved grant program that encourages the undertaking of coordinated planning and resource assessment, and coordinated on-ground works that derive from the group planning and deliberation.	Contribution to increased area and numbers of landholders in the South West Queensland region that implement best management practices for grazing of rangelands using one of the 13 catchment management plans and associated on-ground works (fencing riparian areas, wetlands and streams; rehabilitation of degraded land; control of pest animals and weeds).	\$510,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Analysis and Information	<p>A three part investment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resource condition monitoring program, producing original data, supplemented by data collected by landholders, volunteers and other institutions. 2. Data management and dissemination system containing relevant, shareable, transportable , secure, timely and accurate data/information for use by South West NRM Ltd, partnering institutions, community and the general public. The data will be translated into information and knowledge. 3. Policy analysis and spatial and non-spatial planning relating to the region including landscape sensitivity analysis and identification of hot spots. 	<p>Construction of 4 monitoring installations in South West Queensland, compilation of data and the mapping of natural assets in the region’s four catchments.</p> <p>The management and translation of new unprocessed data on NRM in South West Queensland translated to knowledge about the health of key natural assets to partnering institutions, community and the general public.</p> <p>Finalisation of South West Regional NRM plan (2009-13) that details priorities for action including landscape types, threatened species and natural assets identified for on ground works and associated activities.</p>	\$260,000			
Awareness, Education and Engagement	<p>A two part investment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotional campaign and associated activities such as maintenance of educational library at company head office; regular promotional events; regular radio spots and column in the local newspaper; project demonstration field days; caravan tours; loan of museum kits to schools and the Upper Warrego Demonstration Reach Project. 2. Training program for landholders, town residents, businesses, and land care groups. 	<p>Increased number of South West Queensland landholders engaged in NRM by South West NRM Ltd. and increased number of Landcare groups and landholders undertaking on-ground works due to 20 media opportunities, 4 promotional events and 2 field days.</p> <p>Increased activity by landcare groups and landholders undertaking on-ground works across the South West Queensland region by through 20 training courses and 4 tour and field days.</p>	\$130,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Aboriginal Heritage Conservation and Capacity	<p>Three part investment:</p> <p>1. Recording with video and aural tapes of traditional stories and cultural practices.</p> <p>2. Part funding of the Cultural Awareness Program identified in the Far South West Traditional Owner NRM Plan.</p> <p>3. Devolved grant program funding the protection of sites of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance by landholders on their properties.</p>	<p>Increased understanding of traditional knowledge about managing country by the capturing and recording of two new Traditional Owner group languages and their NRM knowledge.</p> <p>Contribution to the training of Aboriginal facilitators to conduct cultural awareness workshops based on a service needs assessment, new resources and training materials and a business service strategy.</p> <p>Fencing to improve protection of culturally significant sites on pastoral properties across the South West Queensland region.</p>	\$150,000			
Core Operating Costs	<p>This sub-program is a contribution to the regional body's operation as a smooth, efficient and effective organisation, with active support from the Board ensuring clear direction and accountability.</p>	<p>Contribution to an efficient organisation backed by an effective Board, leading to natural resource management programs and projects being implemented delivering effective and efficient governance practices that meet the requirements of the relevant statutes.</p>	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$1,500,000.00	0	0	3

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SCHEDULE 14: FNQ NRM Ltd trading as ‘Terrain Natural Resource Management’

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Regional Biodiversity Planning	Ongoing regional planning and alignment towards achieving biodiversity targets in the regional NRM plan.	Enhanced biodiversity protection in new hotspots at Myola, peri-urban Cairns and Graham Range area, including through tailored use of the local area planning approach.	\$200,000			
Priority on ground corridors	Progressive planning, rehabilitation and monitoring of priority corridors in high risk biodiversity areas.	Key iconic species such as Tree Kangaroos and Cassowaries conserved through the planning, rehabilitation and monitoring of 5 hectares of native vegetation in the Southern Atherton Tablelands and Kuranda region.	\$50,000			
Catchment Communities	Coordinated on-ground works for community based catchments and Landcare groups, to improve the health of riparian areas.	Improved river health in priority catchments through the support of eight communities undertaking riparian rehabilitation activity, including the enhancement and rehabilitation of 20 hectares of native riparian vegetation and 4 km of streambank.	\$400,000			
Water Quality Improvement Planning (WQIP)	Support for the finalisation of WQIPs for all Wet Tropics catchments and coordination of the implementation and monitoring of all WQIPs.	Improved river water quality and discharges into the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area through the completion of the Barron WQIP and the implementation of Tully and Douglas Rivers WQIPs. Develop State and Catchment strategic reporting systems and assess effectiveness of management actions agreed through WQIP process.	\$100,000			
Nitrogen Fixation in North Queensland	Develop a detailed scoping and research design proposal for implementation of nitrogen fixation in sugar cane.	Substantial reduction in the use of inorganic nitrogen in sugar cane systems in the Wet Tropics and consequent impact on the Reef, through the development and partial implementation of a research program to	\$50,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
		determine the value of nitrogen fixation in sugar.				
Local Government Engagement	Systematically enhance local government engagement and capacity, to incorporate NRM considerations into local government structures and functions and planning mechanisms.	Increased capacity of local government in the Wet Tropics area to plan and deliver enhanced management of natural resources. Two local governments supported in on-ground initiatives involving pest management, water quality improvement and rehabilitation.	\$70,000			
Indigenous Planning	To secure the Regional Partnership Agreement, Country-Based Planning and Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRA).	Delivery of social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes for Traditional Owners with the signing and implementation of the Regional Partnership Agreement.	\$200,000			
Council Integrated Pest Management	To ensure effective coordination of the Regional Pest Management Program in conjunction with the FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils.	Increased control of ecologically invasive weeds that threaten terrestrial ecosystems through obtaining more effective council commitment and coordination to long term pest management programs, and 60 ha of strategic pest control.	\$130,000			
Core Operating Costs	Covers the core operating costs of the Terrain Board and administrative core of Terrain including branch offices and its overarching plan development, effort alignment and business management activities.	Support for the evaluation of corporate governance against the Corporate Plan and to prioritise future activities through corporate planning, including skill development workshops in program and financial management, monitoring and evaluation.	\$250,000			
TOTAL			\$1,450,000	\$600,000	\$425,000	\$425,000

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SCHEDULE 15: Torres Strait Regional Authority

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Ongoing land management initiatives	Develop partnerships and commence funding key land management activities; derived from planning priorities, research and emerging issues. This is the establishment phase of a more substantial program planned for subsequent years.	Improved land management through planning, training and a range of other on-ground project initiatives with selected Torres Strait communities.	\$75,000			
Dugong and Turtle Project	This project will enable the continuation of the Dugong & Turtle Project aimed at developing community driven approaches to sustainable management of dugong and marine turtles.	Ongoing, effective and sustainable management of dugongs and marine turtles in the Torres Strait region through support of a community-based management approach and necessary governance arrangements leading to stronger partnerships between communities, government agencies and research organisations in supporting sustainable management approaches.	\$225,000			
Land and Sea Rangers Program	Establish, coordinate and support Indigenous Ranger Groups for island communities in the Torres Straits.	Improved protection of Torres Strait coastal environments by establishing an Indigenous ranger program to identify, develop, support and monitor NRM priorities.	\$365,000			

Activity Name	Activity Description	Expected Outcomes	Total funding approved (\$)	*Payment 1	+Payment 2	#Payment 3
Information Management and Communication	Support for improved community management of land and sea through provision of accurate and relevant information about a range of land and sea issues.	Improved community awareness of and engagement in NRM planning and on-ground initiatives, through regionally appropriate information, education and communication activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved planning and mapping services through engagement of a GIS Information Management support officer. Development of a MERI framework for the Torres Strait. 	\$60,000			
Capacity Building	This project will support communities to undertake land and sea management training programs developed specifically for the Torres Strait region.	Improved community capacity to undertake land and sea management activities through provision of land and sea management training.	\$40,000			
Core Operating Costs	Provision of core funding for the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Land and Sea Management Unit (LSMU).	This sub program will provide ongoing support for sustainable community-based management of the Torres Strait environment, including through the provision of financial management, governance, policy development, planning and human resources and IT functions to support community based management of the Torres Strait.	\$175,000			
TOTAL			\$940,000.00	\$627,500	\$156,250	\$156,250

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