
**Transitional Arrangement and Financial Agreement
between the Australian Government
and the State of South Australia 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 South Australia ('the State') pursuant to clause 19(2) of the *Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Act 1997* (Cth) and Section 5 of the *Natural Resources 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 is 'an environment that is healthy, better protected, well-managed, resilient and provides essential ecosystem services in a changing climate'.
- C 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 the election commitments for the 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**
 - (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 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 In entering this Agreement, the Commonwealth and the State recognise that they have a mutual interest to improve the condition of Australia's natural resources.
- F 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
 - (c) maintenance of effort.
- G The Parties further acknowledge that:
- (a) this Agreement is closely linked to the work the State is also doing in the area of improving South Australia's natural resources
 - (b) the State has priority areas of investment which may differ from the national priority areas of Caring for our Country.

- H 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 state 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 20.14.
- 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 interim Agreement.

3 REPRESENTATION

- 3.1 The Commonwealth shall be represented for the purposes of this Agreement by Senator the Hon. Peter Garrett AM MP, 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. Gail Gago, Minister for Environment and Conservation.

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 identified in Preamble C
 - (b) the National Priority Areas for Investment will have achievable and measurable outcomes
 - (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:

- (a) continue to support regional delivery to achieve outcomes that address the decline in Australia's natural resources through targeted investment in Caring for our Country priorities
- (b) contribute to improving accountability and reporting on outcomes for Caring for our Country expenditure
- (c) recognise the regional reporting protocols developed in South Australia in framing the Caring for our Country auditing, reporting and acquittal requirements
- (d) acknowledge that there may be additional investment priorities to those identified in Preamble C
- (e) work together to make strategic investment decisions and encourage complementary investments in order to optimise outcomes
- (f) 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
 - (g) determination of the Commonwealth's regional indicative allocations for future Caring for our Country Agreements.

7 STATE ARRANGEMENTS

- 7.1 The Parties acknowledge that it is South Australia's intention to develop a State natural resources management program complementary to Caring for our Country.
- 7.2 The complementary program will address South Australia's Strategic Plan targets, goals of the State NRM Plan and other relevant State legislation, plans and strategies.

8 REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 8.1 The Parties acknowledge that States and regional NRM bodies will play an essential role in assisting the Commonwealth to achieve its national priorities throughout Australia.
- 8.2 The Parties acknowledge that during the term of this Agreement the Commonwealth will provide to regional NRM bodies a guaranteed base-level of funding based on previous NHT and NAP allocations and transitional funds to assist regions to adapt to and implement Caring for our Country priorities.
- 8.3 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.

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 their obligations as outlined in this Agreement.
- 9.2 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
 - (g) reporting annually on outcomes of Caring for our Country.
- 9.3 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 Account
 - (c) ensuring that the regional NRM bodies and other proponents maintain a high level of governance
 - (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 Parties agree that to assist the Commonwealth in preparing its annual reporting in relation to Caring for our Country investments, the State will ensure, to the best of its ability, that the Proponent supplies data and information against Caring for our Country targets, outcomes and priorities for the Commonwealth that:
- (a) supports reporting by outcomes, including annual reporting on Caring for our Country targets, outcomes and priorities
 - (b) provides for evaluation of Caring for our Country investments for impact, appropriateness, effectiveness, efficiency and legacy
 - (c) incorporates data access and management principles
 - (d) where relevant, incorporates monitoring the 'state of' and 'trend in' resource condition generally, and specifically Caring for our Country investment areas, 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, to the best of its ability, that Proponents incorporate Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Reporting principles to all programs, consistent with the Australian Government 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 Parties agree that acknowledgement will be given to the State for investments made by the State through the State natural resources management program complementary to Caring for our Country under this Agreement.
- 12.3 The Parties will advise with each other on relevant announcements and other promotional activities.

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 \$15 200 000 for Regional NRM Bodies in South Australia, which represents no less than 60 per cent of the long term average annual allocation provided by the Commonwealth under the previous NHT2 and NAP Programs
 - (b) transitional funding of \$3 780 000 to Regional NRM Bodies in South Australia, to assist 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
 - (b) implementation of election commitment funding, the amount of which is to be decided during the term of this Agreement
 - (c) such other funds as the Commonwealth decides.
- 13.3 Where the Commonwealth determines that funding of the types referred to in clause 13.2 will be provided to the State, the Parties agree that this will be provided through an exchange of letters between officials and delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 13.4 The Parties agree that while there is no longer a requirement to measure and insist on matching funds between Parties, the State will continue to contribute financial and in-kind support for environmental and natural resource management that is at least equivalent to that provided under Previous Bilateral Agreements.
- 13.5 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

Caring for our Country Holding Account

- 14.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the State will establish an Account to separately record and account for all funding transactions made under this Agreement.

- 14.2 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the Commonwealth will pay Funds into the Account in the amounts and times specified in Schedule 1:
- (a) payment 1 must be paid by 14 July 2008
 - (b) payment 2 must be paid by 1 December 2008
 - (c) payment 3 must be paid by 15 February 2009.

The Regions and Programs on which the Funds are to be expended are specified in Schedules 2–9.

- 14.3 The State must ensure that the Account is an interest bearing account and will be responsible for the administration of funds in the Account in accordance with this clause 14.
- 14.4 Any interest earned on the Caring for our Country Funds held in the Account will be retained in the Account and reallocated by the Commonwealth to contribute to Caring for our Country priorities in South Australia.

Administration of the Funds from the 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 Account
 - (b) reviewing six-monthly financial-milestone reports submitted by each Proponent for each Program being undertaken by that Proponent in accordance with the relevant Schedules
 - (c) reviewing annual performance reports submitted by each Proponent in relation to each Program being undertaken by that Proponent in accordance with the relevant Schedules.
- 14.6 The Parties agree that the State:
- (a) will not pay funds out of the Account unless the Commonwealth has provided the State with a written authorisation to do so
 - (b) will be responsible for making payments out of the Account to Proponents within 20 working days of receiving the Commonwealth's written authorisation referred to in clause 14.6(a) unless otherwise agreed between the parties
 - (c) will pay to Proponents those funds released from the Account for the delivery of the Programs outlined in the Schedules to this Agreement, in accordance with signed Proponent Agreements, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties
 - (d) may defer the release of funds from the Account for a Program until the Milestones or other agreed actions for that Program have been completed to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth.
- 14.7 Any overpayments to a Proponent made by the State from the Account must be recovered by the State and returned to the Account. The returned funds may be reallocated to Alternative Programs as approved by the Commonwealth.
- 14.8 The State on advice from the Commonwealth will recover from Proponents any Funds that have not been spent on a Program or have been misspent and deposit the returned Funds into the Account. Those returned Funds may be reallocated to Alternative Programs as approved by the Commonwealth.

15 REGIONAL DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

- 15.1 The State must, within 20 working days from the date of the Commonwealth approving Program milestones, enter into Proponent Agreements with Proponents for all of the Programs outlined in the Schedules to this Agreement. The Proponent Agreements must be consistent with all the conditions and reporting requirements of this Agreement.

- (a) Where the Milestones for a Program are not specified in the Schedules, the Parties shall agree in writing on the Milestones for each such Program within 40 working days of the commencement of this Agreement. Once agreed, the Milestones and/or Targets shall be taken to be included in the Schedules. In the event that the Parties do not agree on the Milestones and/or Targets for a Program, any Funds which have been paid into the Account for the purpose of that Program shall be retained in the Account and reallocated to Alternative Programs as approved by the Commonwealth.
- (b) The State must not enter into a Proponent Agreement in respect of a Program unless the Expected Outcomes for that Program as specified in the Schedule for that Program are reflected in the Proponent Agreement. Milestones and/or Targets may be included in Proponent Agreements following agreement by the Parties consistent with clause 15.1(a).

15.2 Prior to the State entering into a Proponent Agreement with a Proponent, the State will ensure, to the best of its ability, that the Proponent:

- (a) has the capacity to manage the Program and monitor expenditure in accordance with sound accounting practices
- (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 Program from time to time.

15.3 The Proponent Agreements must provide that:

- (a) the Proponent will perform, or procure the performance of, all of the Programs
- (b) the Proponent will achieve, or procure the achievement of, the Milestones and/or Target and the Expected Outcomes
- (c) the State will pay the Funds allocated to a Program or Programs specified in Schedules to the Proponent on the achievement of the Milestones for the Program or Programs
- (d) if the Proponent intends to engage a third party to perform the Program or Programs, and the same Proponent has previously engaged the same third party to perform an activity under NHT2, NAP or NLP, and that activity has been completed, the third party must provide a complete acquittal of all prior funds before it receives any funds under the current Agreement
- (e) the Proponent Agreement may be terminated by the State if this Agreement is terminated.

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 interim Annual Financial Statement for the Account. The State must provide to the Commonwealth, by 31 December each year in respect of the financial year ending on the previous 30 June, an Annual Financial Statement for the Account audited by an Independent Auditor. The interim and audited Annual Financial Statements must include:

- (a) all Funds received into the Account
- (b) all Funds paid out of the Account by Proponent and Program
- (c) interest accrued in the Account
- (d) any monies returned or recovered from the Proponents and deposited back into the Account
- (e) a certification signed by the Certifying Officer stating that, in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, the amounts shown on the statement were spent in accordance with this Agreement.

16.2 The State will ensure that the Proponent Agreements include a requirement that each Proponent must submit to the State agency, for submission to the Commonwealth, covering all Programs:

- (a) six-monthly financial-milestone reports by 28 February and 31 August

- (b) an annual achievement report for this agreement against expected outcomes and Caring for our Country Targets by 31 July, subject to clause 16.2 (d)
 - (c) an annual financial report provided under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* audited by an Independent Auditor by 31 October, including identification of the Caring for our Country Program Funding
 - (d) a final report and acquittal for Programs which do not receive continued funding in 2009–10 within 50 working days of completion of the Program. This report will replace the 31 July achievement report outlined in clause 16.2(b) above.
- 16.3 The format of each report will be provided by the Commonwealth by 30 September 2008 and will, in relation to achievements and final reports, include a requirement for monitoring and reporting as per clause 10.
- 16.4 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 must be advised by the State that they will not be paid any further Funds until the reports or acquittals have been satisfactorily completed.
- 16.5 The State must ensure that the Proponent Agreements made with each Proponent include a requirement that a copy of the final report in clause 16.2(d) above for each Program is forwarded directly to the Commonwealth.
- 17 PROGRAM MATERIAL, ASSETS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**
- 17.1 For Programs undertaken by the Proponent, the Intellectual Property in Program Material created under or in connection with this Agreement vests on its creation in the Proponent. The State will ensure, to the best of its ability, 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 Program Material.
- 17.2 The State will ensure, to the best of its ability, that the Commonwealth is provided with a copy of all Program 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 Program 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 Program. 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 Program 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 will ensure, by including suitable provisions in the Proponent 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 Proponent 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)
- (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 Proponent Agreement or the Program.

18.2 The State will:

- (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
- (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 a Proponent 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 Subject to this clause 19, 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 relevant legislation.
- 19.2 Unless otherwise indicated, all consideration for any supply made under this Agreement is exclusive of any GST imposed on the supply.
- 19.3 If one party (supplier) makes a taxable supply to the other party (recipient) under this Agreement the recipient on receipt of a tax invoice from the supplier must pay without setoff an additional amount to the supplier equal to the GST imposed on the supply in question.
- 19.4 No party may claim or retain from the other party any amount in relation to a supply made under this Agreement for which the first party can obtain an input tax credit or decreasing adjustment.

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
- (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 clause 20.5, 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, (but not the total funding for the Programs)
 - (b) milestone due dates that do not extend the final completion date of the Programs
 - (c) milestones that do not alter the Expected Outcomes of the Programs.

Review of Program

- 20.6 The Commonwealth may at any time review the progress of a Program and the State shall cooperate in any such review.
- 20.7 Where the Commonwealth considers that the performance of a Program 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 Program so as to achieve a satisfactory result, the Program may be terminated in accordance with clause 20.8.
- 20.8 Subject to clause 20.7, a Program 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 Account.
- 20.9 This does not include Funds legally committed for expenditure in accordance with the Proponent Agreement before the date of the Commonwealth's notice.
- 20.10 Such recovered Funds along with any other Funds held in the Account in respect of that Program may be reallocated to Alternative Programs as approved by the Commonwealth.

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

- (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 Minister and the State Minister for resolution.

Termination

20.13 If the Commonwealth Minister and the State Minister 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 Minister notifies the other Party's Minister of their intention to terminate.

Recovery of Unspent Funds

20.14 If the Agreement is terminated under clause 20.13, or otherwise ends, the State must recover from Proponents any Funds that are unspent (other than Funds that have been legally committed for expenditure in accordance with a Proponent Agreement before the date of termination, or ending agreement) or have been misspent and return those Funds, together with any other Funds remaining in the 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 officer who is authorised for that purpose.

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-laws and requirements of the Commonwealth and the State.

21 NOTICES

21.1 Any notice, request or other communication to be given under this Agreement is to be in writing directed to the recipients' 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 Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation
GPO 2834
Adelaide SA 5001

22 INTERPRETATION

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

Account	means the holding account established by the State for the delivery of Caring for our Country referred to in clause 14
Activity	means a project or activity, listed in the Schedules to this Agreement
Agreement	means this agreement and includes any Schedules and/or Attachments to this agreement
Alternative Programs	means alternative programs approved in writing by the Commonwealth
Certifying Officer	means the Chief Executive of the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, or delegate
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
Expected Outcomes	means the outcomes that a Program is expected to achieve and are specified for each Program in the Schedule for that Program
Financial Agreement	means an agreement entered between the Commonwealth and the State under the previous NHT2 and NAP Bilateral Agreements
Funding or Funds	means the amount or amounts payable or paid under this Agreement by the Commonwealth for Caring for our Country Programs
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 (Cth)</i>
Independent Auditor	means a person who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the National Institute of Accountants, or the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountant, or who is registered as an auditor pursuant to the Corporations Law or under a corresponding law of a State or Territory
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 and/or any In-kind contributions directed at achieving Caring for our Country outcomes under this Agreement
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 Government 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 Program specified in the Schedule for that Program or agreed in accordance with the procedure in clause 15.1
NAP	means the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality adopted by Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments between 2002–08 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 resources 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 and the sea-bed and subsoil beneath, and the airspace above
Party or Parties	means the Commonwealth and the State who are signatories to 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 National Heritage Trust on 17 April 2003 (NHT2 Bilateral Agreement); and the delivery of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) on 8 June 2001 (NAP Bilateral Agreement)
Programs	means an activity, or set of activities, listed in the Schedules to this Agreement
Program Material	means all Material created as part of or in performance of a Program, and includes new, enhanced or derived data
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 a Program
Proponent Agreement	means the agreement between the State and a Proponent to deliver one or more approved Programs in accordance with this 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
Schedule	means a schedule to this Agreement
Stakeholder	includes persons, groups or institutions (including local, regional, State and Commonwealth government agencies) with interests in a policy, program or project relevant to the delivery of Caring for our Country
State	means the State that is a Party to this Agreement
Targets	Means a target specified by the Commonwealth for Caring for our Country
Transitional Year	Means the 2008–2009 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 AM MP
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 SOUTH AUSTRALIA by:

The Honourable Gail Gago MLC
Minister for Environment and Conservation

This _____ day of _____ 2008

SCHEDULE 1: PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Commonwealth Payments into the South Australian Caring for our Country Holding Account (the 'Account'):

Period	Amount	Payment Due Date
First (July to December 2008)	\$11 388 000	By 14 July 2008
Second (January to March 2009)	\$3 796 000	By 1 December 2008
Third (April to June 2009)	\$3 796 000	By 15 February 2009
Total	\$18 980 000	

SCHEDULE 2: Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board

Program name	Program Description	Expected Outcomes	Total Funding approved	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
Land and Biodiversity Services: Incentives for on-ground action for biodiversity conservation	<p>Mitigation of threats to biodiversity and support for best practice land management in close cooperation with industry, government agencies, communities and individuals. Provision of technical advice and incentives to undertake best practice management of land and native vegetation areas. Engagement of rural and peri-urban landholders to achieve enhanced biodiversity conservation whilst delivering landscape-scale improvements to productive capacity. Major activities include:</p> <p>increasing the area covered by functional ecosystems through reconstruction programs in priority areas; and identifying and overcoming obstacles to restoration;</p> <p>protecting and recovering species and ecological communities through preparation of integrated recovery plans for priority species; implementing priority recovery plans/recovery actions; and supporting the mitigation of impacts by sustainable use of abundant native fauna; and</p> <p>managing threats to ecosystems by landscape-scale management of priority threats; support for land managers to effectively manage remnant ecosystems on private land focusing on conservations clusters; and support for land managers to effectively manage remnant ecosystems in conservation areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 ha of functional ecosystem reconstruction undertaken in priority areas, contributing to the three year target of 440 ha. • Three new conservation clusters established, with each cluster containing at least five properties, contributing to the three year target of nine conservation clusters. • 1000 ha of native vegetation in conservation areas being supported, contributing to the three year target of 4500 ha. • 700 ha of native vegetation on private land actively managed, contributing to the three year target of 2500 ha. • Five new conservation covenants signed, contributing to the three year target of 20 covenants covering 200 ha. 	\$1 580 000			
Protect and improve surface water and groundwater quality	<p>Managing water resources and maintaining water quality to ensure the best use of all available water resources (including aquatic ecosystems and horticulture). The major project is Rehabilitation of riparian zones for water quality improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 km of watercourse rehabilitated - contributing to the region's three year target of 40 km. 	\$500 000			
Land and Biodiversity Services: Incentives for on-ground action for sustainable primary production	<p>These activities aim to ensure sustainability and productivity and support best practice land management in close cooperation with industry, government agencies, communities and individuals. They include technical advice and incentives to undertake best practice management of land and native vegetation areas. The major project proposed is assist with implementing sustainable primary production, through incentives programs to support sustainable land management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 700 ha of native vegetation on private land actively managed (outcome also relevant to, and shown against, biodiversity priority). • 80 property management plans completed - contributing to the region's three year target of 250 completed. 	\$200 000			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000 property managers provided with technical information on land management - contributing to the three year target of 3000. 				
TOTAL			\$2 280 000	\$1 368 000	\$456 000	\$456 000

SCHEDULE 3: Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Program name	Program Description	Expected Outcomes	Total Funding approved	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
Water, A Precious Resource	Continue investigations to establish baseline information, knowledge and understanding around ground and surface water resources, the hydrogeology of the region including the destination of rain and surface flow, the rate of recharge of ground and surface waters. The results will be used to complete a water allocation plan for the region, based on the maintenance of sustainable water sources for environmental and cultural needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased knowledge and understanding of hydrological processes, ground and surface water resources in the region. • Monitoring of water resources and work towards an impact assessment of water harvesting on the availability of water for biodiversity and cultural values, improving outcomes for nationally-threatened species. • Management planning for rock-holes identifying priority sites and key activities to be undertaken. 	\$200 000			
NRM Caring for our Country for Biodiversity	NRM in the region should be integrated, holistic and closely linked to, or led by, traditional owners and elders, supported by project manager/s, work supervisor/s and mentors. The program blends traditional and contemporary care of country, including rock-hole work, fire management, transfer of traditional ecological knowledge, flora and fauna management, capacity building in NRM and pest animal and plant control and management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased caring for country and stewardship by communities, agencies and individuals (includes sea and coast). • Improved institutional, organisational and community NRM strength. • Education in traditional and contemporary biodiversity principles to enable communities and elders to understand and own future NRM in the region. • Stable or improved land condition in Caring for our Country project areas compared to 2009 (or prior) baselines. • Increased land area with ecologically sustainable fire regimes and decreased fire risk in Caring for our Country project areas. • Decreased risk to priority native species and habitats from camels, buffel grass and other pests. • Progress towards sustainable use of bush tucker and bush medicine species and habitat areas. 	\$915 000			
Coast and Marine (Wild West Coastline)	Managing the impacts of visitors and off-road vehicles to the region; coastal monitoring especially coast/sea birds, flora and fauna; assessing and mitigating risk from pest animals and plants; focusing on threatened species and more pristine habitats and vegetation communities. The project will work closely with the Yalata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and management of the most significant and highest risk sites for birds and other fauna initiated, concentrating on threatened species and the more pristine habitats and vegetation communities. • Increased public and indigenous understanding, caring and knowledge of coast and marine assets, threats and management. • Increased caring for country and stewardship by 	\$150 000			

	community and other stakeholders in managing the complex and overlapping problems in this vast and remote coastline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved institutional, organisational and community NRM strength. • People educated in traditional and contemporary biodiversity principles 				
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	This program will work towards establishing respectful working relationships with communities by recognising traditional authority, traditional owners and elders' roles. Partnerships will be sought for mentoring, education, training and employment..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased caring for country and stewardship by communities, agencies and individuals (includes sea and coast). • Improved institutional, organisational and community NRM strength. • People educated in traditional and contemporary biodiversity principles to enable communities and elders to understand and own future NRM in the region. 	\$300 000			
Management, Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting, Improvement (MMERI)	The program will build knowledge concentrating on developing a monitoring program to improve understanding of sea and land biodiversity and the effectiveness and efficiency of natural resource management in the region. Establishing baselines is a priority. Regional imagery acquired in 2007-08, GIS analysis, mapping (coupled with on-ground monitoring), database management and knowledge transfer will be used to support programs and projects in the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased understanding of the health, condition and trend in the natural resources of the region. On-ground projects with communities underpinned and informed by on-ground monitoring of risks and remedies for natural resource issues. • Management and reporting of investment program and projects. • Lessons Learnt process in place to improve or adapt programs and projects as new knowledge and information is available. • Consistent and robust management of monitoring data, natural resource information and traditional knowledge. • Enhanced capacity and independence of community members to monitor and report on their own projects or work program. 	\$300 000			
Research, Development and Innovation	The program supports the knowledge built under the MMERI program, concentrating on developing research partnerships, innovative and pilot projects to improve our understanding of sea and land biodiversity in the face of climate change and potential impacts on regional NRM and biodiversity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research partnership in place. Research program initiated. • Findings from research to guide and underpin future NRM programs and projects in the region. • Increased understanding of the health, condition and trend in the natural resources of the region and the likely changes to the land and its management under climate change. • Innovative or pilot projects initiated. 	\$125 000			
TOTAL			\$1 990 000	\$1 194 000	\$398 000	\$398 000

SCHEDULE 4: Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board

Program name	Program Description	Expected Outcomes	Total Funding approved	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
Biodiversity Program	<p>Integrated Management of Vegetation Communities on Eyre Peninsula - Development of a plan for East–West and North–South vegetation climate change movement corridors. Conservation agreements, incentives, fencing of 2,000 ha remnant vegetation, revegetating 250 ha. Broad scale adoption of sustainable practices.</p> <p>Habitat Management for Species Protection - Implement 40 performance criteria from the <i>draft Recovery Plan for 23 Threatened Flora Taxa on Eyre Peninsula</i> and implement 5 recovery plans for threatened animal species. Protect 500-1,000 ha of habitat under long-term heritage agreements.</p> <p>Environmental Weed Control - Control 30 ha of White Weeping Broom and 20 ha of African Boxthorn; assist landholders in identification and eradication; revegetate control sites with 700 trees.</p> <p>Regional Support for NRM Initiatives - Subregional staff to facilitate delivery of on-ground works. Strategic, technical and specialist advice, liaison, small grant support. Promotion/training.</p> <p>Working with Community to Protect and Enhance Biodiversity on the Eyre Peninsula – a schools-based program to collect sandalwood seed and re-habilitate sandalwood communities. Workshops for the community to train them in the use of native vegetation condition monitoring tools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved ability of the region’s species to respond to potential climate change. Key threatened native vegetation communities/native fauna protected. Five threatened fauna species and eight threatened flora species populations stabilised and monitored. Plan for control of White Weeping Broom and African Boxthorn for private landholders; increased awareness of their impact/control. Increased community awareness and involvement in NRM and NRM programs. Mitigation of acidity, salinity, sodicity, erosion, habitat fragmentation, species decline, decline in vegetation condition. Education of school students in seed collection and bushland rehabilitation and community capacity to assist regional native vegetation condition monitoring. Rehabilitation of high priority Central, East and West Eyre Peninsula sandalwood communities. 	\$718 280			
Community Program	<p>Engaging with Community Groups and Volunteers on Eyre Peninsula for Improved NRM outcomes - Staff contact to assist community members engage in NRM activities and align volunteer activities with priority areas. Develop and trial a basic volunteer training program. Establish reward/recognition and succession programs. Deliver a regional NRM community forum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced ability to deliver priority NRM on-ground works though utilising a trained volunteer resource base. Enhanced participation of the community in NRM, with recognition of significant achievers. 	\$124 430			

<p>Coastal and Marine Program</p>	<p>Integrated Coastal and Marine Management – Partnership with 10 councils to protect 250 ha of coastal vegetation/dune areas; construct 100m of raised boardwalk; at 5 priority locations, plant 2,000 tube-stock, 20 km of direct seeding, fencing, erosion/weed control, workshops, education.</p> <p>Catchment to Coasts – On-ground work in the Cummins Wanilla/Salt Creek /Dutton River Catchments. Protect 100 ha vegetation; 10km of stream-bank erosion control; at 5 priority locations, plant 1,000 tube-stock, 20 km of direct seeding, education/resources. Water quality surveys of coastal estuaries.</p> <p>Protecting Marine Environments with Research and Development Partnerships – Partnership with Port Lincoln Marine Science Centre and FRDC to survey 6 shipping centres and/or coastal wetlands of national significance (ie. Acraman Creek, Davenport Creek, Venus Bay) for the extent and impact of exotic marine pests on the marine environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased community awareness and involvement in coastal management. Coastal erosion and risk from public access minimised at 5 priority locations. • Improved riparian zone native vegetation extent, condition and connectivity. • Reduced salinity, turbidity, sediment and nutrient loads in the Cummins Wanilla, Salt Creek and Dutton River catchments. Improved water quality in Kellidie Bay estuary, improved habitat for fish, oysters, sea grass beds. • Baseline data acquisition on the extent and impact of marine invasive species on the Eyre Peninsula. 	<p>\$407 210</p>			
<p>Land Program</p>	<p>Future Farming Systems – Work with farming groups to promote sustainable agricultural techniques and assist with projects, site visits, workshops, field days and seminars. Additional 20 landholders adopting best practice techniques/sustainable farming systems.</p> <p>Landscape Management for Sustainable Agriculture on Eyre Peninsula - Improve water quality of 3 major catchments through 30 km of fencing, 1,000 tube-stock planted, 30 ha of perennial pastures, 20 km of fencing to land capability, 200 ha of land treated for soil erosion. Coordinated feral pest control on 1,650,000 ha of Eyre Peninsula.</p> <p>Grain and Graze – Flexible Farming Systems Responding to Climate Change – Promotion of improved grazing management through dual purpose crop demonstration sites. Workshops to identify best cropping/grazing mixes for enterprises and cost/benefits of new techniques.</p> <p>Managing Risk in Farming - Support landholder capacity to alter farming systems to maximise production/profitability while reducing resource degradation. Use new technologies to inform farm-planning, demonstrate soil type impacts on production, amelioration techniques, paddock zoning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved working relationships between NRM and primary production groups; increased uptake of best practice systems, improved production, reduced impact of erosion and salinity; best practice production guidelines and policies for dryland cropping and livestock production. • Increased area of regional cropping land adequately protected from erosion; improved health of riparian areas of major catchments and reduced soil erosion; reduced impact of pest species; improved farm productivity. • Reduced soil erosion risks and improved viability/productivity of enterprises with uncertain rainfall. • More landholders employing farm planning, sustainable agricultural practices and managing land to capability. 	<p>\$593 850</p>			

Remote NRM Program	Engaging with Indigenous Communities on Eyre Peninsula - Establish an appropriate regional model to facilitate Indigenous community engagement. Facilitate an increase in the number of on-ground projects being undertaken on Indigenous managed lands and by Indigenous community groups and individuals. Integrate appropriate cultural protocols into the Board's activities including consultation and planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased engagement, employment and involvement of the region's Indigenous communities NRM activities. • Appropriate cultural protocols incorporated into the NRM Board's consultation, plans and activities. 	\$226 230			
TOTAL			\$2 070 000	\$1 242 000	\$414 000	\$414 000

SCHEDULE 5: Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board

Program name	Program Description	Expected Outcomes	Total Funding approved	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
Building Knowledge Actions	An on-going, integrated monitoring program providing key indicators of the state and condition of the natural environment, including ground and surface water and biodiversity. The program is based on developing scientific and management systems for measurement of key indicators to develop baselines, benchmarks and time-series data that demonstrate the effectiveness of NRM investment and on-ground actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and refinement of water monitoring through the development of a water resources management model and the development and implementation of resource condition monitoring. Field based assessment of biodiversity benefits arising from on-ground works. The information collected used to identify high priority areas for off-reserve management actions. 	\$391 000			
Island Refuge Actions	This program has a biodiversity focus and an emphasis on implementation of on-ground works. The program aims to combine applied science with the implementation of management actions to establish best approaches to protect and manage key biodiversity assets. Works will include identification and assessment of potential pest threats and the development of response plans for new incursions. Threatened species, such as the Glossy Black-Cockatoo will be managed and restoration of threatened plant habitat undertaken. Landholders will be engaged to protect and enhance remnant vegetation and improve the connectivity of remnants. The program will also undertake the enlargement and establish of a buffer on eastern Kangaroo Island; surveys of threatened plant trial plots to determine population recover rates; and will develop decision support systems and support fire management planning across agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of recovery and threat abatement plans for the Glossy Black and threatened plant species. Restoration of feeding and nesting habitat; maintenance of artificial nest hollows; pest and weed control and enlargement and establishment of a buffer zone for threatened plant species in eastern KI. Integration of native vegetation management into broader NRM areas through provision of advice and collaboration with officers engaged in mapping and assessment of native vegetation, and threat mitigation. Engagement of relevant authorities with a view to integrating biodiversity outcomes into fire management planning. 	\$210 000			
Repel the Invader Actions	The impact of pests and diseases on Kangaroo Island is currently relatively small and the opportunity exists to maintain this situation through the adoption of 'Prevention rather than Cure' Strategy. This program will undertake an integrated strategy which manages, controls, monitors and eradicates pests such as deer, goats, pigs and cats from the Island as well as preventing and detecting new introductions of pests, diseases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of existing pest animal management strategies for highest risk species. Improved control strategies for feral mammals. Implementation of a Kangaroo Island biosecurity strategy including incursion response and prevention strategies for pest species. 	\$372 000			

Oceans of Blue Actions	Marine, coastal and estuarine biodiversity and aesthetic values are highly important to the Island, with significant tourism and real estate industries built around them. This program will manage marine, coastal and estuarine resources and facilitate responses to high-priority threatening processes and impacts that degrade biodiversity assets or values. Works to be undertaken include conducting marine and estuarine surveys of seagrass meadows; monitoring of water quality; assessment and technical advice of on-ground works to management and rehabilitate watercourses in riparian zones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watercourse management and rehabilitation works in priority areas to mitigate seagrass decline in Nepean Bay including marine and estuarine surveys on seagrass meadows and water quality monitoring. • Improved water quality, stream bank and bed stability and riparian habitat in the Cygnet River catchment. 	\$197 000			
Building a Sustainable Future – Actions	Soil acidification, waterlogging are two key land degradation issues on the Island. This program aims to increase landholder awareness and capacity to undertake best practice management of soil acidity as well as investigate technology that suits the Islands soils, climatic and farming conditions to alleviate waterlogging impacts. The program will work in conjunction with landholders to provide the skills and information required to undertake best practice land management practices, including refinement of trial cropping and stock management practices to deal with erosion risks and projected climate change impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension activities and technical support to build the capacity of farmers to improve management of waterlogging and acidity. • Monitoring of soil pH at the paddock scale and a research / demonstration site to establish management options suitable for the Island farming systems. • Cropping and stock management practices to deal with erosion risks and climate change impacts. 	\$156 000			
Assisting the Community	This program will provide valuable technical support and assistance to community groups, volunteers and landholders to maintain manage and improve NRM assets at the local, landscape and regional scale. The program aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of community groups, volunteers and landholders to empower them to undertake best practice management of natural resources on Kangaroo Island. The program will result in the delivery of a large amount of on-ground works.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of scientific and technical support to assist community groups to undertake NRM activities. • NRM education programs to increase the number of students participating in school-based NRM programs, developed in collaboration with Kangaroo Island Community Education • Support for NRM training programs including the arrangement and delivery of Reef Watch-type training events. 	\$124 000			
TOTAL			\$1 450 000	\$870 000	\$290 000	\$290 000

SCHEDULE 6: Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board

Program name	Program Description	Expected Outcomes	Total Funding approved	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
Functioning Systems for Biodiversity	<p>Landscape scale protection, conservation, rehabilitation and management of bio-diverse natural resources habitat focusing on quality remnant native vegetation and iconic threatened or endangered plant and animal communities</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation and planning Seed bank management Nursery production of rare plants) Technical support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated improvement in sustainable management of the natural resources, including weed control and feral animal control. • Agreements for permanent protection and conservation of natural resources. • Restoration and reconstruction of important landscapes, including water dependent ecosystems - to create wildlife corridors, protect and conserve water dependent ecosystems and buffer the edges of the landscape from threatening processes. • Recovery of threatened species and communities. • Improved protection and conservation of National, State and Regional listed and iconic species and ecological communities. • Knowledge from monitoring and resource assessment. • Planned, negotiated and coordinated outcomes for future program delivery including planning system reforms. 	\$186 000			
Sustainable Coast and Marine Ecosystems	<p>Landscape scale protection, conservation, rehabilitation and management of bio-diverse natural resources habitats focusing on quality coastal remnant native vegetation, critical aquatic habitats and iconic threatened or endangered plant and animal communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated improvement in sustainable management of the natural resources, including weed and feral animal control, and restricted/managed vehicular access to sensitive coastal environments. • Agreements for permanent protection and conservation of natural resources. • Restoration, reconstruction and protection of important coastal landscapes, including dunes, cliff tops and estuarine environments - to create wildlife corridors, protect and conserve water dependent ecosystems and buffer the edges of the landscape from threatening processes. • Recovery of threatened species and communities. • Improved protection and conservation of National, State and Regional listed and iconic species and ecological communities. 	\$86 000			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge from monitoring and resource assessment. • Planned, negotiated and coordinated outcomes for future program delivery including planning system reforms. 				
Improving Land Management of Soils and Land	To reduce the local and regional impacts of soil erosion, poor soil condition and acidification by increased adoption of 'best-practice' sustainable on-farm land management practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated improvement in land management practices to protect and improve soil and land resources while enhancing farmers/landholders ability to sustain productive livelihoods. • Increased paddock vegetation cover to reduce soil erosion. • Reduced paddock soil disturbance to reduce soil erosion. • Increased soil pH on acidic soils to improve farm productivity. • Increased adoption of sustainable farming practices, i.e., adoption of no-till practices. 	\$86 000			
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	Implementation of processes designed to help individuals and groups to value and manage their changing circumstances to improve the stock of natural resources capital. Whilst the program targets the wider community it focuses on and critically underpins the work in the other program areas. Community engagement and skills; Information; Coordination of 2007/08 Australian Government funded program activities and of 2008/09 market based instruments program; Management and Administration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of the skills, knowledge and engagement of communities, groups and individuals, including Indigenous Australians, to enable more effective partnerships targeted at landscape-scale change. • Increased caring for country and stewardship by communities, agencies and individuals (includes sea and coast). • Improved institutional, organisational and community NRM strength. • People educated in traditional and contemporary biodiversity principles to enable communities and elders to understand and own future NRM in the region. 	\$1 340 000			
TOTAL			\$1 698 000	\$1 018 800	\$339 600	\$339 600

SCHEDULE 7: South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board

Program name	Program Description	Expected Outcomes	Total Funding approved	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
<p>Biodiversity and Natural Icons</p>	<p>Arid recovery: An ecosystem restoration program in Roxby Downs delivered by a local volunteers and paid employees. This activity will facilitate restoration of arid zone ecosystems through on ground works, applied research and industry/community partnerships.</p> <p>Recovery of threatened fauna in the Rangelands of South Australia: On-ground recovery works for key threatened fauna, of which 26 species are threatened nationally. The processes that impact on the threatened fauna of the region include changes in habitat through current or historic excessive grazing pressure, weed infestation, predation by foxes and cats and changes in fire frequency and scale.</p> <p>Recovery of threatened flora / biodiversity support in the Rangelands: Raising scientific understanding and landholder awareness of the threatened species and ecological communities within SAAL. Using that knowledge to target on-ground recovery actions to ensure their conservation. Develops best practice management techniques and monitoring. Delivered through Greening Australia.</p> <p>Cross-regional feral animal management: Strategic development of evidence-based, best practice management techniques for large vertebrate pests (camels, donkeys and horses) and feral carnivores (foxes and cats) across three SA regions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-creation of a natural arid zone ecosystem through removal of feral animals and reintroduction of locally extinct species. • Techniques for broad scale environmental management of arid lands. • Off-reserve model for biodiversity protection. • Predator control techniques. • Promotion of arid zone conservation. • Multi-species recovery strategy. • Multi-community recovery strategy. • Biodiversity technical expertise to support regional activities. • Prioritised species for recovery actions and investment. • Recovery actions developed and implemented as part of integrated threat mitigation projects. • Monitor, evaluate and review project objectives and activities • Raised community awareness. • Dialogue with Aboriginal landholders about feral management. • Broad-scale techniques to manage large feral herbivores. Assess need for alternative control strategies. 	<p>\$459 800</p>			

<p>Critical aquatic habitats</p>	<p>Managing the surface waters of the Arid lands region: Bio-surveys of the northern rivers, rehabilitation and maintenance of culturally significant waterholes, and mapping community values for landscape attributes. Implement recommendations of the Arid Rivers Natural and Cultural Heritage project.</p> <p>Groundwater resources, waterholes and dependent ecosystems in the Gawler and Flinders Ranges: Inadequate baseline information about the natural waters in the Gawler Ranges and the Northern Flinders Ranges has impaired their management, impacting significantly on the ability to manage these resources. This project will capitalise on previous work, to develop and implement further management activities that will target specific sites of significance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and evaluation of management of priority sites. • Identification of key waterbird sites through monitoring and modelling. • Fire management practices for channel country floodplains. • Baseline data collected on water resources in Gawler Ranges and added to Water database. • Hydrology and hydrogeology model. • Information Management System. • Risk assessment method and resource valuation. • Resource management strategy. 	<p>\$317 800</p>			
<p>Sustainable Farm Practices</p>	<p>Pest management and Rangelands rehabilitation: Assist pastoralists to manage weeds and ferals.</p> <p>Pastoral bounceback: Protect, restore and recover ecological communities, priority species by developing co-operative activities with landholders, community groups and other stakeholders on land that adjoins reserves.</p> <p>Dingo management in the far north of South Australia: Investigation of the relationship between dingo baiting and calf damage to assess whether the results from the small-scale Queensland trial are more widely applicable. The results of this work will have broad implications for future pastoral management activities, stock losses and ongoing sustainability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-ground works from the regional pest management strategy and bioregional biodiversity plans. • Coordination of landholder efforts to achieve regional-scale outcomes. • Advice to sub-regional NRM groups in the development of strategic projects. • Reduced grazing pressure, artificial predation and pest plants. • Recovered threatened species. • Soil seed-banks established and locally extinct fauna reintroduced. • Community facilitation and communication. • Threatened species recovery plans. • Habitat rehabilitation. • Field trials to monitor dingo movement and test measures. • DNA testing for hybridisation. • Guidelines and recommendations for Dingo management. • Newsletter and website to inform pastoralists and other participants of research outcomes. 	<p>\$464 800</p>			

<p>NRM in Remote and Northern Australia</p>	<p>Managing pest threats to natural resources on Aboriginal-managed lands: Community members will engage in on-ground activities including: fencing to protect remnant vegetation and revegetation works; musters for large herbivores; warren ripping; baiting for feral carnivores; trapping/culls for all classes of feral vertebrates; chemical and mechanical removal of priority weed species; and hand pulling of small manageable weed infestations.</p> <p>National Rangelands NRM coordination and development: Development and coordination of sustainable NRM projects across Australia's rangeland regions, including: large feral herbivores; ecosystem services; arid rivers and wetlands; community skills, knowledge and engagement; and soil condition and water quality targets.</p> <p>Blinman Parachilna pest plant control: A community managed initiative. Several pest plant species, most notably <i>Opuntia</i> (a type of wheel cactus) are thinly spread across more than 300 square kms in the Central Flinders Ranges, with very dense core populations in some areas. The majority of plants occur in accessible areas. Containment and shrinkage of the infected area will minimise potential for further spread into extremely inaccessible country, where any future control operations would be expensive. The invaded area includes iconic landscapes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased pest numbers on Aboriginal managed land. • Improved water quality. Improved aquatic and terrestrial habitats for native plants and animals. • Improved vegetation cover and soil stability in dust-prone areas. Improved protection of culturally important areas. • Increased awareness, engagement and capacity of Aboriginal people in NRM practices. • Management program for large feral herbivore control across the Rangelands of Australia. • Ecosystem Services in the Rangelands of the Australia. • Establishment of a cross-jurisdictional National Sustainability Trust to coordinate activities across the Rangelands of Australia. • Management of the Arid Rivers and Wetlands of Australia. • Community skills, knowledge and engagement in remote Australia. • Soil condition and Water Quality Targets for the Rangelands. • Core populations of <i>Opuntia</i> species reduced and contained. • Effective bio-control agents for <i>Opuntia</i> species identified. • Increased land system health and ecosystem function. • Iconic landscapes that underpin regional tourism preserved. • Economic benefits to participating landholders through protection of high value swamps and other critical water resources, prevention of wool contamination from <i>Opuntia</i> spines, and maintenance of landscape integrity. 	<p>\$320 800</p>			
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<p>Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement</p>	<p>Building future leaders for NRM: A Board audit of the community's NRM capacity revealed a lack of support for community leaders and an increasing rate of burn out as too few people are called upon to do more and more.</p> <p>Aboriginal NRM skills and knowledge development: Aims to ensure Indigenous communities have the skills and opportunities to participate in NRM activities relevant to their needs.</p> <p>Arid Lands Information System (ALIS): The ALIS is a fully integrated web-based information management system to provide data required by all land managers in the region to effectively participate in NRM.</p> <p>Community education and engagement: This project is an evolution of the current Community Landcare Coordinator project, and addresses volunteer engagement and community education within the region. It will provide greater links into regional schools including School of the Air, and enable the board to actively engage and promote volunteer activities for people within the region and for those outside the region that have an enduring interest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A leadership program specifically for people based within the Arid Lands that encompasses: • NRM in the Arid lands • Group dynamics, team building and communication skills • Basic project development and management • Negotiation and conflict resolution • Community awareness raising and basic marketing techniques • Support and training provided to increase opportunities for participation in NRM activities. • NRM database and associated GIS tools for land managers. • Increased land manager involvement in sustainable pastoralism projects • Increased volunteer involvement in Arid Lands NRM • Increased school participation in NRM activities. 	<p>\$236 800</p>			
<p>TOTAL</p>			<p>\$1 800 000</p>	<p>\$1 080 000</p>	<p>\$360 000</p>	<p>\$360 000</p>

SCHEDULE 8: South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board

Program name	Program Description	Expected Outcomes	Total Funding approved	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	<p>Land and water management (Program 4) addresses the threats of salinity, land erosion, outdated and inappropriate land use practices and inappropriate development to regional assets of the River Murray, Lower Lakes, dryland areas, Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges tributaries, groundwater resources, terrestrial ecosystems and irrigated land by supporting the community to improve land and water management practices.</p> <p>River and floodplain management (Program 5) addresses threats to river health from water over-allocation and reduced river flows, and rising saline groundwater and land management practices along the river corridor. Rehabilitation and on-going protection of the River Murray and its floodplain requires a complementary set of integrated management tools including manipulation of flows within the main channel as well as onto the floodplain, reducing saline groundwater incursions into the floodplain, wetland rehabilitation, habitat restoration and sustainable land use practices on the floodplain.</p> <p>Wetland management (Program 6) focuses on wetlands. Improved regional coordination and targeted actions are required to achieve improved delivery of on-ground wetland activities, a focus on regional priority areas, as well as enabling more efficient reporting on regional targets. This Program consolidates and coordinates project activity largely driven by the community, in particular Local Action Planning Groups and wetland community groups, and provides additional technical support for planning, implementation and monitoring.</p> <p>Pollution management (Program 7) addresses the threat of point source and diffuse pollution to the River Murray, Lower Lakes and tributaries of the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges by facilitating development of integrated catchment management systems. These systems will be developed through local community planning processes and supported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional programs and tools to facilitate development and implementation of Land and Water Management Plans. • Technical resources provided to link regional policy directions with local land and water management. • Land and Water Management Plans for priority areas revised. • Information provided to assist implementation of farming systems that reduce recharge, salinity and soil loss and enhance biodiversity. • Land management change facilitated through whole farm planning. • Revegetation implemented to reduce recharge, salinity and soil loss. • Integrated floodplain management plans for high priority areas developed and implemented. • Integrated monitoring programs for floodplain environmental flows and salinity activities developed and implemented. • Baseline fish and in-stream habitat data collected and assessed. • Ongoing identification of key species' needs. • Priorities for wetlands refined leading to program of investment to target priority wetlands. • Annual coordinated plan for wetland management developed and implemented. • Develop and implement monitoring programs for priority wetlands to facilitate adaptive management and reporting. • Accelerating stormwater and wastewater 	\$2 066 334			

	by all three spheres of government. Implementation of these management systems will develop the capacity of local communities to address local water quality issues and contribute to meeting regional targets.	<p>quality improvements within urban catchments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater management for river craft. • Pollutant movement in the River Murray. 				
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	<p>Biodiversity protection and enhancement (Program 9) addresses the threats of habitat modification and fragmentation, loss of species and diversity and changes of fire regimes to terrestrial ecosystems within the Region.</p> <p>Pest plant and animal control (Program 10) will produce an updated integrated regional pest animal and plant plan that maximises the benefits for conservation and production. It will identify the major agricultural and environmental assets within the region and prioritise those pests, posing the greatest threats to those assets. It will also develop targeted action programs that deliver the best outcomes for the region. This requires accurate mapping of priority pest densities, the baseline data being used to accurately monitor control measures and ensure Resource Condition Targets are met.</p> <p>Coastal zone and estuarine environment (Program 11) supports the implementation of the Coorong and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert Ramsar Management Plan, which identifies fragmented management as a key threat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing resources protected through covenants, reserves and Heritage Agreements. • On-ground actions to retain and/or link remnant and threatened habitat areas, revegetation buffer areas established and natural regeneration of degraded areas. • Recovery programs for priority threatened species implemented. • Technical support provided to community groups to re-establish and conserve habitat and to identify and protect threatened ecological species and communities. • Increase knowledge on remnant vegetation as habitat; its management and re-establishment. • Develop and implement recovery programs for priority threatened species. • Land management targets and locations to facilitate integrated, efficient and effective control reviewed and prioritised. • Best practice guidelines. • Work programs for Golden Dodder, Bridal Veil, Feral Pigs and Opuntia implemented. • Pest targets and locations prioritised in accordance with the Indigenous Partnership Protocol and implement and monitor on-ground works. • The Coorong and Lower Lakes Ramsar Management Plan – ecosystem monitoring implemented. • The Coorong and Lower Lakes Ramsar Management Plan – on-ground works implemented. • Local actions to address coastal issues. 	\$1 559 333			

<p>Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement</p>	<p>Building community skills, knowledge and engagement (Program 12) supports the long-term adoption and maintenance of action to improve natural resource management through individuals and communities who live within and rely on our natural resources. Capacity to manage natural resources is comprised of an ability to gather and share information, to identify and understand the causes of, and opportunities to prevent degradation, to set goals, to gain access to technical and behavioural solutions, to prioritise actions and to monitor and respond to results. Capacity building is the long-term process of increasing the ability of communities to identify and solve their problems and risks, and to maximise opportunities to participate.</p> <p>Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement (Program 13) supports monitoring, evaluation, review and reporting and is an essential enabling program which will finalise a monitoring and evaluation framework, commence the implementation of the framework, increase regional capacity to collect, store and share appropriate data sets and facilitate reporting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional support and coordination of capacity building activities and projects across the SA MDB Region. • Facilitation and support services to develop community capacity to actively participate in natural resource management. • Effective community leadership programs. • Sustainability education programs in schools - WaterWatch, Catchment Care and teacher training. • Youth leadership programs • Local government and industry education to improve NRM. • Engagement of Aboriginal people and communities in NRM. • Local community NRM offices supported to function as key contact points for community NRM information. • MERI Implementation Plan. 	<p>\$1 454 333</p>			
<p>TOTAL</p>			<p>\$5 080 000</p>	<p>\$3 048 000</p>	<p>\$1 016 000</p>	<p>\$1 016 000</p>

SCHEDULE 9: South East Natural Resources Management Board

Program name	Program Description	Expected Outcomes	Total Funding approved	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
<p>Effective Partnerships and Good Governance for NRM Program</p>	<p>An invasive species biosecurity strategy for the South East Development of an invasive species biosecurity strategy, including: asset identification, risk assessment, planning, prevention, surveillance, response capacity, control techniques for priority invasive species.</p> <p>Benchmarking pest incursions in the South East Collation of all historical existing animal and plant control data (hardcopy and electronic copy) into a centralized knowledge system enabling it to be used for ongoing monitoring/management and which other stakeholders can also contribute to and utilise. Additional field data capture capacity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and potential status and impact of invasive exotic species assessed. • Capacity for early detection and rapid response to invasive species. • Community support and investment in invasive species management. • Best practice management of invasive exotic species. • Improved capacity to map, monitor and share information on regional invasive species. 	<p>\$416 200</p>			
<p>Healthy Landscapes Supporting High Value Ecological Systems Program</p>	<p>Lower South East wetland restoration Conservation of important wetland systems of the Lower South East through inventory assessments, hydrological and ecological restoration activities and monitoring/evaluating response of key condition indicators.</p> <p>A knowledge-based system for ecological burning in the South East Develop an information system on fire history, key habitats within the region that are regularly burnt, areas containing fire sensitive vegetation and areas that require regular exposure to prescribed fire to regenerate.</p> <p>Improving the ecological health of Lake George Ongoing activity addressing a green and blue-green algae bloom which has created water quality conditions impeding the Lake's recovery. The project will stimulate recovery and restore the basic ecological functionality of the lake through monitoring water quality and water flow and undertaking removal of sediment.</p> <p>Threatened species and habitat recovery Project securing key priority threatened species and conserving key priority terrestrial habitats. Implementation, review and development of Regional Action Plans for priority threatened</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reversal of drainage impacts in at least 6 locations; habitat restoration/enhanced status of threatened species and ecosystems associated with key wetlands. • Restoration of at least 2 Lower South East wetlands and inventory assessments of 20 wetlands. • Improved understanding of the effect of uncontrolled fire on native vegetation and how prescribed burning can be used as a native vegetation management tool. • More effective management of vegetation, reduced species loss and fire risks. Improved ability to predict and manage fires. • Lake George water quality, bird habitat and fish stocks enhanced. Flow on economic benefits. • Improved condition and viability of key populations for ten priority 	<p>\$874 000</p>			

	flora and fauna; on-ground works and evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved quality of priority native vegetation remnants through targeted weed control. Improved condition, extent and connectivity of priority habitats and status of other species of concern in the SE. 				
Resilient Industries Taking Responsibility for Sustainable Use and Management of Natural Resources Program	<p>Cross-regional exotic herbivore threat abatement Coordinated strategic feral deer control program targeting gaps, develop an aerial survey technique for measuring feral deer numbers, aerial control program at 3 conservation park locations, increasing landholder participation, sampling the feral deer population for livestock diseases.</p> <p>Limestone Coast viticulture: managing soil salinity for wine quality at Padthaway Undertaking of work to manage salinity. Review previous hydro-geology; develop a district groundwater model for water/salt movement between the vine root zone and aquifer; measure soil structural decline; quantify soil physical/chemical properties in a drip irrigated vineyard; undertake rootstock trials and field trial techniques for reducing root zone salinity; develop guidelines and management options. Establish a network of monitoring sites in the Padthaway, Coonawarra, Wrattontully and Mt Benson districts. Communicate project progress/outcomes.</p> <p>Lower South East coordinated fox control Coordinated fox baiting program to protect native animals/domestic stock from predation. Establish network of neighbourhood baiting groups across the Lower South East; engagement of landholders in group baiting field days; providing extension; monitoring and evaluating project progress.</p> <p>Assessment and management of salt water intrusion into coastal aquifers Establish a series of representative groundwater monitoring wells in the unconfined coastal aquifer in the Hundreds of MacDonnell, Caroline and Kongorong; assess risk of saltwater intrusion into the freshwater coastal aquifer due to irrigation extraction by high-risk areas adjoining the coastal rising springs interface. Develop predictive model for saltwater intrusion in the coastal aquifer in relation to current and future groundwater extraction and land use change; identify options for future</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerial survey technique for measuring feral deer numbers. Reduction in the number and impact of feral deer in three conservation parks. Reduction in the risk of disease to livestock industries through surveillance of feral deer populations for livestock diseases. Enhanced ability to predict water and salt movement into/through the Padthaway district. Determination of regional trends in soil salinity. Development of strategies for root zone salinity management of supplementary drip irrigated vineyards. Quantify the effect of 10 years of drip irrigation on the properties of soils at the CSIRO rootstock trial in Lawson vineyard. Determination of best available rootstock varieties for premium grape growing at Padthaway. Reduction in fox predation on lambs and native species in the Lower South East. Increased community awareness of the benefits of coordinated, large-scale group fox baiting. 	\$739 600			

	<p>management.</p> <p>Pasture Based Systems for the Post Drainage Environment</p> <p>Obtain a comprehensive understanding of the impacts of the scheme, focusing on changes in soil characteristics and the development of new pasture-based systems. Adoption of perennial species will reduce groundwater recharge and create a more sustainable environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of the level of risk posed by saltwater intrusion (as a result of extraction and resource utilisation in the coastal zone) to environmental and agricultural assets in the Lower South East. • Identification of options for future sustainable groundwater management in the coastal zone of the Lower South East. • Inform producers of soil changes (primarily salinity and pH) caused by drainage construction and the best pasture-based systems for this new environment. 				
<p>Regional Communities Active In NRM Program</p>	<p>Extending NRM to the broader community</p> <p>Ongoing project to link the South East NRM Board, statutory bodies, local government, key NRM groups and the community and promote understanding of regional NRM issues, foster ownership, enable community engagement in NRM activities; promote education within regional schools; implement key on-ground projects; provide extension activities and support networks to enhance the adoption of best land management and sustainable practices.</p> <p>Protecting the Blue Lake from land use impacts</p> <p>Continuing project contributing to the <i>Blue Lake Management Plan</i> outcomes through community education/awareness campaigns aimed at different community sectors to promote sustainable water use within the Mount Gambier district; encouraging practice change.</p> <p>South East Catchment education/Waterwatch program</p> <p>Support organisations to deliver integrated catchment education within the South East; integration of water protection and NRM into the SA school curriculum; provide support to schools developing a whole-of-school approach to Education for Sustainability through the AuSSI-SA Program Development; deliver professional development workshops to teachers; raise wider community awareness regarding NRM issues.</p> <p>Supporting indigenous involvement in NRM in the South East</p> <p>Engagement of indigenous people in NRM through employment of an Indigenous Landcare Officer; support of the South East</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved land and water management practices by landholders and the community. • Proactive communities developing activities to improve land management issues and review projects in light of improved monitoring and elevation information. • Incorporation of environmental education into school curricula; regional water quality monitoring. • School-aged children with an understanding of land management and behavioural practices that threaten regional natural resources. • Blue Lake water quality maintained within Water Quality Environmental Protection Policy limits. • Quality of groundwater within the Blue Lake Protection and Capture Zones maintained. • Blue Lake water and groundwater within the Protection and Capture Zones allocated within agreed sustainable limits and used with 	\$582 200			

	<p>Indigenous Focus Group to engage/support indigenous people in regional NRM processes; assessment of condition of known significant cultural sites; identification of priority aboriginal sites for protection; protection/enhancement of indigenous managed properties in the Upper South East; on-ground works on 6 indigenous managed properties.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent planning policy across Council boundaries for the protection of the Blue Lake and groundwater within the Protection and Capture Zones. • Effective involvement of indigenous people in NRM planning, delivery and decision making processes; increased awareness and understanding of indigenous issues; protection of cultural sites most at risk. 				
TOTAL			\$2 612 000	\$1 567 200	\$522 400	\$522 400