
**Interim Agreement
between the Australian Government
and the State of Victoria for
Implementation of Caring for our Country**

This Agreement is made on the 29th day of June 2008 between the Commonwealth of Australia ('the Commonwealth') and the State of Victoria ('the State') pursuant to clause 19(2) of the *Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Act 1997* and Section 5 of the *Natural Resource Management (Financial Assistance) Act 1992*.

PREAMBLE

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

improving Victoria's natural resources;

- b. the State has priority areas of investment which may differ from the national priority areas of Caring for our Country; and
 - c. the State has released a Green Paper 'Land and biodiversity at a time of climate change' and in 2009 will produce a White Paper that will determine the State's priorities for future investments.
- I. The Parties acknowledge that Caring for our Country will take an integrated approach with 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 The primary purpose of this Agreement is to establish and agree the terms and conditions for the interim arrangements for the delivery of Caring for our Country during the 2008-09 transitional year, including the delivery arrangements for the Commonwealth's investments relating to Catchment Management Authorities in Victoria.

2. TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT

2.1 This Agreement will commence on 1 July 2008 and will continue in force until 30 June 2009 unless terminated earlier in accordance with clause 20.12

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 Bilateral Agreement to replace this Agreement.

3. REPRESENTATION

3.1 The Commonwealth shall be represented for the purposes of this Agreement by the Hon. Peter Garrett AM, MP, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts and the Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3.2 The State shall be represented for the purposes of this Agreement by the Hon. Gavin Jennings, Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

4. PREVIOUS NHT, NAP and NLP AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 The Parties acknowledge that outstanding obligations remain 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 Priorities Areas identified in Preamble C.
- b) the National Priority Areas for Investment will have achievable and measurable outcomes; and
- c) accountability to the community on progress on investment outcomes will be supported by a robust monitoring and evaluation process.

5.2 The principles guiding all Parties under this Agreement are:

- 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) acknowledge that there may be additional investments to those identified in clause 13.1
- d) work together to make strategic investment decisions and encourage complementary investments in order to optimise outcomes;
- e) work to ensure complementary investments are made that assist in alignment of effort between Commonwealth and State priorities; and

- f) acknowledge that Caring for our Country investments will not be inconsistent with State policies and strategies and Regional Catchment Strategies.

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 2009-2010 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 13.1 by the Commonwealth for Catchment Management Authorities for the delivery of Caring for our Country national priorities;
- f) a mechanism to enable access to 'non-quarantined funds' under Caring for our Country to any legal entity, including state and local government agencies; and
- g) determination of the regional indicative allocations for future Caring for our Country Bilateral Agreements.

7. REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

7.1 The Parties acknowledge that States and Catchment Management Authorities will play an essential role in assisting the Commonwealth to achieve its national priorities throughout Australia.

7.2 The Parties acknowledge that during the term of this Agreement the Commonwealth will provide to Catchment Management Authorities 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.

7.3 The Parties acknowledge that existing Regional Catchment Strategies and Regional Catchment Investment Plans for 2008–2009 will be used to determine investments that best complement and contribute to the Commonwealth's national priorities and outcomes.

8. STATE ARRANGEMENTS

8.1 The Parties acknowledge that the State will decide on its investments that are aligned with and complementary to the Commonwealth's Caring for our Country investments.

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; and
- 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 (including Catchment Management Authorities) to ensure that investments are efficiently

- and effectively delivered;
- b) managing the Caring for our Country Holding Account;
 - c) ensuring that the Catchment Management Authorities and other Proponents acknowledge the Commonwealth's investment in accordance with the Communications Guide at www.nrm.gov.au;
 - d) ensuring that the Catchment Management Authorities and other Proponents maintain a high level of governance; and
 - e) 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.

9.4 The Parties agree that their representatives will meet on a regular basis for the purpose of coordination and alignment in the implementation of this Agreement, and that all matters pertinent to Caring for our Country investments in Victoria will be forwarded to Investment Coordination Forum prior to commencement, wherever possible

10. MONITORING AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

10.1 The Parties agree that to assist the Commonwealth to monitor, evaluate and report on Caring for our Country investments, the State will ensure that the Proponent collects and supplies data and information as part of those investments:

- a) to support outcome reporting, including annual reporting on Caring for our Country targets, outcomes and priorities;
- b) that provides for evaluation of Caring for our Country investments for impact, appropriateness, effectiveness, efficiency and legacy; and
- c) where relevant and available, incorporates monitoring the 'state of' and 'trend in' resource condition data generally and specifically to support the Commonwealth to report on and evaluate the outcomes of Caring for our Country.

10.2 The Parties agree that in relation to Caring for our Country investments, the State will ensure that the Proponent applies Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement principles to all programs, consistent with development of the Australian Government National Natural Resource Management Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Framework.

11. COMMUNITY SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ENGAGEMENT

11.1 The Parties acknowledge that the key outcomes of the Commonwealth investing in 'enhancing community skills, knowledge and engagement', one of the National Priority Areas, is to enhance the community's ability to apply: business improvement and governance; knowledge, communication and learning; and participation and partnerships across the NRM community to 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 and any announcements or promotional activities must be consistent with the Communications Guide at www.nrm.gov.au.

12.2 The parties agree that acknowledgement will be given to Victoria for investments made by the State through the State's complementary investments and that the State will determine protocols for announcements and promotional activities for their programs.

PART 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

13. FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

13.1 Subject to Parliamentary appropriation, in 2008-2009 the Commonwealth will provide Funding to the State consisting of:

- a) base level funding of \$25,900,000 to Catchment Management Authorities in

Victoria which represents no less than 60% of the long term average annual allocation provided by the Commonwealth under the previous NHT2 and NAP Programs; and

- b) transitional funding of \$6,475,000 to Catchment Management Authorities in Victoria, to assist with the transition to Caring for our Country.

The particular Regional Programs that the Commonwealth has decided will be undertaken with the Funding provided under this Agreement are specified in the Schedules.

- 13.2 The Commonwealth may also provide funding during 2008-2009 consisting of:
- a) Gippsland Lakes Election Commitment Funding of \$1.5 million in 2008-2009;
 - b) National Landcare Program funding;
 - c) Community Coastcare Funding; and
 - d) such other funds as the Commonwealth determines, such as open grants.

Where the Commonwealth determines that funding, of the types referred to in this clause 13.2, will be provided to the State the Parties will agree in writing to the arrangements and additional Schedules will be added to this Agreement.

13.3 The State has committed funds in the 2008-2009 State budget and in the 2008-2009 Regional Catchment Investment Plan to complement Commonwealth funding.

13.4 The Parties acknowledge that the Commonwealth's National Partnership Payments are likely to be introduced in 2008-2009 and operational arrangements contained in this Agreement may need to be reviewed and amended to meet these new requirements.

14. PAYMENT OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FUNDING

14.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the Commonwealth will pay Funds into the Caring for our Country Holding Account at the times and in the amounts specified in the Regional Programs Schedules to this Agreement. The allocation of the Funds between the Regional Programs is also specified in Regional Programs Schedules.

Caring for our Country Holding Account

14.2 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the State will use the Caring for our Country Holding Account to separately record and account for all funding transactions made under this Agreement.

14.3 The State must ensure that the Caring for our Country Holding Account is an interest bearing account and will be responsible for the administration of funds in the Caring for our Country Holding Account in accordance with this clause 14.

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

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

- 14.5 The Parties agree that the Commonwealth will be responsible for:
- a) authorising the release of Caring for our Country Funds from the Caring for our Country Holding Account;
 - b) reviewing six-monthly financial milestone reports submitted by each Proponent for each Regional Program being undertaken by that Proponent in accordance with the relevant Service Level Agreement or contract; and
 - c) reviewing annual performance reports submitted by each Proponent in relation to each Regional Program being undertaken by that Proponent in accordance with the relevant Service Level Agreement or contract.

14.6 The Parties agree that the State must not pay the Caring for our Country Funds out of the Caring for our Country Holding Account unless the Commonwealth has provided the State with written authorisation to do so.

14.7 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the State will be responsible for making payment of Caring for our Country Funds out of the Caring for our Country Holding Account to Proponents within 21 days of receiving the Commonwealth's written authorisation outlined in Clause 14.6, providing adequate Commonwealth funds are available in the Caring for our Country Holding Account.

14.8 Caring for our Country Funds released from the Caring for our Country Holding Account for the delivery of the Regional Programs outlined in the Schedules to this Agreement must be paid to Proponents in accordance with signed Service Level Agreements or contracts.

14.9 Release of the Caring for our Country Funds from the Caring for our Country Holding Account for a Regional Program may be deferred until the Milestones or other agreed actions for that Regional Program have been completed to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth.

14.10 Any overpayments to a Proponent made by the State from the Caring for our Country Holding Account must be recovered by the State and returned to the Caring for our Country Holding Account.

14.11 The State must endeavour to recover from Proponents any Funds that have not been spent on a Regional Program or have been misspent and deposit the returned Funds into the Caring for our Country Holding Account. Those returned Funds may be reallocated by the Commonwealth to contribute to Caring for our Country priorities in consultation with the Investment Coordination Forum.

15. REGIONAL DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

15.1 The State must, within 30 days from the date of the Agreement, or at such other time as the Parties agree, enter into Service Level Agreements or contracts with Proponents for all of the Regional Programs outlined in the Schedules to this Agreement. The Service Level Agreements or contracts must be consistent with all the conditions and reporting requirements of this Agreement that are agreed at the time of signing of the Service Level Agreements.

15.2 Prior to the State entering into a Service Level Agreement or contract with a Proponent, the State must ensure that the Proponent:

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

15.3 The Service Level Agreements or contracts must provide that:

- a) the Proponents will perform, or procure the performance of, all of the Regional Programs;
- b) the Proponents will achieve, or procure the achievement of, the Milestones and the Expected Outcomes;
- c) the State will pay the Funds allocated to a Regional Program or Regional Programs specified in the Schedules to this Agreement to the Proponent on the achievement of the Milestones for the Regional Program or Regional Programs;

- d) if the Proponent intends to engage a third party to perform the Regional Program or Regional Programs, and the same Proponent has previously engaged the same third party to perform a Regional Program under NHT2, NAP or NLP, the third party must provide a complete acquittal of all prior funds for completed Regional Programs before it receives any funds under the current Agreement; and
- e) the Service Level Agreement or contract may be terminated by the State if this Agreement is terminated.

15.4 Where the Milestones for a Regional Program are not specified in the Schedules, the Parties shall agree in writing on the Milestones and Expected Outcomes for each such Regional Program within 60 days of the commencement of this Agreement. Once agreed, the Milestones and Expected Outcomes shall be taken to be included in the Schedules. In the event that the Parties do not agree on the Milestones or Expected Outcomes for a Regional Program, any Funds which have been paid into the Caring for our Country Holding Account for the purpose of that Regional Program shall be retained in that Account and reallocated to Alternative Programs as approved by the Commonwealth.

15.5 The State must not enter into a Service Level Agreement or contract in respect of a Regional Program unless the Milestones and Expected Outcomes for that Regional Program as specified in the Regional Program Schedule for that Regional Program are reflected in the Service Level Agreement or contract.

16. AUDITING, REPORTING AND ACQUITTAL REQUIREMENTS

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

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

16.2 The State must ensure that the Service Level Agreements or contracts made with each Proponent include a requirement that each Proponent must submit to the State, for submission to the Commonwealth, for each Regional Program:

- a) six-monthly financial-milestone report by 31 January 2009;
- b) a final report, including achievements, acquittal and an annual financial report audited by an Independent Auditor for Regional Programs by 30 September 2009

The content of each report will be provided by the Commonwealth by 30 September 2008 and will, in relation to achievement and final reports include a requirement for monitoring and reporting as per Clause 11, the format of each report will be agreed by the parties.

16.3 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.

16.4 The State must ensure that the Service Level Agreements or contracts made with each Proponent includes a requirement that a copy of the final report in clause 16.2(d) above for each Regional Program must be submitted to the State, for submission to the

Commonwealth.

17. REGIONAL PROGRAM MATERIAL, ASSETS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

17.1 The Parties agree that the ownership of Intellectual Property under this agreement, arising from Regional Programs undertaken by a Proponent will vest in the State. The sharing of benefits arising from commercialisation of Intellectual Property will be vested jointly in equal shares in the Commonwealth and the State on its creation. The State will ensure that the Commonwealth is granted a permanent, irrevocable, royalty-free, world-wide, non-exclusive licence to use, reproduce, adapt and exploit the Regional Program material.

17.2 The State must ensure that the Commonwealth is provided with a copy of all Regional Program Material.

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 To the extent that Regional Program Material or Pre-existing Material comprises: traditional Indigenous knowledge that is culturally sensitive to Indigenous groups; or other information which the Commonwealth and/or the State determine must be kept confidential, 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 Parties and any relevant groups.

17.5 The Parties agree that the purchase of any Asset over \$10,000 using Caring for our Country Funds under this Agreement must be clearly identified in the Regional Catchment Investment Plan when seeking funding approval. 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.

18. BOOKS AND RECORDS

18.1 The State must:

- a) keep, and require its contractors to keep, adequate books and records in sufficient detail to enable amounts of Funds payable by the Commonwealth under this Agreement to be separately determined;
- b) retain for a period of six years after termination or expiration of this Agreement all books and records relating to the provision of Funds to the State;
- c) allow the Commonwealth and its representatives, at reasonable times, to audit (including examine and copy) material in the possession of the State which is relevant to a Service Level Agreement or contract; and
- d) give full and accurate answers to any questions the Commonwealth or its representatives may have concerning any books or records relating to this Agreement and provide all assistance reasonably requested by the Commonwealth in respect of any inquiry into or concerning a Service Level Agreement or contract 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.

18.2 The State must ensure, by including suitable provisions in the Service Level Agreement or contract, 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 Service Level Agreement or contract books and records relating to the provision of the Funds;

- c) allows the Commonwealth and its representatives, at reasonable times, to audit (including examine and copy) material in the possession of the Proponent which is relevant to this Agreement (including the Proponent's books and records); and
- d) gives full and accurate answers to any questions the Commonwealth or its representatives may have concerning the books or records relating to this Agreement and provides all assistance reasonably requested by the Commonwealth in respect of any inquiry into or concerning the Service Level Agreement or contract or the Regional Program.

19. TAXES, DUTIES AND GOVERNMENT CHARGES

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

PART 4 OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

20. OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT

20.1 During the term of this Agreement, the Parties will notify and consult each other on matters that come to their attention that may improve the operation of this Agreement.

20.2 In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention appears:

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

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

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

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 vary:

- a) Outputs that do not alter the Expected Outcomes of the Regional Program;

20.6 The Commonwealth's approval is required to vary the following:

- a) Funding for Regional Program or Priority Area;
- b) Extension of the final completion date of the Regional Program;
- c) Expected Outcomes.

Review of Regional Program

20.7 The Commonwealth may at any time review the progress of a Regional Program and the State shall cooperate in any such review.

20.8 Where the Commonwealth considers that the performance of a Regional 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 Regional Program so as to achieve a satisfactory result, the Regional Program Funding may be terminated in accordance with clause 20.9.

20.9 Subject to clause 20.8, a Regional 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 (apart from Funds legally committed for expenditure in accordance with the Service Level Agreement or contract before the date of the Commonwealth's notice) or which the Proponent has misspent and return those Funds to the Caring for our Country Holding Account. Such recovered Funds along with any other Funds held in the Caring for our Country Holding Account in respect of that Regional Program will be reallocated to Alternative Regional Programs as approved by the Commonwealth.

Dispute Resolution

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

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

20.11 If the Parties representatives are unable to resolve the dispute, the Parties will refer the dispute to the Commonwealth Ministers and the State Minister for resolution.

20.12 If the Commonwealth Ministers and the State Minister are unable to resolve a dispute in accordance with clause 20.9, 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

20.13 If the Agreement is terminated under clause 20.12, or otherwise ends, the State must return unspent Funds remaining in the Caring for our Country Holding Account, Funds returned from Proponents and recovered misspent Funds to the Commonwealth.

Authority

20.14 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

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

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:
 Director, Victoria Section
 Australian Government Natural Resource Management Team
 GPO Box 858
 Canberra ACT 2601

The State
 Manager, Business and Partnership Programs
 Natural Resources Programs Branch
 Department of Sustainability and Environment
 PO Box 500
 East Melbourne VIC 3001

22 INTERPRETATION

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

2007 Election Commitments	Means the Australian Government's 2007 election commitments that have been identified to be funded from Caring for our Country funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rescue the Great Barrier Reef (\$200 million); • repair our fragile coastal ecosystems (\$100 million); • save the endangered Tasmanian Devil (\$10 million); • improve water quality in the Gippsland Lakes (\$5.25 million); • fight the Cane Toad menace (\$2 million); • employ additional Indigenous Rangers (\$90 million); • expand the Indigenous Protected Area network (\$50 million); and • assist Indigenous Australians enter the carbon trading market (\$10 million).
Agreement	means this agreement and includes any Schedules and/or Attachments to this agreement;
Alternative Regional Programs	means alternative Regional Programs approved in writing by the Commonwealth;
Caring for Country Holding Account	means the account established by the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment for the delivery of Caring for our Country funds;
Certifying Officer	means the authorised officer (senior executive) of the Department of Sustainability and Environment;
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 Regional Program is expected to achieve and are specified for each Regional Program in the Regional Program Schedule for that Regional Program – in Victoria these refer to the intermediate outcomes with the

	performance descriptors;
Financial Agreement	means an agreement entered between the Commonwealth and Victoria 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 Regional Programs;
GST	has the meaning as given in clause 195-1 of the GST Act;
GST Act	means the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth);
Independent Auditor	is a person who is member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the National Institute of Accountants, or CPA Australia, or who is registered as an auditor pursuant to the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth);
Intellectual Property	includes all copyright (including rights in relation to phonograms and broadcasts), all rights in relation to inventions (including patent rights), plant varieties, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and circuit layouts, and all other rights resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic fields, as well as traditional Indigenous knowledge but does not include Moral Rights;
Investment	means a payment of Caring for our Country Funding, Approved Funding and/or any In-kind contributions directed at achieving Caring for our Country outcomes under this Agreement;
Investment Coordination Forum	means the Commonwealth/State panel whose role is described in clause 9.4;
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);
Material	includes documents, equipment, software, goods, information and data stored by any means;
Milestones	Means the milestones for each Regional Program specified in the Regional Program Schedule for that Regional Program;
NAP	means the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality adopted by Commonwealth, State/Territory Governments between 2002 – 2008 to address salinity and improve water quality in priority areas;
National Priority Areas for Investment:	means the six national priority areas that Caring for our Country investment will be directed towards: a national reserve system , including an enhanced National Reserve System and implementing the 2007 election commitment for Indigenous Protected Areas;

	<p>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;</p> <p>coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats, including implementing the election commitments for the Reef Rescue, Coastcare, Gippsland Lakes and Tuggerah Lakes;</p> <p>sustainable farm practices, including Landcare and land management change;</p> <p>natural resource management in remote and northern Australia; and</p> <p>community skills, knowledge and engagement, including NRM facilitators and implementing election commitments for an Indigenous Emissions Trading Scheme and Indigenous Rangers.</p>
NHT2	means the second phase of the Natural Heritage Trust (funding period 2002-03 to 2007-08);
NLP	means the National Landcare Program
Non-quarantined Funds	means the Caring for our Country funds that are not 'quarantined' for Catchment Management Authorities (60% of average historic regional allocation of NAP and NHT2)
NRM	means natural resource management, which includes any activity relating to the management of the use, development or conservation of one or more of the following natural resources: soil, water, vegetation, biodiversity or any other natural resource, including coastal and marine areas and World Heritage, Ramsar Wetlands and the natural values of nationally listed heritage places;
NRM Facilitators	means Australian Government NRM Facilitators and Indigenous Land Management Facilitators funded under Caring for our Country;
NRM Region	means the geographic regions for which NRM planning will be undertaken, and will include the coastal waters of Victoria and the sea-bed and subsoil beneath, and the airspace above;
Party or Parties	means the Commonwealth and Victoria 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 (known as the NHT Extension) (NHT2 Bilateral Agreement); and the delivery of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) (NAP Bilateral Agreement);
Project Officer	means the Commonwealth officer responsible for the administration of this Agreement as nominated by the

	Commonwealth and notified to the State from time to time;
Proponent	means the organisation, including a regional NRM body, responsible for a Regional Program;
Service Level Agreement or contract	means the agreement between Victoria and a Proponent to deliver one or more approved Regional Programs in accordance with this Agreement;
Regional Catchment Investment Plan	means the document outlining the elements of a Victorian Regional Catchment Strategy for which Caring for our Country Funding is sought in 2008-2009;
Regional Program/Programs	means a discrete project or Regional Program, or set of Regional Programs, listed in the Schedules to this Agreement;
Regional Program Material	means all Material created as part of or in performance of a Regional Program, and includes new, enhanced or derived data;
Catchment Management Authority	means a Victorian regional body designated by the Parties for the purposes of Caring for our Country;
Regional Catchment Strategy	means an integrated regional natural resource management plan that identifies the priorities for NRM in Victorian regions
Schedule	means a schedule to this Agreement and includes the Schedules may include Annexures and incorporate other documents by reference;
Stakeholder	includes persons, groups or institutions (including local, regional, state and Commonwealth government agencies) with interests in a policy, programme or project relevant to the delivery of Caring for our Country;
Victoria	means the State or Territory that is a Party to this Agreement;
State	Means the State of Victoria
Target	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 (Cth)</i> , 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

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

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

The Honourable Gavin Jennings MP
Minister for Environment and Climate Change

Schedule of Attachments to the Agreement

Attachment Title	Date Agreed and Signed
Regional Program Schedule No1 - Summary Listing, Payment Schedule and Regional Programs	On signing of Bilateral Agreement

REGIONAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE No1

Sub-Schedule 1.1

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in Corangamite Region 2008-2009

CORANGAMITE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved Corangamite Regional Funding:

Core: \$2,800,000

Transitional: \$250,000

Total 2008/09: **\$3,050,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
Program 1: Regional	\$758,000	\$454,800	\$151,600	\$151,600
Program 2: Lismore, Stoney Rises and Woody Yaloak	\$360,000	\$216,000	\$72,000	\$72,000
Program 3: Curdies/Gellibrand	\$328,000	\$196,800	\$65,600	\$65,600
Program 4: Aire/Otway	\$200,000	\$120,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Program 5: Bellarine/Thompsons	\$768,000	\$460,800	\$153,600	\$153,600
Program 6: Hovells/Moorabool	\$389,000	\$233,400	\$77,800	\$77,800
Program 7: Leigh/Murdeduke/Mid Barwon/Upper Barwon	\$247,000	\$148,200	\$49,400	\$49,400
TOTAL	\$3,050,000	\$1,830,000	\$610,000	\$610,000

Please note:

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Payment 2: 20% of approved funding, by 31 January 2009

Payment 3: 20% of approved funding, by 31 March 2009.

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Summary of Funding

Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Requested Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$913,000	30%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$840,000	28%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$619,000	20%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$678,000	22%
	\$3,050,000	100%

RCIP Program	Intermediate Outcome	Performance Descriptor	Unit of Measure		2008/2009 \$	
Program 1: Regional	Habitat protected for biodiversity.	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (incl coastal).	350	Ha		
		Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	5	No		
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.	Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives.		15	No	
				150	Ha	
		Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.		150	No	
				25	%	
		Improved or maintained decision support systems.		3	No	
				1		
		Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	1	No		
		Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.		10	No	
				3		
		Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positions funded and corporately supported.		1	FTE	
			2	No		
			2	FTE		
	number of planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g projects) developed and implemented.		10	No		
		10	No			
		1				
					\$758,000	
Program 2: Lismore, Stoney Rises and Woody Yaloak	Habitat improved for biodiversity.	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	10	HA		
			10	HA		
		Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	20	HA		
	Habitat protected for biodiversity.	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - wetlands.	3	HA		
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.	Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey)	2	%		
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	Number of planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e,g projects) developed and implemented.		1	No.	
				0.10		
				3	No.	
	Increased protection of cultural heritage assets	Additional area of cultural heritage assets protected.	18	Ha		
		Additional number of cultural heritage sites protected.	18	Sites		
	Reduction in discharge	Additional area (ha) of revegetation (indigenous, non indigenous and pasture).	27			
	Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water)	Additional area (ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc)	24			
					\$360,000	

Program 3: Curdies/Gellibrand	Habitat improved for biodiversity.	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	2	km		
			4	ha		
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	number of planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g projects) developed and implemented.	0.10			
		Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	2	No.		
	Increased protection of cultural heritage assets	Additional area of cultural heritage assets protected.	0.33	FTE		
		Additional number of cultural heritage sites protected.	18	Ha		
	Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species.	Percentage of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation Database.	18	Sites		
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water)	Percentage of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation Database.	13.6	%			
	Additional area (ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc)	53				
					\$328,000	
Program 4: Aire/Otway	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positions funded and corporately supported.	1	FTE		
			0.33	FTE		
		Number of planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (eg projects) developed and implemented.	0.30			
	Increased protection of cultural heritage assets	Additional area of cultural heritage assets protected.	2	No.		
		Additional number of cultural heritage sites protected.	18	Ha		
	Additional number of cultural heritage sites protected.	18	Sites			
					\$200,000	
Program 5: Bellarine/Thompsons	Habitat improved for biodiversity.	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	30	30ha		
		Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	15	Ha		
		Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives.	15	Ha		
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.	Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey)	2	%		
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	1			
		Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	3			
		Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positions funded and corporately supported.	0.5	FTE		
1			No.			
1	No.					
		0.33	FTE			

		number of planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g projects) developed and implemented.	1 2 0.30	No. No.	
	Increased protection of cultural heritage assets	Additional area of cultural heritage assets protected.	54	Ha	
		Additional number of cultural heritage sites protected.	54	Sites	
	Reduction in discharge	Additional area (ha) of revegetation (indigenous, non indigenous and pasture).	27		
	Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water)	Additional area (ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc)	26		
					\$768,000
Program 6: Hovells/Moorabool	Habitat improved for biodiversity.	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	2 4	km ha	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	Number of planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g projects) developed and implemented.	0.10	No.	
			2.00	No.	
	Increased protection of cultural heritage assets	Additional area of cultural heritage assets protected.	36	Ha	
		Additional number of cultural heritage sites protected.	36	Sites	
	Reduction in discharge	Additional area (ha) of revegetation (indigenous, non indigenous and pasture).	27	HA	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species.	Percentage of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation Database.	5.2	%		
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water)	Additional area (ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc)	27	HA		
					\$389,000
Program 7: Leigh/Murdeduke/Mid Barwon/Upper Barwon	Habitat improved for biodiversity.	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	3	km	
		Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	6	ha	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	number of planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g projects) developed and implemented.	1	No.	
			4	No.	
			0.10		
	Increased protection of cultural heritage assets	Additional area of cultural heritage assets protected.	36	Ha	
		Additional number of cultural heritage sites protected.	36	Sites	
Reduction in discharge	Additional area (ha) of revegetation (indigenous, non indigenous and pasture).	14			
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water)	Additional area (ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc)	14			
					\$247,000

\$3,050,000

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in East Gippsland Region 2008-2009

EAST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved East Gippsland Regional Funding:

Core: \$1,600,000

Transitional: \$750,000

Total 2008/09: **\$2,350,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
01-Catchments	\$143,000	\$85,800	\$28,600	\$28,600
02-Soils	\$520,000	\$312,000	\$104,000	\$104,000
03-Ecosystems	\$858,000	\$514,800	\$171,600	\$171,600
04-Coasts & Marine	\$360,000	\$216,000	\$72,000	\$72,000
05-Community	\$352,000	\$211,200	\$70,400	\$70,400
09-Cultural Heritage	\$117,000	\$70,200	\$23,400	\$23,400
TOTAL	\$2,350,000	\$1,410,000	\$470,000	\$470,000

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Summary of Funding

Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Requested Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$858,000	37%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$503,000	21%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$520,000	22%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$469,000	20%
	\$2,350,000	100%

	Intermediate Outcome	Unit of Measure	Quantity % funded	Funding
01-Catchments				
	Improved water quality			130
	Estimated reduction in nitrogen	tonnes	187	
	Estimated reduction in phosphorous	tonnes	22	
	Estimated reduction in sediments	tonnes	3,300	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			13
	Improved or maintained decision support systems	No.	1	
			Total	\$143,000
02-Soils				
	Habitat improved for biodiversity.			470
	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	38	
		No.	28	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			50
	Improved or maintained decision support systems	No.	1	
			Total	\$520,000
03-Ecosystems				
	Habitat improved for biodiversity.			300
	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	Ha	80	
		km	28	
	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	6,450	
	Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	Km	20	
		Ha	60	
	Habitat protected for biodiversity.			220
	Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	Ha	10	
		km	0	
	Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	55	
		Ha	5	
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	507	
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - wetlands	Km	5	
		Ha	30	
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			95
	Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	Ha	1,419	
		No.	20	
	Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	%	4	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			78
	Improved or maintained decision support systems	No.	1	
	Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			165
	Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	%	60	
		% increase	50	
			Total	\$858,000

04-Coasts & Marine			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			260
Additional area of habitat improved - marine (including intertidal)	Ha	2	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	19	
Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	Km	5	
	Ha	3	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			50
Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	Ha	1	
	No.	1	
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	No.	1	
Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	No.	1	
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	\$	130,000	
Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	%	10	
	No.	21	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			50
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	No.	1	
		Total	\$360,000
05-Community			
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			200
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	\$	150,000	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	Average score	4	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			70
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	Ha	175	
	No.	5	
Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.	%	20	
	No.	5	
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	%	20	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			32
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	No.	1	
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	FTEs	3	
Land use matched to land capability.			50
Additional area managed under property scale plans	Ha	4	
Percentage increase and number of landholders implementing property scale plans.	%	15	
	No.	6	
		Total	\$352,000

09-Cultural Heritage				
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.				100
Increased or maintained regional group health.	Average score		5	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.				17
Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	No.		3	
			Total	\$117,000

Sub-Schedule 1.3

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in Glenelg Hopkins Region 2008-2009

GLENELG HOPKINS CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved Glenelg Hopkins Regional Funding:

Core: \$3,000,000

Transitional: \$250,000

Total 2008/09: **\$3,250,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
Glenelg Program	\$775,000	\$465,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
Upper Hopkins Program	\$360,000	\$216,000	\$72,000	\$72,000
Coastal & Estuarine Program	\$534,000	\$320,400	\$106,800	\$106,800
Connecting With Communities Program	\$1,331,000	\$798,600	\$266,200	\$266,200
Adaptive NRM	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$3,250,000	\$1,950,000	\$650,000	\$650,000

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Summary of Funding

Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Requested Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$1,069,000	33%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$550,000	17%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$676,000	21%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$955,000	29%
	\$3,250,000	100%

Program	Intermediate Outcome	CFOC proportion of 2008 - 2009 Target		Funding
Glenelg Program	Habitat improved for biodiversity			
	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	45	Ha	\$257,838
		21	km	
	Additional length of fish passage provided	267	km	
	Habitat protected for biodiversity			
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial	53	Ha	\$100,800
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - wetlands	20	Ha	
	Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
	Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	66	%	\$360,353
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			
	Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	0.75	FTEs	\$40,000
Improved water quality				
Estimated reduction in nitrogen	2	t	\$16,094	
SUB TOTAL				\$775,085
Upper Hopkins Program	Habitat improved for biodiversity			
	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	6	Ha	\$90,733
		5	km	
	Habitat protected for biodiversity			
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial	65	Ha	\$76,700
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - wetlands	2	km	
		33	Ha	
	Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
	Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	60	%	\$142,826
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	10	Ha	\$50,227	
	8	No.		
SUB TOTAL				\$360,486
Coastal & Estuarine Program	Habitat protected for biodiversity			
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial	50	Ha	\$245,226
	Additional area and length of habitat protected - permanent - wetlands	40	Ha	
	Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	31	Ha	
		34	km	
Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - wetlands	50	Ha		

Habitat improved for biodiversity.					
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian		45	Ha	\$34,541	
		21	km		
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species					
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.		50	%	\$52,250	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.					
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported		0.75	FTEs	\$70,882	
Number of additional planning capacity and or knowledge generation activities including Market research and foundational planning		1	No.	\$130,998	
SUB TOTAL				\$533,897	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.					
Connecting With Communities Program	Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	4.5	FTEs	\$496,057	
	Land use matched to capability - number of landholders implementing property scale plans	50	No.	\$130,000	
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.				
	Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	5	No.	\$552,247	
	Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	20	No.		
	Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.3	Ave score		
	Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (Waterwatch)	15	%		
		45	No.		
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.				
	Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	1	No.	\$152,228	
Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	17	No.			
SUB TOTAL				\$1,330,532	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS					
Adaptive NRM	Number of additional planning capacity and or knowledge generation activities developed and implemented (eg. Projects)	2	No.	\$250,000	
	Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements	25	No.		
GRAND TOTAL 2007-2008				\$3,250,000	

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in Goulburn Broken Region 2008-2009

GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved Goulburn Broken Regional Funding:

Core: \$4,200,000

Transitional: \$250,000

Total 2008/09: **\$4,450,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
GB06 - Caring for our Country	\$4,450,000	\$2,670,000	\$890,000	\$890,000
TOTAL	\$4,450,000	\$2,670,000	\$890,000	\$890,000

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Summary of Funding

Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Requested Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$2,000,000	45%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$300,000	7%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$1,200,000	27%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$950,000	21%
	\$4,450,000	100%

Program	Intermediate outcome Performance descriptor			CFOC 2008/09
GB06 – Caring for our Country	Habitat improved for biodiversity.			\$800,000
	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	60	Ha	
	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	2,565	Ha	
	Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	93	Ha	
	Additional length of fish passage provided	7	km	
	Length of instream habitat improved	7	km	
	Habitat protected for biodiversity.			\$900,000
	Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	31	Ha	
	Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	667	Ha	
	Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - wetlands	49	Ha	
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	667	Ha	
	Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species.			\$300,000
	Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	50	%	
	Reduction in Recharge.			\$300,000
	Additional area (Ha) of revegetation (Indigenous, Non-Indigenous, Pasture)	1,185	Ha	
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			\$800,000
	Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	3,596	Ha	
	Land use matched to land capability.			\$400,000
	Additional area managed under property scale plans	8,090	Ha	
	Percentage increase and number of landholders implementing property scale plans.	95	%	
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			\$400,000
	Increased or maintained regional group health	3	score	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			\$550,000
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	7.3	FTEs		

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in Mallee Region 2008-2009

MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved Mallee Regional Funding:

Core: \$2,600,000

Transitional: \$925,000

Total 2008/09: **\$3,525,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
Biodiversity Program	\$600,000	\$360,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
River and Wetland Health Program	\$450,000	\$270,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Water Resources Program	\$305,000	\$183,000	\$61,000	\$61,000
Land Resources Program	\$1,187,000	\$712,200	\$237,400	\$237,400
Community Capacity Program	\$983,000	\$589,800	\$196,600	\$196,600
TOTAL	\$3,525,000	\$2,155,000	\$705,000	\$705,000

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Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$600,000	17%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$450,000	13%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$1,492,000	42%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$983,000	28%
	\$3,525,000	100%

Mallee Region

Regional Program	Intermediate Outcome	Funding (\$000)	
Biodiversity Program			
	<p>Habitat improved for biodiversity. Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)</p> <p>Habitat protected for biodiversity. Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal) Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)</p> <p>Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes. Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups. Community in-kind contribution to NRM.</p> <p>Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably. Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.</p> <p>Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS. Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities</p> <p>Meet the activities and/or obligations under the relevant Act/s Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.</p> <p>Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.</p>	<p>486.0 Ha</p> <p>186.0 Ha</p> <p>300.0 Ha</p> <p>12000 \$</p> <p>260,000 \$</p> <p>6.0 %</p> <p>42.0 No.</p> <p>4.5 Average score</p> <p>0.0 %</p> <p>0.0 No.</p> <p>6.6 %</p> <p>2.0 % increase</p>	<p>262</p> <p>91</p> <p>28</p> <p>42</p> <p>34</p> <p>143</p>
		600	
River and Wetland Health Program			
	<p>Habitat improved for biodiversity. Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian</p> <p>Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands</p> <p>Length of instream habitat improved</p> <p>Habitat protected for biodiversity. Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian</p> <p>Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes. Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups. Community in-kind contribution to NRM.</p>	<p>11.00 Ha</p> <p>1.85 km</p> <p>9.00 Ha</p> <p>0.08 km</p> <p>11.00 Ha</p> <p>1.85 km</p> <p>6000 \$</p> <p>4000 \$</p>	<p>151</p> <p>30</p> <p>71</p>

	Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	2.00	%	
		1.50	No.	158
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			
	Improved or maintained decision support systems	0.50	No.	
	Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	1.00	No.	
	Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	0.75	FTEs	
	Increased protection of Cultural Heritage assets			20
	Additional area of cultural heritage assets protected	7.50	Ha	
	Additional number of cultural heritage assets protected	1.50	No.	
	Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water).			20
	Additional area (Ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc.)	4.00	Ha	
	Additional length (km) of River stabilised	0.10	km	
	Additional number of sites treated (head structures, other engineering works)	0.40	No.	
				450
Water Resources Program				
	Habitat improved for biodiversity.	0.0		60
	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	25.0	Ha	
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			125
	Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	150.0	Ha	
		15.0	No.	
	Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	5.0	%	
	Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	5.0	%	
	Land use matched to land capability.			120
	Additional area managed under property scale plans	150.0	Ha	
	Percentage increase and number of landholders implementing property scale plans.	5.0	%	
		15.0	No.	
				305
Land Resources Program				
	Habitat improved for biodiversity.			80
	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	158.0	Ha	
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			40
	Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	170000	\$	
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			100
	Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	100000	Ha	
		40	No.	
	Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.	8.0	%	
		100.0	No.	
	Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	5.0	%	

	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			637
	Improved or maintained decision support systems	6.0	No.	
	Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	5.0	No.	
	Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	8.0	No.	
	Land use matched to land capability.			50
	Additional area managed under property scale plans	250000	Ha	
	Percentage increase and number of landholders implementing property scale plans.	10.0	%	
		98.0	No.	
	Reduction in Discharge			80
	Additional area (Ha) of revegetation (Indigenous, Non-Indigenous, Pasture)	166.0	Ha	
	Reduction in Recharge			100
		1250.0	Ha	
	Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water).			100
	Additional area (Ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc.)	1500.0	Ha	
	Additional number of sites treated (head structures, other engineering works)	25.0	No.	
				1,187
Community Capacity Program				
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			80
	Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	250000	Ha	
		1.0	No.	
	Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	2.0	No.	
	Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	1.0	No.	
	Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.5	Ave score	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			903
	Improved or maintained decision support systems	0.0	No.	
	Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	4.50	Ave score	
	Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	1.0	No.	
	Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	1.0	No.	
	Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	1.0	No.	
	Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	8.4	FTEs	
				983

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in North Central Region 2008-2009

NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved North Central Regional Funding:

Core: \$3,400,000

Transitional: \$250,000

Total 2008/09: **\$3,650,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
NC- 01 Lower Loddon & Campaspe Program	\$1,146,000	\$687,600	\$229,200	\$229,200
NC - 02 Upper Loddon & Campaspe Program	\$469,000	\$281,400	\$93,800	\$93,800
NC - 03 Avoca/Avon Richardson Program	\$432,000	\$259,200	\$86,400	\$86,400
NC - 04 Community Capacity Development Program	\$972,000	\$583,200	\$194,400	\$194,400
NC - 05 Catchment Information, Communications and Knowledge Program	\$631,000	\$378,600	\$126,200	\$126,200
TOTAL	\$3,650,000	\$2,190,000	\$730,000	\$730,000

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Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Requested Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$2,098,000	57%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$297,000	8%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$1,249,000	34%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$6,000	1%
	\$3,650,000	100%

Program	Intermediate Outcome		CFOC proportion of 2008 - 2009 Target		Funding
NC- 01 Lower Loddon & Campaspe Program	Habitat protected for biodiversity	Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial	500	Ha	\$475,781.00
	Habitat improved for biodiversity	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	50	Ha	\$60,154.00
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS	Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	2	No.	\$241,907.00
	Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species	Percentage of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	85	%	\$58,500.00
	Reduction in Recharge	Additional area (ha) serviced by surface water management system	738	Ha	\$310,154.00
Total					\$1,146,496.00
NC - 02 Upper Loddon & Campaspe Program	Habitat improved for biodiversity	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	3	km	\$53,718.00
			14	Ha	\$80,968.00
	Habitat protected for biodiversity	Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	39	Ha	\$27,731.00
			3	Km	
	Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species	Percentage of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	85	%	\$9,095.00
	Improved water quality	Estimated reduction in phosphorous	0.01	tonnes	\$41,192.00
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS	Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	2	No.	\$243,160.00
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water)	Additional number of sites treated (head structures, other engineering works)	2	No.	\$12,941.00	
Total					\$468,805.00
NC - 03 Avoca/Avon Richardson Program	Habitat improved for biodiversity	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	9	km	\$93,815.00
			7	Ha	\$66,656.00
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS	Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	2	No.	\$171,618.00
	Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species	Percentage of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	85	%	\$68,000.00
	Reduction in Recharge	Additional area (ha) of revegetation (Indigenous, Non-Indigenous, Pasture)	47	Ha	\$31,891.00

Total					\$431,980.00
NC - 04 Community Capacity Development Program	Habitat protected for biodiversity	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial	274	Ha	\$59,636.00
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.	Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	10	No.	\$152,664.80
		Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	14	No.	\$152,664.80
		Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	4	No.	\$152,664.80
		Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	20000	\$	\$152,664.80
		Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	350000	\$	\$152,664.80
		Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCT's) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	49	No.	\$63,563.00
	50		%		
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably	Change in percentage and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives	200	Ha	\$27,656.00
			12	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	2	No.	\$52,447.00	
Increased protection of Cultural Heritage assets	Additional number of cultural heritage assets protected	1	No.	\$5,438.00	
Total					\$972,064.00
NC - 05 Catchment Information, Communications and Knowledge Program	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS	Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	7	No.	\$450,193.00
		Improved or maintained decision support systems	2	No.	\$180,462.00
Total					\$630,655.00
Total all programs					\$3,650,000.00

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in North East Region 2008-2009

NORTH EAST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved North East Regional Funding:

Core: \$1,700,000

Transitional: \$910,000

Total 2008/09: **\$2,610,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
Strategic Natural Resource Asset Protection Program	\$280,000	\$168,000	\$56,000	\$56,000
Sustainable Catchments Program	\$1,420,000	\$852,000	\$284,000	\$284,000
Caring for our Country Transition Program	\$910,000	\$546,000	\$182,000	\$182,000
TOTAL	\$2,610,000	\$1,566,000	\$522,000	\$522,000

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Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Requested Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$780,000	30%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$170,000	7%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$1,360,000	52%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$300,000	11%
	\$2,610,000	100%

Program	Intermediate Outcome proportion of 2008 - 2009 Target	Funding
Strategic Natural Resource Asset Protection Program		
Habitat improved for biodiversity. Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	0.71 Ha	\$70
	0.31 km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	14717.65 Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity. Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	2.52 Ha	\$40
	0.56 km	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	2.93 Ha	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.		\$35
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	0.57 FTEs	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species		\$35
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	28.44 %	
Habitat improved for biodiversity. Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	0.71 Ha	\$30
	0.31 km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	14717.65 Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity. Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	2.52 Ha	
	0.56 km	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	2.93 Ha	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.		\$35
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	0.57 FTEs	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species		\$35
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	14.00 %	
	Subtotal	\$280,000
Sustainable Catchments Program		

Habitat protected for biodiversity.			\$270
Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	9.18	Ha	
	4.20	km	
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	15.70	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	19.32	Ha	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			\$130
Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	1250.00	Ha	
	0.25	No.	
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	1.00	No.	
Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	0.25	No.	
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	750000.00	\$	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	0.75	Average score	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			\$100
Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	643.78	Ha	
	22.89	No.	
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	0.29	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			\$920
Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	0.00	Average score	
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	0.38	No.	
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	8.12	FTEs	
Subtotal			\$1,420,000
Caring for our Country Transition Program			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			\$275
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	590	Ha	
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	16	Ha	
	8	km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	680	Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity.			\$105
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	590	Ha	
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high	1	%	

priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.			
Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	26	Ha	
	5	km	
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	935	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	50	Ha	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			\$210
Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	15,750	Ha	
	130	No.	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			\$100
Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	0	Ha	
	3	No.	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			\$20
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	1	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			\$200
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	8	FTEs	
	Subtotal		\$910,000

**Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in Port Phillip and Westernport Region
2008-2009**

PORT PHILLIP AND WESTERNPORT CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved Port Phillip and Westernport Regional Funding:

Core: \$2,100,000

Transitional: \$1,050,000

Total 2008/09: **\$3,150,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
01-Improve and conserve habitats for regionally threatened plants and animals on land and in fresh water	\$960,000	\$576,000	\$192,000	\$192,000
02-Improve & conserve habitats for regionally threatened plants and animals on coasts and in marine environments	\$300,000	\$180,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
04-Landscape Improvement	\$410,000	\$246,000	\$82,000	\$82,000
05-Strong social infrastructure in NRM	\$930,000	\$558,000	\$186,000	\$186,000
06-CMA Management, governance, RCS Coordination, monitoring, evaluating and reporting	\$550,000	\$330,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
TOTAL	\$3,150,000	\$1,890,000	\$630,000	\$630,000

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Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$1,626,000	52%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$370,000	11%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$665,000	21%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$489,000	16%
	\$3,170,000	100%

Intermediate Outcome	Unit of Measure	Quantity	0809 - \$,000
01-Improve and conserve habitats for regionally threatened plants and animals on land and in fresh water			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			528
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	Ha	9	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	584	
Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	Ha	12	
Habitat protected for biodiversity.			266
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	452	
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - wetlands	Ha	5	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	356	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			166
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	%	7	
subtotal			960
02-Improve & conserve habitats for regionally threatened plants and animals on coasts and in marine environments			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			165
Additional area of habitat improved - marine (including intertidal)	Ha	50	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	83	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			45
Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	No.	1	
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	\$	3,500	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			45
Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	%	7	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			45
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	No.	1	
Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	No.	2	
subtotal			300
04-Landscape Improvement			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			260
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	Ha	400	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			150

Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	FTEs	3.4	
		subtotal	410
05-Strong social infrastructure in NRM			
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			535
Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	Ha	1,250	
	No.	4	
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	No.	4	
Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	No.	2	
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	\$	2,360,000	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	Average score	3.6	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			395
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	No.	1	
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	FTEs	10	
Priority established pests are contained.			
		subtotal	930
06-CMA Management, governance, RCS Coordination, monitoring, evaluating and reporting			
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			550
Improved or maintained decision support systems	No.	1	
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	No.	1	
Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	No.	18	
Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	No.	2	
		subtotal	550

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in West Gippsland Region 2008-2009

WEST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved West Gippsland Regional Funding:

Core: \$2,000,000

Transitional: \$1,060,000

Total 2008/09: **\$3,060,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
01-Bunurong Coast (0809-0910)	\$800,000	\$480,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
02-Corner Inlet (0809-0910)	\$630,000	\$378,000	\$126,000	\$126,000
03-Ninety Mile Beach (0809-0910)	\$230,000	\$138,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
04-Latrobe (0809-0910)	\$560,000	\$336,000	\$112,000	\$112,000
05-Thomson (0809-0910)	\$300,000	\$180,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
06-Macalister (0809-0910)	\$280,000	\$168,000	\$56,000	\$56,000
07-Lake Wellington (0809-0910)	\$260,000	\$156,000	\$52,000	\$52,000
TOTAL	\$3,060,000			

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Summary of Funding

Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Requested Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$614,000	20%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$747,000	24%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$780,000	25%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$919,000	30%
	\$3,060,000	100%

Intermediate Outcomes			Funding
01-Bunurong Coast (0809-0910)			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	10.1	Ha	
	5.3	km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	2.9	Ha	
Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	0.2		
	0.3	Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity.			
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	17.3	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - wetlands	2.7		
	5.9	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	5.9	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - wetlands	0.2		
	0.8	Ha	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			
Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	10000.0	Ha	
	1.0	No.	
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	4.0	No.	
Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	2.0	No.	
Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	45000.0	\$	
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	23000.0	\$	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.0	Average score	
Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	0.0	%	
	4.0	No.	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			
Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	1.8	Ha	
	0.2	No.	
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	3.2	Ha	
	1.6	No.	
Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.	0.0	%	
	0.4	No.	

Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	0.5	%	
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	0.5	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			
Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	5.0	Average score	
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	0.1	No.	
Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	0.5	No.	
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	0.5	FTEs	
Land use matched to land capability.			
Additional area managed under property scale plans	844.7	Ha	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	50.0	%	
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water).			
Additional area (Ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc.)	4.8	Ha	
Additional length (km) of River stabilised	0.7	km	
Additional number of sites treated (head structures, other engineering works)	11.2	No.	
	subtotal		\$800,000
02-Corner Inlet (0809-0910)			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	8.6	Ha	
	4.0	km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	7.2	Ha	
Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	0.4		
	1.2	Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat protected - permanent - riparian	0.4	Ha	
	0.4	km	
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	17.0	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - wetlands	0.6		
	2.6	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	9.4	Ha	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			

Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	4.0	No.	
Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	1.0	No.	
Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	20000.0	\$	
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	42000.0	\$	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.0	Average score	
Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	0.0	%	
	6.0	No.	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	25.2	Ha	
	2.5	No.	
Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.	0.0	%	
	0.4	No.	
Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	0.8	%	
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	0.8	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			
Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	5.0	Average score	
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	0.2	No.	
Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	8.1	No.	
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	0.3	FTEs	
Land use matched to land capability.			
Additional area managed under property scale plans	296.9	Ha	
Percentage increase and number of landholders implementing property scale plans.	0.0	%	
	80.2	No.	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	25.0	%	
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water).			
Additional area (Ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc.)	1.1	Ha	
Additional length (km) of River stabilised	0.3	km	
Additional number of sites treated (head structures, other engineering works)	2.7	No.	
	subtotal		\$630,000

07-Lake Wellington (0809-0910)		
Habitat improved for biodiversity.		
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	2.7	Ha
	1.4	km
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	7.8	Ha
Habitat protected for biodiversity.		
Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	1.6	Ha
	0.1	km
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	6.6	Ha
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	3.3	Ha
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.		
Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	50000.0	Ha
	1.0	No.
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	2.0	No.
Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	2000.0	\$
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	0.0	\$
Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.0	Average score
Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	0.0	%
	4.1	No.
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.		
Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	13.8	Ha
	1.0	No.
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	608.7	Ha
	6.1	No.
Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.	0.0	%
	1.8	No.
Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	3.0	%
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	2.0	%
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.		
Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	5.0	Average score
Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	0.1	No.

Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	0.5	No.	
Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	0.1	FTEs	
Land use matched to land capability.			
Additional area managed under property scale plans	77.0	Ha	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	34.0	%	
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water).			
Additional area (Ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc.)	0.1	Ha	
Additional length (km) of River stabilised		km	
Additional number of sites treated (head structures, other engineering works)	0.3	No.	
	subtotal		\$260,000
04-Latrobe (0809-0910)			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	10.1	Ha	
	6.0	km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	2.3	Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	1.4	Ha	
	1.6	km	
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	4.2	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	1.4	Ha	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	2.0	No.	
Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	10000.0	\$	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.0	Average score	
Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	0.0	%	
	11.0	No.	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			
Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	2.5	Ha	
	0.2	No.	
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	650.9	Ha	

	2.2	No.	
Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.	0.7	%	
	0.5	No.	
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	0.7	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			
Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	5.0	Average score	
Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	2.8	No.	
Land use matched to land capability.			
Additional area managed under property scale plans	61.7	Ha	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	19.0	%	
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water).			
Additional area (Ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc.)	2.2	Ha	
Additional length (km) of River stabilised	0.6	km	
Additional number of sites treated (head structures, other engineering works)	2.8	No.	
	subtotal		\$560,000
06-Macalister (0809-0910)			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	3.3	Ha	
	0.9	km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	0.6	Ha	
Additional area of habitat improved - wetlands	0.3		
	0.5	Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity.			
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	2.4	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	1.2	Ha	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	2.0	No.	
Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	10000.0	\$	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.0	Average score	
Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	0.0	%	

	7.0	No.	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			
Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	0.5	Ha	
	0.0	No.	
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	69.7	Ha	
	1.5	No.	
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	0.4	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			
Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	5.0	Average score	
Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	1.3	No.	
Land use matched to land capability.			
Additional area managed under property scale plans	76.8	Ha	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	27.0	%	
	subtotal		\$280,000
03-Ninety Mile Beach (0809-0910)			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	0.3	Ha	
	0.1	km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	0.7	Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	1.8	Ha	
	0.7	km	
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	25.0	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	14.3	Ha	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	2.0	No.	
Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	5000.0	\$	
Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	4000.0	\$	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.0	Average score	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			

Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	4.9	Ha	
	0.4	No.	
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	428.0	Ha	
	4.3	No.	
Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.	0.0	%	
	1.0	No.	
Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	1.4	%	
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	1.4	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			
Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	5.0	Average score	
Land use matched to land capability.			
Additional area managed under property scale plans	5.2	Ha	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	17.0	%	
	subtotal		\$230,000
05-Thomson (0809-0910)			
Habitat improved for biodiversity.			
Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	1.7	Ha	
	0.8	km	
Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	1.3	Ha	
Habitat protected for biodiversity.			
Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	6.1	Ha	
Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	0.9	Ha	
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.			
Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	2.0	No.	
Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	10000.0	\$	
Increased or maintained regional group health.	3.0	Average score	
Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	0.0	%	
	8.0	No.	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably.			

Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	0.6	Ha	
	0.0	No.	
Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	147.6	Ha	
	1.5	No.	
Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	0.2	%	
Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	0.4	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.			
Increased or maintained institutional regional capacities	5.0	Average score	
Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	1.3	No.	
Land use matched to land capability.			
Additional area managed under property scale plans	76.8	Ha	
Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species			
Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	50.0	%	
Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water).			
Additional area (Ha) stabilised (vegetation to maintain ground cover, matting etc.)	1.0	Ha	
Additional number of sites treated (head structures, other engineering works)	1.0	No.	
	subtotal		\$300,000
			\$3,060,000

Listing of Caring for our Country Investment in Wimmera Region 2008-2009

WIMMERA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Approved Wimmera Regional Funding:

Core: \$2,500,000

Transitional: \$780,000

Total 2008/09: **\$3,280,000**

Program Name	Total funding approved (\$)	Payment 1 60% on signature of this Agreement	Payment 2 20% by 31 January	Payment 3 20% by 31 March
0809 WI - 01 Rivers and Streams Program	\$844,000	\$506,400	\$168,800	\$168,800
0809 WI - 04 Biodiversity Program	\$921,000	\$552,600	\$184,200	\$184,200
0809 WI - 03 Agricultural Land Program	\$922,000	\$553,200	\$184,400	\$184,400
0809 WI - 02 Wetlands Program	\$145,000	\$87,000	\$29,000	\$29,000
0809 WI - 06 Knowledge and Capacity Building Program	\$448,000	\$268,800	\$89,600	\$89,600
TOTAL	\$3,280,000	\$1,968,000	\$656,000	\$656,000

Please note:

Payments will be made INTO the Caring for our Country Holding Account in Victoria according to the following:

Payment 1: 60% of approved funding on signing of this agreement (beginning of financial year)

Payment 2: 20% of approved funding, by 31 January 2009

Payment 3: 20% of approved funding, by 31 March 2009.

Payments will be made OUT OF the Caring for our Country Holding Account in Victoria according to the following:

Payment 1: Quarter 1 & 2 of approved funding on signing of Service Level Agreement between Victoria and the CMA – within 21 days of Commonwealth notice

Payment 2: Quarter 3 payment on Commonwealth receipt of Regional Financial Report

Payment 3: Quarter 4 payment on Commonwealth acceptance of Regional Financial

Report

Summary of Funding

Caring for our Country National Priority Area	Requested Funding	Percentage split across priority areas
Biodiversity and Natural Icons	\$1,228,000	37%
Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats	\$318,000	10%
Sustainable Farming Practices	\$751,000	23%
Community Skills, Knowledge and Engagement	\$983,000	30%
	\$3,280,000	100%

Program	Intermediate Outcome	Performance Descriptor	CFOC proportion of 2008 - 2009 Target		Requested CFOC - 81 \$ (Core)
0809 WI - 01 Rivers and Streams Program	Habitat improved for biodiversity	Additional area and length of habitat improved - riparian	1	Ha	\$149,000
			3	km	
	Habitat protected for biodiversity	Additional area and length of habitat protected - management agreement - riparian	3	Ha	\$24,000
			11	km	
		Additional area and length of habitat protected - permanent - riparian	5	Ha	
	Priority established pests are contained	Containment of target weed species to current extent	12	Ha	\$20,000
	Reduction in threat of soil erosion (wind and water)	Additional length (km) of River stabilised	3	km	\$187,000
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably	Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	20	No.	\$61,000
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes	Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	10	No.	\$60,000
		Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	2	No.	
		Community in-kind contribution to NRM.	22333	\$	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS	Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	4	FTEs	\$343,000
SUB TOTAL					\$844,000
0809 WI - 04 Biodiversity Program					
	Habitat improved for biodiversity.	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	46	Ha	\$272,000
	Habitat protected for biodiversity	Additional area of habitat protected - management agreement - terrestrial (including coastal)	251	Ha	\$144,000
	Additional area of habitat protected - permanent - terrestrial (including coastal)	189	Ha		

Reduction in risk of extinction for priority populations of threatened species	Percentage and percentage increase of completed high priority actions at high priority sites in Actions for Biodiversity Conservation database.	65	%	\$230,000
Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes	Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	10135	Ha	\$75,000
		111	No.	
	Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	57	No.	
	Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed	4	No.	
	Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups	20270	\$	
	Community in-kind contribution to NRM	614865	\$	
	Percentage of total volunteer monitoring sites and number of volunteer monitoring plans measuring change toward regional targets (RCTs) or improved condition associated with on-ground works (e.g. waterwatch)	50	%	
		40.54	No.	
Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably	Increased responses to applications for grants and incentives	2700	Ha	\$27,000
		41	No.	
	Percentage increase and number of landholders funded through grants or incentives.	15	%	
		27	No.	
	Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	10	%	
	Percentage increase in landholders or individuals taking action to meet duty of care without compliance intervention	10	%	
Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement	Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	3.28	No.	\$173,000

	the RCS				
		Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements.	11.91	No.	
		Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	2.37	FTEs	
SUB TOTAL					\$921,000
0809 WI - 03 Agricultural Land Program					
	Habitat improved for biodiversity.	Additional area of habitat improved - terrestrial (including coastal)	24.6	Ha	\$69,000
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably	Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	57048	Ha	\$254,000
			48	No.	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	1	FTEs	\$160,000
	Reduction in Discharge	Additional area (Ha) of revegetation (Indigenous, Non-Indigenous, Pasture)	43	Ha	\$17,000
	Reduction in Recharge	Additional area (Ha) of revegetation (Indigenous, Non-Indigenous, Pasture)	499	Ha	\$422,000
SUB TOTAL					\$922,000
0809 WI - 02 Wetlands Program					
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes	Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	5	No.	\$28,000
		Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	1	No.	
	Increased or maintained capacity of individuals to manage natural resources sustainably	Additional area and number of property scale plans developed	15	No.	\$17,000
		Percentage increase in landholder awareness (survey).	3	%	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement	Improved or maintained decision support systems	1	No.	\$100,000

	the RCS				
		Number of additional planning capacity and/or knowledge generation activities (e.g. projects) developed and implemented	8	No.	
SUB TOTAL					\$145,000
0809 WI - 06 Knowledge and Capacity Building Program					
	Increased or maintained capacity of community groups to contribute to NRM and cultural heritage outcomes.	Additional area and number of local group action plans completed.	6	No.	\$93,000
		Additional number of local group action plans reviewed.	4	No.	
		Additional number of network strategic plans completed or reviewed.	1	No.	
		Amount of corporate and philanthropic funds leveraged and secured for NRM community groups.	21478	\$	
	Increased or maintained institutional capacity of regional agencies to implement the RCS.	Number of additional endorsed regional strategy for NRM completed.	1	No.	\$355,000
		Number of additional NRM regional partnership agreements	2	No.	
		Number of community NRM coordinators and facilitators positioned, funded and corporately supported	1	FTEs	
SUB TOTAL					\$448,000
GRAND TOTAL 2007-2008					\$3,280,000