# **New South Wales**

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERIM GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

### PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

 This bilateral schedule to the Project Agreement for the Interim Great Artesian Basin Infrastructure Investment Program should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. This Schedule has been developed in accordance with clause 11(a) of the Agreement to set out a list of projects and project milestones to be completed by 30 April 2018 and 30 April 2019 respectively.

#### PART 2: FORMALITIES

- 2. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth), represented by the Minister responsible for water resources, and the State of New South Wales (NSW), represented by the Minister responsible for water.
- 3. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed by the Commonwealth and NSW, including agreement of the Project List set out in Table 3 and Table 4 of this Schedule, and expire on 30 June 2019 or on completion of all agreed milestones whichever is earlier, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones.

#### PART 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 4. Having completed an assessment of the proposed projects in accordance with the Assessment Guidelines and Project Eligibility Criteria contained in Schedule A of the Agreement, the Commonwealth will provide a maximum financial contribution of \$2 254 563 to the State for projects listed at Table 3 and Table 4. All payments are exclusive of GST.
- The agreed financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth, NSW and individual landholders are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. Estimated financial contributions

| Estimated total budget    | 2017-18      | 2018-19      | Total        |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | (\$ million) | (\$ million) | (\$ million) |
| State contribution        | 0.701        | 1.554        | 2.255        |
| Third party contributions | 0.042        | 0.086        | 0.128        |
| Commonwealth contribution | 0.701        | 1.554        | 2.255        |

### PART 4: PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

6. Table 2 summarises the milestones for the project, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to the State demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been achieved.

Table 2: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

| Outputs  | Milestones   | Due date      | Payment      |
|--|--|---------------|--------------|
|  |  |               | (\$ million) |
| Bore replacement and restoration of critical infrastructure assets | 1) Completion of projects in Table<br>3 of this Schedule, demonstrated<br>by the annual completion report<br>(clauses 14 and 15 of the<br>Agreement)     | 30 April 2018 | 0.701        |
| Bore replacement and restoration of critical infrastructure assets | 2) Completion of projects in Table<br>4 of this Schedule, demonstrated<br>by the annual completion report<br>(clauses 14, 15 and 16 of the<br>Agreement) | 30 April 2019 | 1.554        |

- 7. If a milestone is met in advance of the due date, where the State demonstrates that the milestone has been met, the Commonwealth may make the associated payment earlier than scheduled provided it falls within the same financial year as the original milestone date.
- 8. The State will provide the annual completion report in accordance with Table 2 during the operation of the Agreement. Each performance report is to contain a description of actual performance in the period to date against the project milestones.
- 9. In accordance with Clause 14 of the Agreement, the annual completion report must be provided by 30 April each year in the form of any relevant template(s) provided by the Commonwealth.

## PART 5: SIGN OFF

| 10. | The Parties h | have confirmed | their comm | itment to this | agreement as f | ollows: |
|-----|---------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
|     |               |                |            |                |                |         |

| Signature                    | Date                     |  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| The Hon Niall Blair MLC Mini | ister for Regional Water |  |
|                              |                          |  |
|                              |                          |  |
|                              |                          |  |
| Signature                    | Date                     |  |

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

# PART 5: SIGN OFF

10. The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

| Signature     |                          | Date 1.2.18    |   |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|---|
| The Hon Niall | Blair MLC Minister for R | Regional Water |   |
|               |                          | ,              |   |
| Signature     | 7                        | Date 12-17     | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 |

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

Table 3 - Proposed project list of 2017-18 projects

Projects rated against the criteria set out under Clauses A8, A9, A10 and A11 and prioritised for implementation.

Locations of proposed projects are identified at Map 1.

|                | Project<br>ID | Project<br>Name         | Project      | Project location  Lat, long (dd mm ss.ss) |  | t, long (dd mmss.ss)                                       |      |                   |   | No.   | Name of and proximity t<br>(km) high value Basin<br>dependent spring/s  |     | Type of activity  A8(a) to (c) |   |     | _   | Fairman                                   | Discharge |  | Proposed water saving<br>(ML/year)  |                    | Proposed water saving in relation to state Water<br>Sharing Plan (ML/year) |          |                             |          |                                  | Proposed GABSI funding contribution (\$) |  |  | \$ of Govt | Risk (low, medium, |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|---|--|--|------|-------------------|---|---|---|-----|--------------------------------|---|-----|---|---|-----------|--|---|--------------------|--|----------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|------------|--------------------|
| List<br>Number |               |                         | and shown on | attached map                              | Artesian<br>Basin<br>Groundwater<br>Management<br>Zone | significant<br>GAB<br>Springs<br>Impacted ><br>1m pressure | Name | Proximity<br>(km) |   | Activity description  | Estimated   |     | after (L/s)                    | Relating to control valve - as a result of changed management practices of the infrastructure |     | Relating to<br>piping -<br>resulting from<br>reduced<br>system loses or<br>fixing bore<br>drain<br>infrastructure | savings<br>potentially<br>available to be |           | Water savings not to be reallocated to consumptive purposes from the groundwater management zone | Water Sharing Plan estimated extraction limit for the groundwater management zone prior to water savings* | Completion<br>date | Total<br>estimated<br>cost (\$)  | By state | By 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>party | By Cwith | funding per<br>ML/ year<br>saved |  |  |  |            |                    |
|                | 17.1          | Burren Junction No.1    | 30°07 27.36  | 149°04 34.1                               | 3 Surat  | 0  | -    | -                 | b | remediation of failed bore plugging - technical failure                                 | N   | 0   | 2.5                            | 3.0   | 0.0 | 0   | 94.7                                      | 28.4      | 66.3   | 25,940  | 30-Apr-18          | 370,000  | 180,000  | 10,000                      | 180,000  | 3,803                            | medium                                   |  |  |            |                    |
|                | 17.2          | Sulphur Lake            | 30 °28 '5.56 | 141°26'52.56                              | 6 Central  | 0  | -    | -                 | а | replace old bore, install<br>efficient controlled water<br>system                       | Y   | 0.2 | 0.5                            | 8.9   | 0.2 | 0   | 275.5                                     | 82.6      | 192.8  | 9,280   | 30-Apr-18          | 628,464  | 298,472  | 31,520                      | 298,472  | 2,167                            | low                                      |  |  |            |                    |
|                | 17.3          | IGABIIP ProgramDelivery | -            | -   | -  | -  | -    | -                 | c | -Project coordination, stake<br>-Procurement, contractor m<br>-Coordination and managen | anagement costs - essential to the delivery of IGABIIP for NSW: coordination, stakeholder engagement, technical investigation, planning and design of projects. rent, contractor management, compliance, quality assurance, works auditing tition and management of IGABIIP Programdelivery within NSW Government. Project assessment and priority ranking, stakeholder consultation, negotiation and communication, etc. tition with State and Commonwealth Ministerial advisory bodies. |     |                                |   |     |   |   |           |  | 30-Apr-18   | 445,000            | 222,500  | -        | 222,500                     | -        | low                              |  |  |  |            |                    |

**Table 4 - Proposed project list of 2018-19 projects**Projects rated against the criteria set out under Clauses A8, A9, A10 and A11 and prioritised for implementation. Locations of proposed projects are identified at Map 2.

|             | Project | Project<br>Name | Project location  Lat, long (dd mm ss.ss) | Great                                      |    |                | oximity to<br>ue Basin<br>spring/s | Type of activity  A8(a) to (c) |   | Meter or<br>bore<br>pressure<br>device<br>(Y/N) |           |    |                          |             |  | vater saving<br>(year)   | Proposed water s                          | saving in relation<br>ring Plan (ML/yea |   |                    |                                 | Proposed GA | .BSI funding<br>(\$)        | contribution |  | Risk<br>(low,<br>medium,<br>high) |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|---|--|----|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------|----|--------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|---|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Lis<br>Numi |         |                 | and shown on attached ma                  | Basin<br>Groundwater<br>Management<br>Zone |    |                | Proximity<br>(km)                  |                                | Activity description  |   | Estimated |    | Discharge<br>prior (L/s) | after (L/s) | Relating to<br>control valve -<br>as a result of<br>changed<br>management<br>practices of<br>the<br>infrastructure | Relating to piping - resulting from reduced system loses or fixing bore drain infrastructure | savings<br>potentially<br>available to be | management                              | Water Sharing Plan estimated extraction limit for the groundwater management zone prior to water savings* | Completion<br>date | Total<br>estimated<br>cost (\$) | By state    | By 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>party | By Cwith     | \$ of Govt<br>funding per<br>ML/ year<br>saved |                                   |
|             | 18.1    | Noorooma        | 29° 15 2141 146° 38 10                    | 26 Warrego                                 | 30 | Tooloomi       | 8                                  | а                              | replace old bore, install<br>efficient controlled water<br>system | Y   | 24        | 14 | 33.9                     | 0.5         | 0  | 1053.2   | 316.0                                     | 737.2                                   | 14,140  | 30-Apr-19          | 1,217,692                       | 599,812     | 18,068                      | 599,812      | 1,139  | low                               |
|             | 18.2    | Helen           | 29°09 46.46 144°56 04                     | 35 Warrego                                 | 16 | Jacome         | 219                                | а                              | replace old bore, install<br>efficient controlled water<br>system | Y   | 4         | 15 | 7.0                      | 0.2         | 0  | 214.3  | 64.3                                      | 150.0                                   | 14,140  | 30-Apr-19          | 509,582                         | 245,491     | 18,600                      | 245,491      | 2,291  | low                               |
|             | 18.3    | Mundiwa         | 29°30 18.42 146°26 26                     | 28 Warrego                                 | 13 | Boongunyarrrah | 9.8                                | а                              | replace old bore, install<br>efficient controlled water<br>system | Y   | 12        | 9  | 7.4                      | 0.4         | 0  | 220.6  | 66.2                                      | 154.4                                   | 14,140  | 30-Apr-19          | 703,252                         | 338,726     | 25,800                      | 338,726      | 3,071  | low                               |
|             | 18.4    | Dunsandle       | 29°10 05.42 146°22 49                     | 27 Warrego                                 | 30 | Bunnavinyah    | 7.5                                | а                              | replace old bore, install<br>efficient controlled water<br>system | Y   | 12        | 5  | 23.3                     | 0.4         | 0  | 723.3  | 217.0                                     | 506.3                                   | 14,140  | 30-Apr-19          | 762,974                         | 369,562     | 23,850                      | 369,562      | 1,022  | low                               |

Process used by New South Wales to select Interim Great Artesian Basin Infrastructure Investment Program Projects:

The NSW process for establishing and prioritising Interim Great Artesian Basin Infrastructure Investment Program projects was to develop a priority list of bores and invite landholders to participate in the Program directly. Project planning, coordination, stakeholder engagement, technical investigation design and detailed assessment is then conducted with those landholders accepting this invitation.

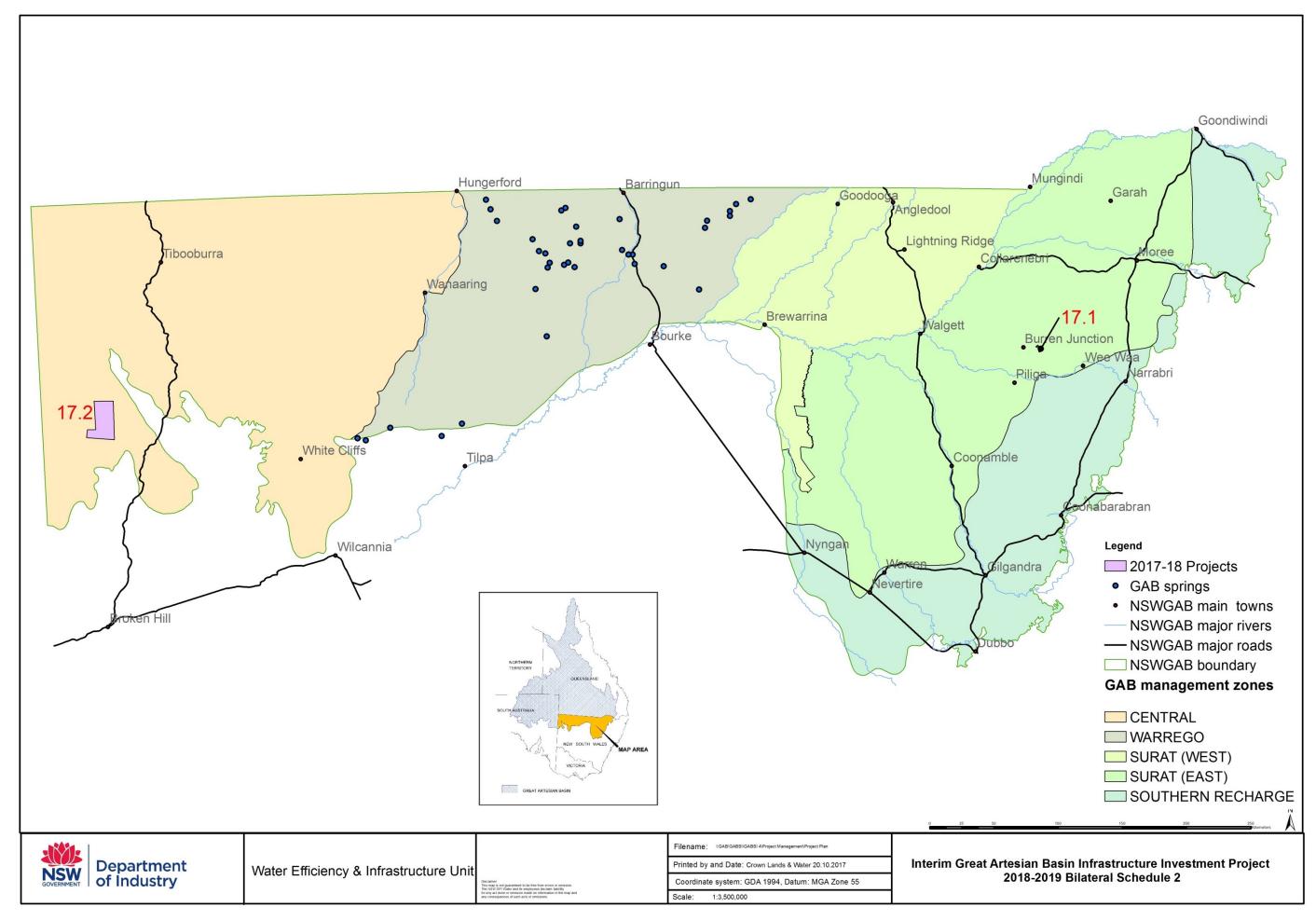
Given the small pool of priority bores and good existing data on all NSW bores, this approach is an efficient use of limited time and resources. It is transparent, fair and ensures that priority projects with landholder support are put forward for potential funding.

The NSW prioritisation process assumes NSW has comprehensive current records of all flowing bores in NSW (approximately 220 at present) that include sufficient data to assess each equally against funding criteria. The NSW Bilateral Schedule proposes projects focusing on rehabilitation of high priority artesian bores.

Projects have been prioritised based on the following criteria:

- Number of GAB springs impacted (having a modelled pressure impact > 1m) derived from fundamental hydrogeological modelling calculations based on distance between bores and known GAB springs and source aquifer of bores (from depth etc.).
- Total estimated government grant per ML/yr of water saved grant estimate for each project is based on detailed technical design and accurate quantity estimates and real prices from competively contracts for similar recent projects. This estimate, along with estimated water savings, determines the initial ranking for all remaining flowing bores (after springs criteria).
- Critical infrastructure failure only applies to Burren No.1 Project (ID 17.1) listed in the 2017-18 Table. This bore was plugged as part of GABSI 2 however this work has significantly failed and the bore has an uncontrolled discharge of approx. 3 L/s at the surface and possibly more below surface. It is located in an area of increasing pressure where all surrounding bores have been capped.

Map 1: NSW Interim Great Artesian Basin Infrastructure Investment Program 2017-18 Proposed Projects (as listed in Table 3)



Map 2: NSW Interim Great Artesian Basin Infrastructure Investment Program 2018-19 Proposed Projects (as listed in Table 4)

