

# On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

## NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR STREAMLINED AGREEMENTS

[Drafting note 6/09/19: This document is based on the varied agreement and schedules offered to the states by the Minister for Water Resources on 20 August 2019, not the agreement as currently in effect.]

<b>Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth of Australia New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory
Effect on other agreements	The Project Agreement for an On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme that commenced on 14 December 2018 is replaced by this Agreement and Schedule. This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2021.
Output and Purpose	This Schedule will provide funding for one-off rebates to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers for the costs associated with the purchase and installation of on-farm water infrastructure that addresses animal welfare needs, permanent planting needs and improves resilience to drought.

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of up to \$9.7 million in respect of this Schedule, noting this does not include payments made prior to 1 July 2020 under the previous</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="379 331 1161 922"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="379 331 1050 376"><b>Table 1 (\$ million)</b></th> <th data-bbox="1050 331 1161 376">2020-21</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 376 1050 421"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="1050 376 1161 421"><b>9.7</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 421 1050 465"><b>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</b></td> <td data-bbox="1050 421 1161 465"><b>9.7</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 465 1050 510">    New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="1050 465 1161 510">2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 510 1050 555">    Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="1050 510 1161 555">0.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 555 1050 600">    Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="1050 555 1161 600">3.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 600 1050 645">    Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1050 600 1161 645">1.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 645 1050 689">    South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1050 645 1161 689">1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 689 1050 734">    Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="1050 689 1161 734">0.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 734 1050 779">    Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1050 734 1161 779">0.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 779 1050 824">    Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1050 779 1161 824">1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="379 824 1050 869"><b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b></td> <td data-bbox="1050 824 1161 869"><b>0.0</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>agreement. All payments are GST exclusive.</p>	<b>Table 1 (\$ million)</b>	2020-21	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</b>	<b>9.7</b>	New South Wales	2.0	Victoria	0.0	Queensland	3.0	Western Australia	1.6	South Australia	1.0	Tasmania	0.37	Australian Capital Territory	0.76	Northern Territory	1.0	<b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>Guidance on eligible project activities is at Appendix A.</p> <p>In providing rebates to primary producers and horticulture farmers, the States must be satisfied that the rebate recipient has demonstrated that they are from the grazing or horticulture industries and drought affected. 'Drought-affected' will be defined in State program guidelines for the rebate scheme. The definition of drought-affected may be amended over the life of the scheme in consultation with the Commonwealth as conditions change and will be published as required.</p> <p>Rebates will be 25 per cent of the costs incurred by primary producers, up to a maximum total rebate of \$25,000, for eligible activities undertaken.</p>																								

**Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	Continuation of administration arrangements for the delivery of an On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme. Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 and 30 July 2020.	31 July 2020	\$261,000 plus the value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 July 2020 up to \$1,739,000
	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 31 July 2020 and 30 October 2020.	31 October 2020	Value of rebates paid from 31 July 2020 to 30 October 2020 up to \$1,739,000 less payments for rebates under this agreement already provided to NSW in 2020-21.
	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 31 October 2020 and 30 January 2021	31 January 2021	Value of rebates paid from 31 October 2020 to 30 January 2021 up to \$1,739,000 less payments for rebates under this agreement already provided to NSW in 2020-21.

This schedule was agreed by the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales when the overarching National Partnership was signed.

**Table 2C: Queensland – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021.	1 May 2021	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021, up to \$3 million

This schedule was agreed by the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland when the overarching National Partnership was signed.

**Table 2D: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	Establishment of second 50% administration arrangements for the delivery of a Western Australian On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme	1 May 2021	\$250,000
	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 and 30 April 2021.	1 May 2021	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 up to \$1,350,000

This schedule was agreed by the Commonwealth and the State of Western Australia when the overarching National Partnership was signed.

**Table 2E: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021.	1 May 2021	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 up to \$1 million

This schedule was agreed by the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia when the overarching National Partnership was signed.

**Table 2F: Tasmania – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021.	1 May 2021	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 up to \$0.369 million

This schedule was agreed by the Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania when the overarching National Partnership was signed.

**Table 2G: Australian Capital Territory – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 to 30 October 2020.	31 October 2020	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 October 2020 up to \$760,000
	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 31 October 2020 to 30 January 2021	31 January 2021	Value of rebates paid from 31 October 2020 to 30 April 2021 up to \$760,000, less payments already provided to the ACT for the rebate scheme in 2020-21

This schedule was agreed by the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory when the overarching National Partnership was signed.



**Table 2H: Northern Territory – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 to 30 November 2020.	1 December 2020	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 November 2020, up to \$1 million
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 December 2020 to 30 April 2021.	1 May 2021	Value of rebates paid from 1 December 2020 to 30 April 2021, up to \$1 million less the payments for rebates under this agreement already provided to NT in 2020-21.

This schedule was agreed by the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory when the overarching National Partnership was signed.

## APPENDIX A: GUIDANCE TO STATES ON ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMONWEALTH FUNDING UNDER THE REBATE SCHEME

- A1 Eligible applicants must:
- a. be a primary producer or horticulture farmer (as defined by the state or territory in relation to delivering the rebate scheme)
  - b. be property owners, share farmers or lease holders in the grazing industry
  - c. purchase and install water infrastructure for grazing livestock or permanent plantings that the landholder owns (not stock agisted on their property).
- A2 The property must be within an area defined by the state or territory as being drought impacted as defined in accordance with this schedule.
- A3 Water infrastructure must be purchased and installed for an animal welfare or permanent planting need and to improve drought resilience.
- A4 Eligibility for the rebate for primary producers applies to:
- a. water infrastructure purchased after 30 June 2018
  - b. the purchase and installation of:
    - i. pipes
    - ii. water storage devices such as tanks and troughs associated with stock watering
    - iii. water pumps and associated water distribution systems
  - c. the drilling of new stock water bores and associated power supply such as generators
  - d. desilting dams.
- A5 Eligibility for the rebate for horticulture farmers applies to:
- a. water infrastructure purchased after 30 June 2019
  - b. the purchase and installation of:
    - i. the drilling of new horticulture groundwater bores
    - ii. desilting dams.