

# South Australian Implementation Plan for the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative Phase 3 - 2012-2013

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
ON THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN SUSTAINABILITY  
INITIATIVE

## Part 1: Preliminaries

1. This Implementation Plan is a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective in the National Partnership is for the Parties to aspire to a sustainable and on-going groundwater management system for the Great Artesian Basin.
2. The Commonwealth has agreed to provide up to \$5.5 million to South Australian (the State) under the third phase of the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative (the Program) to assist in the capping and piping of all Great Artesian Basin bores legally operating in an uncontrolled state and related activities (Projects). In achieving this objective the State has agreed to:
  - a) ensure to the fullest extent possible that at least 50 per cent of the water saved under the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative will be directed to restoring pressure in the Basin and not be reallocated for consumptive purposes; and
  - b) ensure that funding will not be used for increasing the watered area of a property. The watered area of a property will be determined by the application of a formula described in the Projects Submission to the current network of open bore drains. If the geographical location of the watered area on the property supported by the new controlled watering system is altered by a Project.

## Part 2: Terms of this Implementation Plan

3. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the State of South Australian, represented by the Minister for Water and the River Murray, and the Commonwealth of Australia represented by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, or relevant Ministers with portfolio responsibilities for the Great Artesian Basin.
4. As a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative, the purpose of this Implementation Plan is to provide the public

with an indication of how the projects are intended to be delivered and demonstrate South Australian's capacity to achieve the outcomes of the National Partnership.

5. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion or termination of the National Partnership or acceptance of a subsequent Implementation Plan.
6. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Commonwealth and State Ministers in Clause 3.
7. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to the plan and its full implementation.

### **Part 3: Strategy for South Australian implementation**

#### **Project information**

8. The Project elements planned include:
  - a) design works;
  - b) reconditioning or repair of existing bores;
  - c) capping of existing bores;
  - d) drilling of new bore and plugging of old bores;
  - e) installation of water delivery infrastructure (such as piping, relief valves, tanks and troughs); and
  - f) project management, monitoring and reporting.
9. The number and location of proposed carry over Projects from 2009 –2010 and new Projects and are summarised in Table 1.

**Table 1: Proposed Projects**

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>South West Springs</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>Management Monitoring and Reporting (State-wide)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Number of Proposed Projects</b>	4	20	1	2	28

#### **Estimated costs**

10. Having completed an assessment of the proposed Projects in accordance with the Assessment Guidelines and Project Eligibility Criteria contained in Schedule A to the National Partnership, the Commonwealth will provide a maximum financial contribution of \$2.124 million to the State for Projects. All payments are exclusive of GST.

11. The estimated overall budgets are set out in Table 2. The budget is indicative only and the State retains the flexibility to move funds between components, as long as outcomes are not affected. The Commonwealth contribution can only be moved between years with the agreement of the Commonwealth.

**Table 2: Estimated financial contributions**

	<b>Central</b>	<b>South West Springs</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>Management Monitoring and Reporting (State-wide)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>	
Total estimated budget:					
- 2009-10 projects (brought forward)* <sup>1</sup>	293,333	836,667	-	323,334	1,453,334
- 2012-13 projects	1,190,000	1,220,000	80,000	300,000	2,790,000
<b>Total estimated budget</b>	<b>1,483,333</b>	<b>2,056,667</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>623,334</b>	<b>4,243,334</b>
<i>less</i> estimated Commonwealth contributions:					
- 2009-10 projects (brought forward)	146,667	418,333	-	160,001	725,001
Adjustment to 2009-10 projects (brought forward)* <sup>2</sup>				-3,333	-3,333
- 2012-13 projects	595,000	610,000	40,000	150,000	1,395,000
<b>Total estimated Commonwealth contributions</b>	<b>741,667</b>	<b>1,028,333</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>306,668</b>	<b>2,116,668</b>
<i>equals</i> estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	<b>741,666</b>	<b>1,028,334</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>316,666</b>	<b>2,126,666</b>

\*<sup>1</sup> Minister Caica (corro 6 September 2010) sought funding of \$1.1m from the Commonwealth, under the agreed SA 2009/10 IP. On 23 December 2010 Minister Burke provided funding of up to \$1,100,000 under this agreement. The total value of agreed projects under the 2009/10 IP was 2,210,000 equating to matching funding of \$1,105,000, the shortfall of \$5000 is not subject to AG approval. Prior to further discussion the figure for Complementary Measures has been reduced by \$5000.

\*<sup>2</sup> Adjustment for the terminated project (Coolong Spring Bore) within the 2009-10 IP, as requested through variation.

### Program logic

12. The Projects will achieve the outcomes and objectives set out in the National Partnership by:

- a) achieving water savings and contributing towards pressure recovery in the Great Artesian Basin through the replacement of old bores legally operating in an uncontrolled state and the replacement of legally operating bore drains with an efficient, controlled water reticulation system; and
- b) promoting sustainable water and land management practices through the education and training of participating landholders in the operation and maintenance of the proposed infrastructure.

### **Risk management**

13. A risk management plan is in place. Risks have been actively identified, entered into a risk log and categorised in terms of impact and likelihood.

### **Relevant State Context**

14. The Parties have agreed to details of specific Projects and the methodology by which eligibility criteria and specific performance benchmarks have been determined, having due regard to relevant State considerations, but such details and methodology do not form part of this Implementation Plan
15. In developing this Implementation Plan consideration has been given to:
  - a) protection of South Australian GAB springs; and
  - b) protection of water remote areas in South Australian.

## Part 4: Performance and reporting arrangements

### Milestones

16. To qualify for the associated payment, the State must meet the milestones set out in Table 3.

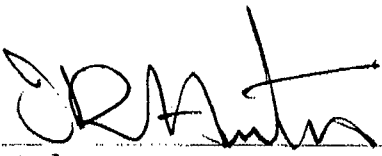
**Table 3: Milestones**

Milestone Number	Milestone	Performance indicator	Date for payment on completion of performance benchmark	Payment
1	Project designs completed for new Projects and incorporated into the annual Implementation Plan	Satisfactory Implementation Plan submitted by South Australian agreed to by Commonwealth Minister	Within 60 days of Commonwealth Minister's agreement	One third of the Commonwealth's share of the total cost of all new Projects agreed under the Implementation Plan
2	South Australia completes specified activities for a new Project contained in the agreed Projects Submission provided in the Implementation Plan 2012 13	Authorised South Australian official certifies that the completion of engineering works (that approximates the midpoint of the Project) has been completed in accordance with the agreed Projects Submission	By 7 February 2013, subject to such certification being made by the authorised official by 30 December 2012.	One third of the Commonwealth's share of the total cost of the agreed new Project specified in the Projects Submission.
3	South Australia completes specified activities for a previously agreed Project (2009_10) carried forward as contained in the agreed Projects Submission provided in addition to the Implementation Plan	Authorised South Australian official certifies that the completion of engineering works (that approximates the midpoint of the Project) has been completed in accordance with the agreed Projects Submission	By 7 February 2013, subject to such certification being made by the authorised official by 30 December 2012.	One half of the Commonwealth's share of the total cost of the previously agreed Project specified in the Projects Submission.
4	South Australia	Authorised South	By 7 August	One third of the

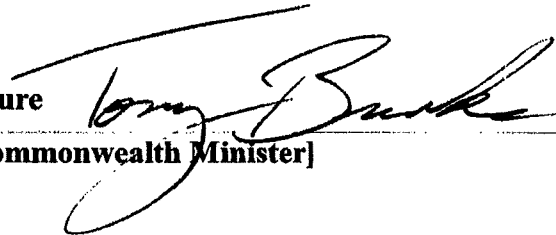
	completes a Project contained in the agreed Projects Submission provided in addition to the Implementation Plan 2012_13	Australian official certifies that a specified Project has been reported as completed in accordance with the agreed Projects Submission	2013, subject to such certification being made by the authorised official by 31 May 2013.	Commonwealth's share of the total cost of the agreed new Project specified in the Projects Submission.
5	South Australia completes a previously agreed Project (2009_10) carried forward as contained in the agreed Projects Submission provided in addition to the Implementation Plan.	Authorised South Australian official certifies that a specified Project has been reported as completed in accordance with the agreed Projects Submission.	By 7 August 2013, subject to such certification being made by the authorised official by 31 May 2013.	One half of the Commonwealth's share of the total cost of the previously agreed Project specified in the Projects Submission.

**Sign off**

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

Signature  Date 13/2/13  
[By State Minister]

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Signature  Date 28.6.13  
[By Commonwealth Minister]

