

# Northern Territory

## PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR AN ON-FARM EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE SCHEME

### PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. This bilateral schedule to the Project Agreement for an On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The Schedule has been developed in accordance with clause 11 of the Agreement.

### PART 2: FORMALITIES

2. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory and expire on 30 June 2021 or on completion of the project, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones.

### PART 3: DELIVERY OF THE ON-FARM EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE SCHEME IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

3. Under this Schedule, the Northern Territory agrees to deliver a rebate scheme, funded by the Commonwealth of up to \$3 million over the life of the agreement, to drought affected primary producers and horticulture farmers in the Northern Territory over 2018-19 to 2020-21.
4. In providing rebates to primary producers and horticulture farmers, the Northern Territory must be satisfied that the rebate recipient has demonstrated that they are from the grazing or horticulture industries and drought affected.
5. Drought affected will be defined in Northern Territory program guidelines for the rebate scheme, to be published in early 2019.

### PART 4: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

6. The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of \$3 million to Northern Territory. All payments are exclusive of GST.
7. The estimated financial contributions to be provided by the Commonwealth are outlined in Table 1.

**Table 1. Estimated financial contributions**

\$	2018-19 (actuals)	2019-20	2020-21	Total
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	350,000	1,650,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0	0	0	0

## **PART 5: PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS**

8. 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 Northern Territory demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been met.

**Table 2: Milestones, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestone	Report due	Payment
<b><u>Year 1, 2018-19</u></b> New infrastructure to water livestock for drought affected farm businesses	<i>Milestone 1</i> Establishment of administration arrangements for the delivery of a Northern Territory On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme in accordance with Part 3 of this schedule		\$350,000
	<i>Milestone 2</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 April 2019	1 May 2019	Value of rebates paid to 30 April 2019, up to \$0.65 million
<b><u>Year 2, 2019-20</u></b> New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	<i>Milestone 3</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May to 30 November 2019.	1 December 2019	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2019 to 30 November 2019 up to \$1.65 million
	<i>Milestone 4</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 December 2019 – 30 April 2020.	1 May 2020	Values of rebates paid from 1 December 2019 – 30 April 2020 up to \$1.65 million less the payments for rebates under this agreement already provided to NT in 2019-20.
<b><u>Year 3, 2020-21</u></b> New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings	<i>Milestone 5</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May to 30 November 2020.	1 December 2020	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 November 2020 up to \$1 million

Output	Performance milestone	Report due	Payment
for drought affected farm businesses	<p><i>Milestone 6</i>            Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 December 2020 to 30 April 2021.</p>	1 May 2021	Values of rebates paid from 1 December 2020 – 30 April 2021 up to \$1 million less the payments for rebates under this agreement already provided to NT in 2020-21.

9. The Northern Territory will provide performance reports in accordance with Table 2 during the operation of the Agreement. Each performance report is to contain a description of:
  - a. total rebate applications received
  - b. rebate applications processed
  - c. total funding disbursed
  - d. activities funded
  - e. location of activities
  - f. expected rebate applications over the next milestone period
  - g. other parameters as agreed between the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory.
10. In addition to performance reports, the Northern Territory will provide quarterly status reports or as requested over the life of the agreement.
11. Status reports will include data on rebate applications received, processed and total funding disbursed and total funding per eligible activity.

PART 6: SIGN OFF

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

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Signature

Date 27.11.15

The Hon. David Littleproud MP  
Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency  
Management

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by

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Signature

Date 17 DEC 2019

The Hon. Paul Kirby MLA  
Minister for Primary Industry and Resources

## On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR STREAMLINED AGREEMENTS

<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 agreement. All payments are GST exclusive.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="406 369 1165 940"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="406 369 1037 414">Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="1045 369 1165 414">2020-21</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 414 1037 459"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="1045 414 1165 459"><b>9.7</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 459 1037 504"><b>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</b></td> <td data-bbox="1045 459 1165 504"><b>9.7</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 504 1037 548">    New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="1045 504 1165 548">2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 548 1037 593">    Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="1045 548 1165 593">0.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 593 1037 638">    Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="1045 593 1165 638">3.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 638 1037 683">    Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1045 638 1165 683">1.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 683 1037 728">    South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1045 683 1165 728">1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 728 1037 772">    Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="1045 728 1165 772">0.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 772 1037 817">    Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1045 772 1165 817">0.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 817 1037 862">    Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1045 817 1165 862">1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="406 862 1037 940"><b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b></td> <td data-bbox="1045 862 1165 940"><b>0.0</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	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.</p> <p>'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 2H: Northern Territory – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	<i>Milestone 5</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 January 2020 to 30 November 2020.	1 December 2020	Value of rebates paid from 1 January 2020 to 30 November 2020, up to \$1 million, excluding the value of any payments for rebates disbursed under this agreement for the period 1 December 2019 to 30 April 2020.
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Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



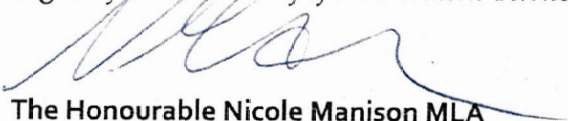
**The Honourable Keith Pitt MP**

Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia

[Day] [Month] [Year]

31/5/21.

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by



**The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA**

Minister for Agribusiness and Aquaculture

[Day] [Month] [Year]

12 MAY 2021

## 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 stockwatering
    - 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.