

# Tasmania

## 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 Tasmania 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 TASMANIA

3. Under this Schedule, Tasmania 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 Tasmania over 2018-19 to 2020-21.
4. In providing rebates to primary producers and horticulture farmers, Tasmania must be satisfied that the applicant is a primary producer or horticulture farmer operating in the grazing or horticulture industries and is either a property owner, share farmer or lease holder affected by drought.
5. Drought affected will be defined in Tasmania 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 \$3,000,000 to Tasmania. 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**

<b>\$</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>1,531,000</b>	<b>369,000</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>1,531,000</b>	<b>369,000</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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 Tasmania 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	<b><i>Milestone 1</i></b> Establishment of administration arrangements for the delivery of a Tasmanian On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme in accordance with Part 3 of this schedule	19 April 2019	\$200,000
	<b><i>Milestone 2</i></b> 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 \$0.900 million
<b><u>Year 2, 2019-20</u></b> New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	<b><i>Milestone 3</i></b> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020.	1 May 2020	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020 up to \$1.531 million
<b><u>Year 3, 2020-21</u></b> New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	<b><i>Milestone 4</i></b> 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


9. The State 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 Tasmania.
10. In addition to performance reports, Tasmania 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:

**Signature**  **Date** 30/9/19  
[By State Minister]

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 **Signature** **Date** 20-8-19  
[By Commonwealth Minister]

# On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR STREAMLINED AGREEMENTS

<b>Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
<b>Parties</b>	<p>Commonwealth of Australia</p> <p>New South Wales</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>Queensland</p> <p>Western Australia</p> <p>South Australia</p> <p>Tasmania</p> <p>Australian Capital Territory</p> <p>Northern Territory</p>
<b>Effect on other agreements</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Output and Purpose</b>	<p>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>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of up to \$11,905,000 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="363 387 1121 1008"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="371 398 576 427">Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="1018 398 1114 427">2020-21</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 443 635 472"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="1034 443 1114 472"><b>11.905</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 495 895 524"><b>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</b></td> <td data-bbox="1034 495 1114 524"><b>11.905</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 539 596 568">New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="1074 539 1114 568">2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 591 485 620">Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="1074 591 1114 620">0.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 642 533 672">Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="1074 642 1114 672">3.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 694 600 723">Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1074 694 1114 723">1.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 745 568 775">South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1074 745 1114 775">1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 797 501 826">Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="1074 797 1114 826">0.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 848 699 878">Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1058 848 1114 878">0.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 900 608 929">Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1074 900 1114 929">1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 952 587 981"><b>Unallocated funds</b></td> <td data-bbox="1042 952 1114 981"><b>2.045</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 1003 882 1032"><b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b></td> <td data-bbox="1074 1003 1114 1032"><b>0.0</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2020-21	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>11.905</b>	<b>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</b>	<b>11.905</b>	New South Wales	2.0	Victoria	0.0	Queensland	3.0	Western Australia	1.6	South Australia	1.0	Tasmania	0.5	Australian Capital Territory	0.76	Northern Territory	1.0	<b>Unallocated funds</b>	<b>2.045</b>	<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 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	<i>Milestone 4</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 to 10 June 2021.	11 June 2021	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 10 June 2021 up to \$0.5 million

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*



**The Honourable Keith Pitt MP**

Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia

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*Signed for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by*



**The Honourable Guy Barnett MP**

Minister for Primary Industries and Water

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## 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.