

New South Wales

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 New South Wales 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 NEW SOUTH WALES

3. Under this Schedule, New South Wales agrees to deliver a rebate, funded by the Commonwealth of up to \$21.25 million over the life of the agreement, to drought affected primary producers and horticulture farmers in New South Wales over 2018-19 to 2020-21.
4. In providing a rebate to primary producers and horticulture farmers, New South Wales 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 New South Wales 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 \$21,250,000 to New South Wales. All payments are exclusive of GST.
7. The estimated financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. Estimated financial contributions

\$	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	5,000,000	14,250,000	2,000,000	21,250,000
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	5,000,000	14,250,000	2,000,000	21,250,000
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 New South Wales demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been met.

Table 2: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestone	Report due	Payment
<u>Year 1, 2018-19</u> New infrastructure to water livestock for drought affected farm businesses	<i>Milestone 1</i> Establishment of administration arrangements for the delivery of an On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme in accordance with Part 3 of this schedule	14 January 2019	\$261,000
	<i>Milestone 2</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 July 2018 and 30 April 2019.	1 May 2019	Value of rebates paid to 30 April 2019, up to \$4,739,000
<u>Year 2, 2019-20</u> New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses	<i>Milestone 3</i> Continuation of administration arrangements for the delivery of an On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme in accordance with Part 3 of this schedule. Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2019 and 30 July 2019.	31 July 2019	\$511,000 plus the value of rebates paid from 1 May 2019 to 30 July 2019 up to \$13,739,000
	<i>Milestone 4</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 31 July 2019 and 30 October 2020.	31 October 2019	Value of rebates paid from 31 July 2019 to 30 October 2019 up to \$13,739,000 less payments for rebates under this agreement already provided to NSW in 2019-20.

	<p><i>Milestone 5</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 31 October 2019 and 30 January 2020.</p>	31 January 2020	Value of rebates paid from 31 October 2019 to 30 January 2020 up to \$13,739,000 less payments for rebates under this agreement already provided to NSW in 2019-20.
	<p><i>Milestone 6</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 31 January 2020 and 30 April 2020.</p>	1 May 2020	Value of rebates paid from 31 January 2020 to 30 April 2020 up to \$13,739,000 less payments for rebates under this agreement already provided to NSW in 2019-20.
<p><u>Year 3, 2020-21</u> New infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for drought affected farm businesses</p>	<p><i>Milestone 7</i> Continuation of administration arrangements for the delivery of an On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme in accordance with Part 3 of this schedule.</p> <p>Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2020 and 30 July 2020.</p>	31 July 2020	\$261,000 plus the value of rebates paid from 1 May 2020 to 30 July 2020 up to \$1,739,000

	<p><i>Milestone 8</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 31 July 2020 and 30 October 2020.</p>	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.
	<p><i>Milestone 9</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this agreement for the period 31 October 2020 and 30 January 2021</p>	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.

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 New South Wales.
10. In addition to performance reports, the State 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

Adam Mills

Date

16/10/19

[By State Minister]

Signature

[Signature]

Date

16.10.19

[By Commonwealth Minister]
