

Queensland

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 Queensland 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 QUEENSLAND

3. Under this Schedule, Queensland agrees to deliver a rebate scheme, funded by the Commonwealth of up to \$14 million over the life of the agreement, to drought affected primary producers and horticulture farmers in Queensland over 2018-19 to 2020-21.
4. In providing rebates to primary producers and horticulture farmers, Queensland must be satisfied that the rebate recipient is an eligible primary producer or horticulture farmer in the grazing or horticulture industries and drought affected.
5. For the purposes of this Agreement, primary producers and horticulture farmers in 'drought declared' areas, as defined by Queensland, are considered to be drought affected.
6. The On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme will be administered consistent with the Queensland Government's Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate.
7. Primary producers that participate in Queensland's Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate are eligible for a top up through the Commonwealth Rebate Scheme.
8. Recognising that new bores for horticulture farmers and desilting are not currently an eligible activity under the Queensland Government's Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate, the Queensland Government will establish appropriate administrative and delivery arrangements so eligible primary producers that desilt and horticulture farmers that desilt and install new bores in Queensland can access the Rebate Scheme.

PART 4: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

9. The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of \$14,000,000 to Queensland. All payments are exclusive of GST.
10. The estimated financial contributions 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	6,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000	14,000,000
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	6,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000	14,000,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0	0	0	0

PART 5: PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

11. 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 Queensland 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	\$200,000
	<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 \$5.8 million
<u>Year 2, 2019-20</u>	<i>Milestone 3</i> Additional administration arrangements to facilitate the expansion of the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme to horticulture farmers in accordance with Part 3 of this schedule.	18 October 2019	\$350,000
<u>Year 2, 2019-20</u> 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 2019 to 30 April 2020.	1 May 2020	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020, up to \$4.65 million
<u>Year 3, 2020-21</u> 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 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

12. 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. an indicative statement of the types of activities that were funded
 - e. location of activities by local government area
 - f. an estimate of the potential expenditure in the next milestone period
 - g. other parameters as agreed between the Commonwealth and Queensland.
13. In addition to performance reports, Queensland will provide quarterly status reports or as requested over the life of the agreement.
14. Status reports will include data on rebate applications received, processed and total funding disbursed and the types of activities that have been funded.

PART 6: SIGN OFF

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

Signature 
[By State Minister]

Date 2/10/2019



Signature 
[By Commonwealth Minister]

Date 3/10/19