

Victoria

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 Victoria 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 VICTORIA

3. Under this Schedule, Victoria agrees to deliver a rebate scheme to drought-affected primary producers and horticulture farmers in Victoria over 2018-19 to 2020-21. The Commonwealth will provide funding of up to \$4,061,550.29 over the life of the agreement.
4. In providing rebates to primary producers and horticulture farmers, Victoria 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 the Victoria 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.

PART 4: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

6. The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of \$4,061,550.29 to Victoria. 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
Estimated total budget	611,098.77	3,450,451.52	0.00	4,061,550.29
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	611,098.77	3,450,451.52	0.00	4,061,550.29
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0	0	0	0

The revised figures in Table 1 of this Schedule show Victoria's actual 2018-19 expenditure of \$611,098.77. It also shows the maximum amount of Commonwealth funding that Victoria can receive in 2019-20 of \$3,450,451.52 (GST Exclusive) and total funding Victoria can receive under the Scheme of up to \$4,061,550.29 (GST Exclusive).

Noting, that under the original Bilateral Schedule to the Project Agreement, Victoria could have received up to \$5 million (GST Exclusive) in Commonwealth funding over two years, (\$2 million (GST Exclusive) allocated in 2018-19 and \$3 million (GST Exclusive) in 2019-20).

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 Victoria 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 a Victorian On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme in accordance with Part 3 of this schedule	1 April 2019	\$500,000
	<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 \$1.5 million
<u>Year 2, 2019-20</u> 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 2019 to 22 June 2020.	23 June 2020	Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2019 to 22 June 2020 up to \$3,450,451.52

9. Victoria 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 Victoria by senior officials.
10. In addition to performance reports, Victoria 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



Signature

Date

23/6/20

The Hon Keith Pitt MP
Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia

Signed for and on behalf of Victoria by

Signature



Date

26/06/2020

The Hon Jaclyn Symes MP
Minister for Regional Development, Agriculture and Resources