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Dear Minister

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 August 2021 seeking my agreement to amend the due dates for milestones 6 and 7 under Schedule C of the *Project Agreement for Delivering Environmental Measures in the Northern Murray–Darling Basin* for the Fencing Northern Basin Riverbanks Program.

I note your advice that delivery against these milestones has been delayed due to an unanticipated complexity in initial stakeholder negotiations, which officers at the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment advise me are now satisfactorily resolved. I am also satisfied, based on their advice, that the program implementation approach has been improved in Queensland to deliver on the program's intended outcomes.

I agree to your proposal to extend the delivery dates for milestones 6 and 7 to 31 August 2021 and 30 November 2021 respectively. I do so on the understanding that remaining milestones under Schedule C will be delivered as per the existing dates, that this delay in progress is temporary and its causes have been addressed.

To formalise this adjustment, I enclose a revised copy of Table 1 under Schedule C to the *Project Agreement for Delivery of Environmental Measures in Northern Murray–Darling Basin*. This will now replace the original Table 1 in the schedule.

I look forward to receiving the milestone 6 and 7 reports in the coming months.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Keith Pitt

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Table 1: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Due	Payment
Preliminary — Evidence of arrangements in place to support commencement of Stage 1 and 2 activities	1. A report submitted to the Commonwealth that provides evidence that Stage 1 and 2 activities have commenced	30/11/2020	\$50,000
Stage 1 — Evidence of early project implementation	2. A report on progress of Stage 1 project implementation (from 15/11/2019) submitted to the Commonwealth	31/01/2020	\$250,000
Stage 2 — Submission of proposal to deliver Stage 3	3. Proposal for program delivery submitted to the Commonwealth	31/07/2020	\$50,000
Stage 1 — Implementation complete	4. Stage 1 performance report 1 submitted to the Commonwealth which details completion of Stage 1 projects, including actual expenditure incurred to date, among other things.	By 22/03/2021	\$150,000
Stage 3 — program delivery	5. A report submitted to the Commonwealth that provides evidence that management arrangements are in place to deliver Stage 3 of the program, including a contract executed with the delivery partner.	Within ten business days of Schedule variation execution	\$711,000
	6. A report submitted to the Commonwealth that provides evidence that contracts for at least 30 km of fencing in riparian areas has been executed.	31/08/2021	\$917,000
	7. A report submitted to the Commonwealth that provides evidence that contracts for at least 160 km (in	30/11/2021	\$1,988,000

	total) of fencing in riparian areas have been executed.		
	8. A report submitted to the Commonwealth that provides evidence that contracts for at least 350 km (in total) of fencing in riparian areas have been executed.	29/04/2022	\$2,410,500
	9. A report submitted to the Commonwealth that provides evidence that contracts for at least 510 km (in total) of fencing in riparian areas have been executed.	28/10/2022	\$534,500
	10. A report submitted to the Commonwealth that provides evident that at least 510 km (under contracts executed for Milestones 6 – 9) of fencing in riparian areas is complete, and complementary activities have been completed as required.	28/04/2023	\$439,000
Total			\$7,500,000