

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 in Victoria over 2018-19 to 2020-21. The Commonwealth will provide funding of up to \$5 million over the life of the agreement.
4. In providing rebates to primary producers, Victoria must be satisfied that the primary producer has demonstrated that they are from the grazing industry and drought-affected.
5. 'Drought-affected' will be defined in Victorian program guidelines for the rebate scheme, to be published in early 2019. 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 \$5,000,000 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	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	2,000,000	3,000,000	0	5,000,000
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	2,000,000	3,000,000	0	5,000,000
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 Victoria demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been met.

Table 2: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestone	Report due	Payment
<p><u>Year 1, 2018-19</u> New infrastructure to water livestock for drought affected farm businesses</p>	<p><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</p>	<p>1 April 2019</p>	<p>\$500,000</p>
<p><u>Year 2, 2019-20</u> New infrastructure to water livestock for drought affected farm businesses</p>	<p><i>Milestone 2</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 July 2018 and 30 April 2019</p> <p><i>Milestone 3</i> Payments made to eligible primary producers consistent with this agreement for the period 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020.</p>	<p>1 May 2019</p>	<p>Value of rebates paid to 30 April 2019, up to \$1.5 million</p>
		<p>1 May 2020</p>	<p>Value of rebates paid from 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020 up to \$3 million</p>

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



20.2.19

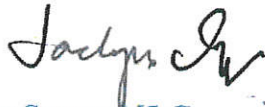
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Date

**The Hon. David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources**

Signed for and on behalf of Victoria by

Signature



Date

21.2.19

**The Hon. Jaclyn Symes MLC
Minister for Agriculture**