## Phase 1 Funding for the Lower Darling Fish Passage Program (Amended) NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR STREAMLINED AGREEMENTS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule					
Parties	Commonwealth State of NSW				
Duration	This amended Schedule is expected to expire on 20 June 2023 or on completion of all activities including final reporting.				
Purpose	This amended Schedule will support the delivery of the Lower Darling Fish Passage Program (Program). The original objective of the Program was to improve fish passage connectivity in the Lower Darling River by improving fish passage at Weir 32, Pooncarie and Burtundy weirs.				
	This amendment removes Weir 32 and Pooncarie weir from the project scope. After detailed site assessments and from other NSW projects having interests in Weir 32 and Pooncarie weir it was decided to remove these weirs from the project. Improvements to the fishways at these weirs may be undertaken as part of other programs in the Lower Darling River. The focus has shifted to the rebuilding of the fishway at Burtundy weir instead of its refurbishment.				
	The program will be delivered over two phases. This amended schedule supports Phase 1 (pre-construction) of the Program which includes development of concept and detailed designs, completion of detailed site assessments, obtaining regulatory approvals, undertaking stakeholder consultation, and preparing a business case for Phase 2 of the Program, including updated cost estimates.				

## Estimated financial contributions

The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$1.11m in respect of this Schedule.

Table 1						
(\$ million)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total		
Estimated total budget	0.094	0.0	1.016	1.11		
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	0.094	0.0	1.016	1.11		
Balance of non- Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

## Additional terms

- a) Contrary to clause 27 in the National Partnership for Streamlined Agreements, payments from the Commonwealth to NSW under this amended Schedule will be the maximum amounts specified in Table 1. Should the actual total expenditure incurred by NSW to deliver the activities described in Table 1 be less than the Commonwealth's estimated total financial contribution, the Parties agree that the final payment will be reduced to meet the total actual expenditure incurred on the activities.
- b) NSW agrees to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of delivering the activities specified in Table 1 is less than the Commonwealth's estimated total financial contribution and payments have been made by the Commonwealth that exceed the actual expenditure incurred by NSW.
- c) Having regard to the Commonwealth's estimated total financial contribution to NSW under this amended Schedule and the additional terms a) and b) above, the Commonwealth agrees to make any remaining funding under this amended Schedule available to NSW for Phase 2 of the Program, subject to the outcomes of Phase 1 and the Commonwealth's consideration of the Phase 2 business case.

Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting ar	nd
payment summary	

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Phase 1 of the Lower Darling Fish Passage Program	Establishment of program management arrangements	6 May 2021 [completed]	tone and the second second
3 3	Program plan		
	<ul> <li>Engagement of key personnel: program manager, fishway design engineer and fishway design consultant</li> </ul>		
	Establishment of governance arrangements		
	Terms of reference for the Program     Advisory Team		
	Stakeholder engagement plan		
	Completion of Site Survey	28 October	\$446,573
	Completion of Functionality Review		
	<ul> <li>Completion of Hydraulic assessment for Sites</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Pooncarie Structural Stability         Assessment     </li> </ul>		
	Confirm Design options for each site Completion of Concept designs (for Burtundy ONLY)		
	Completion of Burtundy Weir Fishway detailed infrastructure designs and geotechnical assessment	31 March 2023	Up to \$569,373 subject to the
	Completion of Burtundy Weir Fishway environmental assessments		additional terms.
	Completion of regulatory approvals process		
	Completion of stakeholder engagement report		
	Completion of Cost Benefit for complete rebuilds		
	Completion of Phase 2 business case including		

but not limited to the following information:

- Phase 2 implementation plan
- Updated Phase 2 cost estimates including identification of, and responsibility for ongoing operations and maintenance costs
- Phase 2 risk assessment
- Technical feasibility assessment

Monitoring and evaluation plan

Final report showing actual project costs

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of

Australia by

The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP Minister for the Environment and Water

[Day] [Month] [Year]

19. September 2022

Signed for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by

The Honourable Dugald Saunders MP

Minister for Agriculture and Western

New South Wales

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