

# Phase 1 Funding for the Lower Darling Fish Passage Program

## NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR STREAMLINED AGREEMENTS

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>																					
Parties	Commonwealth State of NSW																				
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 20 June 2022.																				
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the Lower Darling Fish Passage Program (Program). The objective of the Program is to restore fish passage connectivity along the Lower Darling River by refurbishing existing fishways at Weir 32, Pooncarie weir and Burtundy weir.</p> <p>The program will be delivered over two phases. This 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.</p>																				
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Additional terms	a) Contrary to clause 27 in the National Partnership for Streamlined Agreements, payments from the Commonwealth to NSW under this 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 Schedule and the additional terms a) and b) above, the Commonwealth agrees to make any remaining funding under this 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 and payment summary**

<b>Output</b> (delete if the schedule has one output only)	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
Phase 1 of the Lower Darling Fish Passage Program	Establishment of program management arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program plan</li> <li>• Engagement of key personnel: program manager, fishway design engineer and fishway design consultant</li> </ul> Establishment of governance arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of reference for the Program Advisory Team</li> </ul> Stakeholder engagement plan	7 May 2021	\$94,077
	Completion of site survey and geotechnical assessment Completion of concept infrastructure designs	3 September 2021	\$365,373
	Completion of Burtundy Weir Fishway detailed infrastructure designs Completion of Burtundy Weir Fishway environmental assessments	4 February 2022	\$88,000
	Completion of Pooncarie Weir Fishway detailed infrastructure designs Completion of Pooncarie Weir Fishway environmental assessments	4 February 2022	\$277,600
	Completion of Weir 32 Fishway detailed infrastructure designs Completion of Weir 32 Fishway environmental assessments	4 February 2022	\$121,600
	Completion of regulatory approvals process Completion of stakeholder engagement report Completion of Phase 2 business case including	6 May 2022	\$163,373

	<p>but not limited to the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2 implementation plan</li> <li>• Updated Phase 2 cost estimates including identification of, and responsibility for ongoing operations and maintenance costs</li> <li>• Phase 2 risk assessment</li> <li>• Technical feasibility assessment</li> </ul> <p>Monitoring and evaluation plan</p>		
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*



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

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



**The Honourable Adam Marshall MP**  
Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales

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