

Schedule

Murray–Darling Basin Telemetry Uplift Program

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	<p>The Commonwealth of Australia</p> <p>New South Wales</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>Queensland</p>
Duration	<p>This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2027.</p>
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the Murray–Darling Basin Telemetry Uplift Program (the Program).</p> <p>The program will increase the coverage of metering telemetry across the Murray–Darling Basin.</p> <p>Telemetry is an important tool for governments to quickly monitor water taken from the Basin. The data generated by these devices will improve compliance, improve oversight for the growing water market, and provide regulators and water users with timely information to manage water and rivers.</p> <p>Greater telemetry coverage is recommended in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Murray-Darling Basin Water Markets Inquiry</i>, which was published by the ACCC in 2021. Recommendation 17 refers. • The <i>Water Market Reform: Final Roadmap Report</i>, which was written by Daryl Quinlivan AO and delivered to the Australian Government in 2022. Recommendation 20 refers.

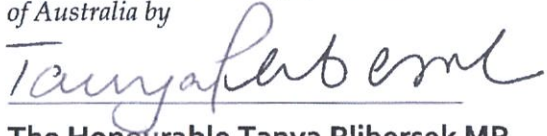
Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Milestone due	Payment
Note for all milestones: All evidence must be provided and agreed to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth before a payment is made to the jurisdiction.			
Milestone 1 – Year 1 work (to Q4 of 2023-2024) Preparatory work: a) Establish governance capability and protocols b) Develop project implementation plan	Documentary evidence of the agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none">implementation plan for the entire projectgovernance arrangements	30 May 2024	\$700,000
Milestone 2 – Year 2 work (to Q2 of 2024-2025) Preparatory work: a) Review data strategy b) Develop procurement strategy	Documentary evidence of the agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none">Procurement strategyProject manager contract Documentary evidence of the drafted <ul style="list-style-type: none">communication and engagement plandata strategy review Report with evidence showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the evaluation of scoped sites for telemetrydevelopment of the packages of workearly works to analyse and update the NSW data strategyProgress (objective evaluation) against the milestones of the agreed implementation, procurement, and communication plans. A report demonstrating progress against the implementation plan and providing a budget update	31 October 2024	\$1,500,000
Milestone 3 - Year 2 work (to Q4 of 2024-2025)	A report demonstrating progress against the implementation plan and providing a budget update including evidence to show the count of	30 April 2025	\$2,500,000

Supply and installation of telemetry devices	telemetry devices which have been supplied and installed compared to the implementation plan.		
Milestone 4 – Year 3 work (to Q2 of 2025-2026) Supply and installation of telemetry devices	A report demonstrating progress against the implementation plan and providing a budget update including evidence to show the count of telemetry devices which have been supplied and installed compared to the implementation plan.	31 October 2025	\$2,500,000
Milestone 5 – Year 3 work (to Q4 of 2025-2026) Mid program review Supply and installation of telemetry devices	A report demonstrating progress against the implementation plan and providing a budget update including evidence to show the count of telemetry devices which have been supplied and installed compared to the implementation plan. Note: this Milestone 5 report is to include a formal mid-program evaluation of the scheduling, costs, and effectiveness of the implementation plan; and amendments (if any) that are needed to ensure the full delivery of the agreed Program's deliverables	30 April 2026	\$2,400,000
Milestone 6 – Year 4 work (to Q2 of 2026-2027) Supply and installation of telemetry devices	A report demonstrating progress against the implementation plan and providing a budget update including evidence to show the count of telemetry devices which have been supplied and installed compared to the implementation plan.	31 October 2026	\$800,000
Milestone 7 – Year 4 work (to Q4 of 2026-2027) a. Program evaluation report b. Program delivery completion report	A final report demonstrating progress against the implementation plan including evidence to show the count of telemetry devices which have been supplied and installed compared to the implementation plan and a program evaluation report. This report is also expected to evaluate how the State has delivered on the objectives described in its business case for funding.	31 March 2027	\$100,000

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

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



The Honourable Rose Jackson MLC
Minister for Water

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