

Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program: South Australian River Murray Irrigation Infrastructure Program Business Case

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule																					
Parties	Commonwealth South Australia																				
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 July 2025.																				
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the South Australian River Murray Irrigation Infrastructure Program Business Case as funded under Stream D of the Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program.</p> <p>The South Australian River Murray Irrigation Infrastructure Program Business Case will investigate the feasibility and implementation of an irrigation infrastructure program incorporating opportunities to deliver water efficiency infrastructure through Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Modernisation and water use efficiencies.</p> <p>This Schedule is approved on the basis that the South Australian River Murray Irrigation Infrastructure Program Business Case Feasibility Project and activities identified satisfy s86AD of the Water for the Environment Special Account (Pt 2AA of the <i>Water Act 2007</i>) and intend to lead to application/s to the Australian Government's Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program.</p>																				
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Additional terms	<p>Funding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total funding from the Commonwealth to South Australia under this Schedule will be up to a maximum of \$4.07 million (GST exclusive) with any project costs above this amount provided by South Australia. 2. Funding is provided to the following sub-projects/activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program business case costs: \$3,864,300.00 • SA Program Administration costs: \$205,700.00 <p>Financial Reporting statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. South Australia will provide an income and expenditure report containing a statement of payments and receipts in respect of any activities. The report is to be certified by a person undertaking the role of Chief Financial Officer of the organisation (or a comparable role) and must include a statement that the financial accounts are true and fair. <p>Governance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Project Control Group meetings will be held for the South Australian River Murray Irrigation Infrastructure Program Business Case with South Australia and any project partners at least every two months. The Commonwealth will participate as an observer and as a funding partner but will not participate in decisions on project implementation. South Australia will arrange for a written progress report to support these meetings and provide to all participants prior to the meeting. The report should demonstrate progress since the last meeting and identify activities planned for the period up to the next meeting. 5. Through South Australia's existing project governance arrangements, South Australia will notify the Commonwealth should any matters arise that would inhibit complete and timely delivery of the South Australian River Murray Irrigation Infrastructure Program Business Case. <p>Project Terms</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. South Australia will be responsible for all aspects of delivering on the approved outputs as set out in the schedule. 7. South Australia will report outside this schedule to Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program agreed governance committees. 8. Activities undertaken from funding within the schedule must be aligned to South Australian River Murray Irrigation Infrastructure Program Business Case activities that will assist South Australia and proponents to make application/s to the Resilient Rivers Water
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	<p>Infrastructure Program. Programs and/or projects should have genuine chance of leading to projects that can provide water recovery to the Commonwealth before 31 December 2027 through Efficiency Measures.</p> <p>9. The feasibility report is to be finalised before 27 June 2025 and if a feasible project has been identified then an application is to be submitted under the Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program before the 27 June 2025 deadline.</p>
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary		
Performance milestones for South Australia	Report due	Payment
Milestone 1 – Project commencement Commonwealth acceptance of a Report detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a project management plan including key deliverables, project timeline, risk management plan, stakeholder consultation plan that Commonwealth-State governance arrangements for the project have been established 	Within 30 days of execution of agreement	\$3,000,000
Milestone 2 – Final Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commonwealth acceptance of a Final Feasibility Report. Chief Financial Officer (or comparable role) certified income and expenditure report for the project 	21/07/2025	Actual expenditure for the project up to a maximum of \$1,070,000

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 South Australia by



The Honourable Clare Scriven MLC
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

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