

## Schedule

# National Water Grid Fund

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
<b>Parties</b>	<p>Commonwealth</p> <p>New South Wales</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>Queensland</p> <p>Western Australia</p> <p>South Australia</p> <p>Tasmania</p> <p>Northern Territory</p> <p>Australian Capital Territory</p>
<b>Duration</b>	<p>This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it and will expire on 30 June 2031.</p>
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This Schedule will support the development and delivery of nationally important water infrastructure projects that provide safe and reliable water for regional and remote communities, generate public benefit through productive water use and build resilience while protecting the environment and cultural heritage.</p> <p>In entering into this Schedule, the Commonwealth and the States and Territories (the States) recognise they have a mutual interest in improving outcomes through national water infrastructure development and need to work together to achieve those outcomes.</p>
<b>Related Documents</b>	<p>This Schedule must also be read in conjunction with the National Water Grid Investment Framework (the Investment Framework), the Program Administration Manual for the National Water Grid Fund, the Indigenous Employment and Supplier-Use Water Infrastructure Framework, and the National Water Grid Authority's Science Strategy.</p>
<b>Estimated financial contributions</b>	<p>Details of the Commonwealth and the States' estimated financial contributions to the operation of this Schedule are set out in the tables below and the relevant appendices to this Schedule.</p> <p>State funding contributions may include contributions from third parties including local governments and other non-government organisations.</p> <p>Commonwealth contributions will be provided upon the achievement of agreed project milestones by the relevant State.</p>

<p>Funding arrangements</p>	<p><i>Capital works</i></p> <p>The Commonwealth may offer a combination of funding and finance of up to 50 per cent of the project's total capital costs for delivery. Where the Commonwealth deems a project to be transformational in nature or where a specific policy need has been identified, the Commonwealth may, at its sole discretion, offer more than 50 per cent funding for an eligible project.</p> <p><i>Development funding</i></p> <p>The Commonwealth will seek a financial co-contribution for all project proposals. However, the Commonwealth may agree to provide up to 100 per cent of funds for elements of business case development and science projects, at its discretion.</p> <p><i>Project cost savings</i></p> <p>Where projects are delivered for less than the agreed estimated costs, States should work with the Commonwealth to agree a reallocation of the remaining Commonwealth contribution to other water infrastructure projects within their jurisdiction, consistent with the principles of the Investment Framework and the objectives of this Schedule.</p>
<p>Project milestones</p>	<p>The States will deliver the water infrastructure projects set out in this Schedule and its Appendices, based on project milestones which have been jointly agreed and which may, by written agreement, be varied by the relevant parties from time to time.</p>
<p>Commonwealth Funding Recognition</p>	<p>In addition to the requirements set out in clause 21 of the Federation Funding Agreement for Infrastructure, States agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) recognise the Commonwealth's funding contribution to projects in all publications, promotional and advertising materials, including project signage, and public announcements and activities in relation to a project as appropriate, and must consult the Commonwealth prior to release of all promotional-related materials concerning projects funded through this Schedule;</li> <li>(b) provide reasonable opportunity for the Commonwealth to contribute to developing communications strategies for projects with a Commonwealth funding contribution;</li> <li>(c) provide the Commonwealth with equal access to products that they obtain for use in the development of promotional material including but not limited to project data, footage and images; and</li> <li>(d) where the Commonwealth is a majority funder of a project, promotional material and public recognition should provide major prominence to the Commonwealth's contribution, with the Parties to agree the content and timing.</li> </ul>
<p>Variations and Delegations</p>	<p>Senior Commonwealth and State Officials, in consultation with relevant Treasury Officials, are authorised to make non-material changes to project milestones as set out in the Appendices to this Schedule, as agreed in writing by both parties, having due regard to financial and policy risks.</p>

**Table 8A: Northern Territory – Projects and payment summary**

Outputs (Projects)	Project scope	Total Commonwealth contribution	Total non-Commonwealth contribution
<p><b>Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program (Stage 1)</b></p>	<p><u>Manton Dam Return to Service (RTS)</u>  Manton Dam RTS will supply approximately 7,300 ML/y from 2025. The project includes bringing the existing dam infrastructure back on line, consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strauss Water Treatment Plant (WTP) (stage 1), which will treat water from Manton Dam before it is distributed into the Darwin water supply network;</li> <li>• Pump station at Manton Dam site which will pump water to the proposed Strauss WTP;</li> <li>• Underground rising main of approximately 21km, from the pump station at Manton Dam to the Strauss WTP; and</li> <li>• Underground rising main of approximately 20km from the WTP to the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct.</li> </ul> <p><u>Adelaide River Off-Stream Water Storage (AROWS) (Pre-Construction)</u>  AROWS is an 'off-stream' water storage project that provides complementary outcomes of water availability and environmental sustainability.  Pre-construction activities include critical pathway activities required for the project to proceed to a final investment decision, with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental assessment; and</li> <li>• Design and engineering.</li> </ul>	<p>\$300,590,000</p>	<p>\$27,000,000</p>
<p><b>Better Bores for Communities – Phase 1</b></p>	<p><u>Atitjere – Bore Drilling</u>  Provision of new production bores aims to ensure an adequate supply of water is available to meet community demand.  This project will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drilling of 2 replacement production bores</li> <li>• technical supervision by experienced hydrogeologist, including pump testing</li> <li>• hydrogeological assessment and reporting.</li> </ul>	<p>\$1,525,000</p>	<p>\$51,658</p>

<b>Better Bores for Communities – Phase 1</b>	<u>Wugularr – Bore Equipping</u> The project will equip one existing production bore. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bore equipping – bore pump and bore manifold</li> <li>• installation of electrical control panel, shade structure, compound fence and telemetry</li> <li>• construction of underground rising main connecting to water supply</li> <li>• construction of overhead power line and underground power line to supply power to the bores.</li> </ul>	\$3,720,000	\$250,689
	<u>Finke – Bore Drilling</u> A water source assessment is currently underway to determine the location of the replacement bores. This project will involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling of 2 replacement production bores</li> <li>• Technical supervision by experienced hydrogeologist, pump testing</li> <li>• Hydrogeological assessment and reporting</li> </ul>	\$2,305,000	\$69,567
	<u>Gapuwiyak – Bore Drilling</u> This project will improve capacity of existing bores to meet the needs of the community. This will involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling of 11 observation bores at investigation sites</li> <li>• Drilling of 3 production bores</li> <li>• Technical supervision by experienced hydrogeologist, pump testing</li> <li>• Hydrogeological assessment and reporting, preliminary multi-criteria analysis</li> </ul>	\$100,000	\$1,829,000
	<u>Haasts Bluff – Bore Equipping</u> Two existing production bores will be equipped through this project, including installation/construction of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bore equipping – bore pump and bore manifold</li> <li>• installation of electrical control panel, shade structure, compound fence and telemetry</li> <li>• construction of underground rising main (approx. 15m) connecting to water supply.</li> </ul>	\$100,000	\$400,000

<b>Better Bores for Communities – Phase 1</b>	<p><u>Hermannsburg – Bore Equipping</u></p> <p>Existing bores will be equipped as part of this project to meet community demand and improve redundancy. This will involve installation/construction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bore equipping – bore pump and bore manifold</li> <li>• installation of electrical control panel, shade structure, compound fence and telemetry</li> <li>• construction of underground rising main connecting to water supply</li> <li>• construction of overhead power line and underground power line to supply power to the bores.</li> </ul>	\$7,386,000	\$249,940
	<p><u>Robinson River – Bore Drilling</u></p> <p>This project will improve security and quality of water supply. This will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling of 2 production bores to replace the existing town bores</li> <li>• Drilling of up to three production bores at investigation sites in 'Hobblestrap Creek Borefield' location</li> <li>• Technical supervision by experienced hydrogeologist, pump testing</li> <li>• Hydrogeological assessment and reporting</li> </ul>	\$2,340,000	\$101,247
	<p><u>Titjikala – Bore Drilling</u></p> <p>Drilling new bores will support the future growth of community to enable increased demand on the existing water source.</p> <p>The project will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drilling of four new production bores</li> <li>• drilling of six observation bores</li> <li>• decommissioning of an unused observation bore, assess and repair or decommission a second unused observation bore</li> <li>• technical supervision by experienced hydrogeologist, pump testing</li> <li>• hydrogeological assessment and reporting, preliminary multi-criteria analysis</li> </ul>	\$4,523,893	\$70,899
	<p><u>Warruwi – Bore Drilling</u></p> <p>This project will improve security of water supply.</p> <p>The project will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling of 9 observation bores at investigation sites identified by CSIRO report</li> <li>• Drilling of up to 4 production bores</li> <li>• Drilling of 1 production bore</li> <li>• Technical supervision by experienced hydrogeologist, pump testing</li> <li>• Hydrogeological assessment and reporting, multi-criteria options assessment, concept design</li> </ul>	\$1,200,000	\$1,775,718

	<p><u>Yuelamu – Bore Drilling</u></p> <p>Yuelamu's aquifer is at critically low levels drilling for new water sources aims to mitigate water security risks for the community.</p> <p>The project will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling of up to 4 production bores at site located approximately 3km south-west of community</li> <li>• Drilling of up to 4 production bores at site adjacent the Tanami highway</li> <li>• Technical supervision by experienced hydrogeologist, pump testing</li> <li>• Hydrogeological assessment and reporting, multi-criteria options analysis</li> </ul>	\$4,594,000	\$1,735,338
Yulara Water Supply Project	<p>This project consists of a package of four staged components including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 1: Bore and Rising Main</li> <li>• Stage 2: New Water Treatment Compound and 2ML Untreated Water Tank</li> <li>• Stage 3: Second 2ML Untreated Water Tank</li> <li>• Stage 4: New Water Treatment Plant</li> </ul>	\$13,200,000	\$10,000,000
NT Connections Funding Pathway Package	<p>Construction of the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub Water Supply Project</li> <li>• Emerging Agribusiness Precinct – Gunn Point Peninsula.</li> </ul> <p>*The Northern Territory Government has committed a further \$25 million toward the broader Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub project</p>	\$7,400,000	\$8,900,000*
Yuendumu Water Security and Supply Strategy	<p>The Yuendumu Water Security and Supply Strategy (the Strategy) is a package of three construction projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of water service lines, sections of standard pipe and network main to address reticulation network leaks.</li> <li>• Equipping of two existing bores, including construction of associated rising main and overhead power lines.</li> <li>• Replacement of end-of-life rising main connecting the borefield water tank compound to the town water tank compound.</li> </ul>	\$11,100,000	\$4,200,000
Maningrida Water Supply Upgrade Strategy	<p>Package of three construction projects comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of new 2ML ground level water storage tank and decommissioning of existing tank compound;</li> <li>• Construction of new water main linkage infrastructure (approximately 3km);</li> <li>• Design and construction for replacement of end-of-life water service lines, sections of standard pipe and tapping bands.</li> </ul>	\$13,000,000	\$8,000,800

<b>Milingimbi Water Security Strategy</b>	<p>The Milingimbi Water Security Strategy (the Strategy) is a package of three construction projects designed to improve sustainability and resilience of the Milingimbi bore water supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipping two existing bores previously drilled to increase supply, and construct associated rising main and overhead power line.</li> <li>• Drill four new production bores and up to six monitoring bores</li> <li>• Equipping up to four new production bores and six monitoring bores.</li> </ul>	<b>\$6,441,000</b>	<b>\$4,955,000</b>
<b>Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade Strategy - Phase 1</b>	<p>The Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade Strategy - Phase 1 covers the communities of Yirrkala and Gunyangara. Phase 1 includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of end-of-life water service lines and sections of standard pipe aiming to reduce overall water loss in Yirrkala.</li> <li>• Gunyangara water infrastructure long-term planning assessment aims to understand the water source/supply from a third party and present options to improve the long-term water supply and support community growth aspirations.</li> </ul>	<b>\$5,390,000</b>	<b>\$3,500,000</b>
<b>NT Community Infrastructure Assessments and Prioritisation Detailed Business Case</b>	<p>The project will assess water services infrastructure for 55 remote communities across the Northern Territory. The detailed business case will be delivered through three stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote Community Infrastructure Assessment Tranche A – 25 communities</li> <li>• Remote Community Infrastructure Assessment Tranche B – 30 communities</li> <li>• Solution Options and Prioritisation – analysis of solution options and prioritisation of communities.</li> </ul> <p>This analysis and resulting reports will identify water security constraints and provide viable solutions and mitigation strategies to secure water supplies and availability to unlocking community growth and development opportunities.</p>	<b>\$5,400,000</b>	<b>\$2,600,000</b>
<b>Numbulwar Water Security Strategy – Phase 1</b>	<p>The Numbulwar Water Security Strategy has been divided into multiple phases. Phase 1 consists of investigative and planning projects to define the needs of future phases in developing a new water source and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water source investigation (desktop assessment/Airborne electromagnetic survey) to identify prospective areas containing viable groundwater for investigative drilling;</li> <li>• Investigative drilling of approximately 16 holes and up to 6 production bores if viable; and</li> </ul> <p>Water supply planning to develop a holistic plan for the Numbulwar water supply.</p>	<b>\$1,785,100</b>	<b>\$1,371,000</b>

<b>Ord River Expansion into the Northern Territory Detailed Business Case</b>	The detailed business case will investigate and confirm the infrastructure required to reach a final investment decision from the three shortlisted options identified in the Preliminary Business Case for expanding the Ord River Irrigation Area across the NT-WA border.	\$2,300,000	\$0
<b>Ord River Expansion to the Northern Territory Preliminary Business Case (Complete)</b>	The business case will investigate water infrastructure options across the NT-WA border to expand the Ord River Irrigation Area.	\$500,000	\$0

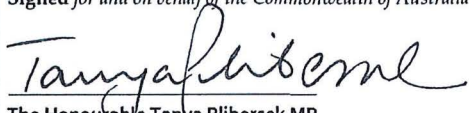
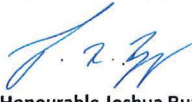
**Table 8B: Northern Territory – Projects and payment summary –Science Projects**

<b>Outputs (Projects)</b>	<b>Project scope</b>	<b>Total Commonwealth contribution</b>	<b>Total non-Commonwealth contribution</b>
<b>Recalibration of Models in High Demand Water Systems</b>	Desktop study of the Flora, Roper, Ooloo/Lower Daly Rivers and the Western Davenport Central Plains Aquifer to recalibrate existing surface water – groundwater models in basin-scale hydrological systems. This will improve certainty around environmentally sustainable yields, identify water available for allocation and increase assurance of supply to large agricultural projects.	\$400,000	\$0
<b>Upper King River Managed Aquifer Recharge Investigation</b>	Investigations aim to establish a site in the Upper King River that is viable for managed aquifer recharge (MAR) that sources water from the King River and recharges the Katherine Tindall Limestone Aquifer. The project is a staged program based on CSIRO's risk assessment framework for MAR scheme development. The project will be a collaboration between the Northern Territory Government and CSIRO.	\$2,450,000	\$0
<b>Western Davenport Hydrostratigraphy</b>	Research investigations, reports, electronic models and model guides. Specifically investigations and studies to address knowledge gaps and hydrogeological conceptualisations in the Western Davenport numerical surface water / groundwater model.	\$3,150,000	\$350,000



<p>Adelaide River Catchment Water Allocation Plan</p>	<p>The Adelaide River Water Allocation Plan (WAP) will ensure transparent, equitable management and allocation of the entire catchment. Overall, the WAP will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set the estimated sustainable yield of the ground and surface water resources and the Adelaide River catchment.</li> <li>• Identify and protect the environmental water requirements of water dependent ecosystems and Aboriginal cultural values associated with water.</li> <li>• Ensure security of supply for future public water supply and rural stock and domestic purposes.</li> <li>• Provide access to water resources to support local Aboriginal economic development via an Aboriginal Water Reserve.</li> <li>• Provide access to water to support ecologically sustainable regional economic development.</li> <li>• Ensure sufficient water of appropriate quality is available to support recreation activities and community services.</li> </ul>	<p>\$7,100,000</p>	<p>\$0</p>
<p>Aboriginal Water Science - Arid Zone: TiTree Basin Palaeovalley</p>	<p>The project aims to establish a systematic methodology for describing Aboriginal water science features on Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Country within the TiTree Paleochannel.</p> <p>The integration of Aboriginal water science will help ensure ecological systems including groundwater dependencies, response and connectivity within the basin are being considered and evaluated during future infrastructure and development decision making, and water planning management decisions. The underlying methodology also has broader application, as regional and site-specific projects place greater emphasis on Aboriginal water science.</p>	<p>\$1,390,000</p>	<p>\$0</p>
<p>LiDAR survey and DEM development for NT river and aquifer systems – Phase 2</p>	<p>The project forms phase 2 of the 'LiDAR Survey and Digital Elevation Models development for key NT river systems' project. This second phase aims to collect high resolution LiDAR data to enhance Digital Elevation Models over priority surface water and groundwater extraction areas.</p> <p>Focus areas in this project include the Ti Tree Basin, Berry Springs aquifer, Koolpinyah aquifer, Flora River and Katherine River.</p>	<p>\$815,000</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p>Recalibration of Models in High Demand Water Systems – Phase 2</p>	<p>The project forms phase 2 of the 'Recalibration of Models in High Demand Water Systems' project and will be undertaken in parallel with phase 2 of the LiDAR Survey and Digital Elevation Model Development project.</p> <p>Phase 2 of this project seeks to utilise the LiDAR and DEM data to recalibrate existing groundwater models of the Ti Tree Paleochannel Aquifer, Berry Springs Dolostone Aquifer and Koolpinyah Dolostone Aquifer.</p>	<p>\$500,000</p>	<p>\$110,000</p>

<b>LIDAR Survey and Digital Elevation Models development for key NT river systems (Complete)</b>	Data collection to develop high accuracy Digital Elevation Models (DEM) and contours over priority surface water extraction areas.	\$850,000	\$0
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<p>Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by</p>  <p><b>The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP</b>          Minister for the Environment and Water</p> <p>13/2/25</p>	<p>Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by</p>  <p><b>The Honourable Joshua Burgoyne MLA</b>          Minister for Water Resources</p> <p>11 - 4 MAR 2025</p>
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# National Water Grid Fund

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE

<b>Table G1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory
Purpose	This Appendix has been developed in accordance with the National Water Grid Fund Schedule (the Schedule), to set out the Commonwealth and Northern Territory's estimated expenditure profile and performance milestones to support the operation of the Schedule.

Estimated financial contributions

Table G2 (\$)	2021-22 (and prior)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29 onwards	Total
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>13,440,000</b>	<b>37,711,000</b>	<b>88,850,000</b>	<b>173,591,100</b>	<b>146,390,200</b>	<b>14,068,549</b>	<b>4,800,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>489,150,849</b>
Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program	0	9,000,000	50,000,000	120,000,000	121,590,000	0	0	0	300,590,000
Better Bores for Communities – Atitjere – Bore Drilling	0	0	0	920,000	605,000	0	0	0	1,525,000
Better Bores for Communities – Wugularr – Bore Equipping	0	0	0	2,000,000	320,000	1,400,000	0	0	3,720,000
Better Bores for Communities – Finke – Bore Drilling	0	0	0	1,390,000	915,000	0	0	0	2,305,000
Better Bores for Communities – Gapuwiyak – Bore Drilling	0	0	0	70,000	10,000	20,000	0	0	100,000
Better Bores for Communities – Haasts Bluff – Bore Equipping	0	0	0	70,000	10,000	20,000	0	0	100,000
Better Bores for Communities – Hermannsburg – Bore Equipping	0	0	0	4,000,000	340,000	3,046,000	0	0	7,386,000
Better Bores for Communities – Robinson River – Bore Drilling	0	0	0	1,000,000	400,000	940,000	0	0	2,340,000
Better Bores for Communities – Titjikala – Bore Drilling	0	0	0	2,000,000	710,000	1,813,893	0	0	4,523,893
Better Bores for Communities – Waruwi – Bore Drilling	0	0	0	700,000	500,000	0	0	0	1,200,000
Better Bores for Communities – Yuelamu – Bore Drilling	0	0	0	2,000,000	750,000	1,844,000	0	0	4,594,000
Yulara Water Supply Project	0	0	500,000	2,400,000	TBC	TBC	TBC	0	13,200,000
Connections Funding Pathway	1,850,000	3,700,000	0	0	1,850,000	0	0	0	7,400,000
Yuendumu Water Security and Supply Strategy	0	0	8,000,000	1,000,000	2,100,000	0	0	0	11,100,000
Maningrida Water Supply Upgrade Strategy	0	0	5,500,000	5,000,000	500,000	2,000,000	0	0	13,000,000
Milingimbi Water Security Strategy	0	0	3,500,000	2,941,000	0	0	0	0	6,441,000
Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade Strategy – Phase 1	0	0	3,000,000	\$1,500,000	890,000	0	0	0	5,390,000
NT Community Infrastructure Assessments and Prioritisation Detailed Business Case	0	0	0	4,900,000	500,000	0	0	0	5,400,000

Numbulwar Water Security Strategy – Phase 1	0	0	1,000,000	785,100	0	0	0	0	1,785,100
Ord River Expansion to the Northern Territory Detailed Business Case	0	0	0	900,000	810,000	590,000	0	0	2,300,000
Ord River Expansion to the Northern Territory Preliminary Business Case	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	500,000
Recalibration of Models in High Demand Water Systems	40,000	140,000	140,000	80,000	0	0	0	0	400,000
Upper King River Managed Aquifer Recharge Investigations	300,000	1,010,000	640,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	2,450,000
Western Davenport Hydrostratigraphy	300,000	1,600,000	500,000	300,000	450,000	0	0	0	3,150,000
LIDAR Survey and Digital Elevation Models development for key NT river systems	0	850,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	850,000
Adelaide River Catchment Water Allocation Plan (WAP)	0	2,000,000	3,200,000	1,300,000	600,000	0	0	0	7,100,000
Aboriginal Water Science - Arid Zone: TiTree Basin Palaeovalley	0	0	0	220,000	475,000	495,000	200,000	0	1,390,000
LIDAR survey and DEM development for NT river and aquifer systems – Phase 2	0	0	20,000	795,000	0	0	0	0	815,000
Recalibration of Models in High Demand Water Systems – Phase 2	0	0	0	0	350,000	150,000	0	0	500,000
<b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b>	<b>10,950,000</b>	<b>19,411,000</b>	<b>12,350,000</b>	<b>16,820,000</b>	<b>11,715,200</b>	<b>1,749,656</b>	<b>4,600,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77,595,856</b>

**Table G3: Northern Territory - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone due	Payment
Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program – Manton Dam Return to Service (RTS)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Management Plan, including key deliverables and timelines.	10 March 2023	\$7,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Referral Report for the Manton RTS project; and</li> <li>Tender documentation for whole of project design and construction.</li> </ul>	31 August 2023	\$14,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Award of tender for whole of project design and construction	30 April 2024	\$32,000,000
	Milestone 4 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencement of construction; and</li> <li>Acceptance of a Project Progress Report, detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget, including an update on Strauss Water Treatment Plant works, an update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.</li> </ul>	31 October 2024	\$44,000,000
	Milestone 5 – Completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.5km of pipeline from the Manton Dam site to the Strauss WTP; and</li> <li>Concrete foundations for the pump station at the Manton Dam site.</li> </ul>	31 May 2025	\$67,000,000
	Milestone 6 – Completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional 7.5km (totalling 15km) of pipeline from the Manton Dam site to the Strauss WTP; and</li> <li>Construction of building structure for the pump station at the Manton Dam site.</li> </ul>	31 August 2025	\$21,000,000
	Milestone 7 – Submission of Project Completion Report for the Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program (Stage 1)	31 May 2026	\$4,090,000
	Construction milestones for the remaining Australian Government funding of \$93.5 million for the water pipeline from the Strauss Water Treatment Plant to the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct will be negotiated with the Northern Territory Government after the completion of all pre-construction activities relating to this pipeline.		

<b>Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program – AROWS preconstruction</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of AROWS Project Management Plan	10 March 2023	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of Environmental Pre-Referral Assessment Report and Award of Concept Design tender.	30 November 2023	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Completion of Environmental Referral Report	31 October 2024	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 4 – Completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Impact Statement: Stakeholder Engagement Plan; and</li> <li>Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority Sacred Site Certificate (Pre-construction phase) and</li> <li>Concept Design – Project Management Plan</li> </ul>	30 April 2024	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 5 – Completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivery Model Review Scope of Works; and</li> <li>Concept Design – Completion of Basis of Design Report.</li> </ul>	31 July 2024	\$7,000,000
	Milestone 6 – Completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Concept Design Report;</li> <li>Procurement Strategy for the detailed design, construction and commissioning of the AROWS project.</li> </ul>	31 August 2025	\$3,000,000
<b>Better Bores for Communities – Atitjere – Bore Drilling</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines</li> <li>An Indigenous Participation Plan</li> <li>Evidence that community engagement has commenced</li> </ul>	31 March 2025	\$920,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 April 2026	\$605,000
<b>Better Bores for Communities – Wugularr – Bore Equipping</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines</li> <li>An Indigenous Participation Plan</li> <li>Evidence that community engagement has commenced</li> </ul>	31 May 2025	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement</li> <li>Photo evidence of erected signage at construction site</li> </ul>	30 November 2025	\$320,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 November 2026	\$1,400,000

<b>Better Bores for Communities – Finke – Bore Drilling</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, an Indigenous Participation Plan and evidence that community engagement has commenced	31 March 2025	\$1,390,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	31 March 2026	\$915,000
<b>Better Bores for Communities – Gapuwiyak – Bore Drilling</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, an Indigenous Participation Plan and evidence that community engagement has commenced	31 March 2025	\$70,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement</li> <li>• Photo evidence of erected signage at construction site</li> </ul>	30 November 2025	\$10,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 September 2026	\$20,000
<b>Better Bores for Communities – Haasts Bluff – Bore Equipping</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, an Indigenous Participation Plan and evidence that community engagement has commenced	31 March 2025	\$70,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement</li> <li>• Photo evidence of erected signage at construction site</li> </ul>	30 November 2025	\$10,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 November 2026	\$20,000
<b>Better Bores for Communities – Hermannsburg – Bore Equipping</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, an Indigenous Participation Plan and evidence that community engagement has commenced	31 May 2025	\$4,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement</li> <li>• Photo evidence of erected signage at construction site</li> </ul>	30 November 2025	\$340,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 November 2026	\$3,046,000
<b>Better Bores for Communities – Robinson River – Bore Drilling</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, an Indigenous Participation Plan and evidence that community engagement has commenced	31 May 2025	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement</li> <li>• Photo evidence of erected signage at construction site</li> </ul>	30 September 2025	\$400,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 September 2026	\$940,000



<b>Better Bores for Communities – Titjikala – Bore Drilling</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, an Indigenous Participation Plan and evidence that community engagement has commenced	31 March 2025	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement</li> <li>Photo evidence of erected signage at construction site</li> </ul>	30 September 2025	\$710,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 September 2026	\$1,813,893
<b>Better Bores for Communities – Warruwi – Bore Drilling</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, an Indigenous Participation Plan and evidence that community engagement has commenced	31 March 2025	\$700,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement</li> <li>Photo evidence of erected signage at construction site</li> </ul>	30 November 2025	\$20,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 April 2026	\$480,000
<b>Better Bores for Communities – Yuelamu – Bore Drilling</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, an Indigenous Participation Plan and evidence that community engagement has commenced	31 March 2025	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report	30 September 2025	\$750,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report	30 September 2026	\$1,844,000
<b>Yulara Water Supply Project</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan and preliminary Indigenous Participation Plan.	31 March 2024	\$500,000
	Milestone 2 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of Stage 1 construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x New Bore; and</li> <li>1 x Rising Main (DN250)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Progress report on remaining projects</li> </ul>	30 November 2024	\$1,500,000
	Milestone 3 – Completion of Stage 2A: Tank Compound Civil Works	28 February 2025	\$650,000
	Milestone 4 – Completion of Stage 2 construction: 2ML Untreated Water Tank	31 May 2025	\$250,000
	Finalised Indigenous Participation Plan and construction milestones for the remaining Australian Government funding of \$10.3 million for Stages 3 and 4 will be negotiated with the Northern Territory Government after the completion of Stages 1 and 2.		

<b>Connections Funding Pathway</b>	Milestone 1 – Written confirmation of the details of the NT Connections Package, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects to be delivered</li> <li>• Expected costs of each project and confirmation of funding partner contributions</li> <li>• Construction timing for each project.</li> </ul>	31 October 2021	\$1,850,000
	Milestone 2 – Submission and acceptance of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the NT Connections Package, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status of each project</li> <li>• Advice on any changes to construction timing</li> <li>• Advice on cost amendments (if any) for each project, including amendments to funding partner contributions</li> <li>• Challenges or issues in delivery of the package.</li> </ul>	31 August 2022	\$3,700,000
	Milestone 3 – Submission and acceptance of a Post Completion Report, including confirmation that all projects have been completed and advice on final costs of each project in the package.	30 May 2026	\$1,850,000
<b>Yuendumu Water Security and Supply Strategy</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Management Plan, including key deliverables and timelines; and a preliminary Indigenous Participation Plan.	31 October 2023	\$3,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the Strategy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status of each project</li> <li>• Confirmation of tender release</li> <li>• Update on Indigenous Participation Plan</li> </ul>	29 February 2024	\$5,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of finalised Indigenous Participation Plan and status update for each project, including confirmation that project has commenced construction.	31 October 2024	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of Project Completion Report, including confirmation that all projects have been completed.	31 May 2026	\$2,100,000

<b>Maningrida Water Supply Upgrade Strategy</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Management Plan, including key deliverables and timelines; and preliminary Indigenous Participation Plan.	31 March 2024	\$5,500,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the Strategy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status of each project</li> <li>• Confirmation of tender release</li> <li>• Update on Indigenous Participation Plan</li> </ul>	31 December 2024	\$5,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of finalised Indigenous Participation Plan and status update for each project including confirmation that project has commenced construction.	31 July 2025	\$500,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of Project Completion Report, including confirmation that all projects have been completed.	31 December 2026	\$2,000,000
<b>Milingimbi Water Security Strategy</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Management Plan, including key deliverables and timelines; and a preliminary Indigenous Participation Plan.	31 October 2023	\$3,500,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the Strategy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status of each project</li> <li>• Confirmation of tender release</li> <li>• Update on Indigenous Participation Plan</li> </ul>	31 July 2024	\$1,441,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of finalised Indigenous Participation Plan and status update for each project, including confirmation that project has commenced construction.	30 November 2024	\$500,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of Project Completion Report, including confirmation that all projects have been completed.	28 February 2025	\$1,000,000
<b>Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade Strategy - Phase 1</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Management Plan, including key deliverables and timelines; and preliminary Indigenous Participation Plan.	31 May 2024	\$3,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the Strategy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status of each project</li> <li>• Confirmation of tender release</li> <li>• Update on Indigenous Participation Plan</li> </ul>	31 October 2024	\$1,000,000

	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of finalised Indigenous Participation Plan and status update for each project, including confirmation that project has commenced construction.	30 March 2025	\$500,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of Project Completion Report, including confirmation that all projects have been completed.	30 November 2025	\$890,000
<b>NT Community Infrastructure Assessments and Prioritisation Detailed Business Case</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines.	30 September 2024	\$2,700,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing status of community infrastructure assessments.	30 April 2025	\$2,200,000
	Milestone 3 – Submission and acceptance of Post Completion Report, including confirmation that all infrastructure assessments (55 communities) are completed.	30 April 2026	\$500,000
<b>Numbulwar Water Security Strategy – Phase 1</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Management Plan, including key deliverables and timelines; and preliminary Indigenous Participation Plan (with final Indigenous Participation Plan to be provided as addendum post procurement).	31 March 2024	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the Strategy.	31 July 2024	\$685,100
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of Project Completion Report, including confirmation that all projects have been completed.	31 December 2024	\$100,000
<b>Ord River Expansion to the Northern Territory Detailed Business Case (DBC)</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines.	31 December 2024	\$900,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery and work undertaken to date.	31 August 2025	\$220,000
	Milestone 3 – Completion of draft DBC.	31 March 2026	\$590,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the final DBC.	30 November 2026	\$590,000
<b>Ord River Expansion to the Northern Territory Preliminary Business Case (Complete)</b>	Milestone 1 – Award of tender.	31 August 2023	\$350,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of Preliminary Business Case.	31 December 2023	\$150,000

**Table G4: Northern Territory - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary – Science Projects**

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone due	Payment
Recalibration of Models in High Demand Water Systems	<p>Milestone 1 – Project Plan and Flora River Model Recalibration (FY 2021-22):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines including the Flora River Model Recalibration.</li> <li>Acceptance of recalibrated groundwater model for the Flora River, including recalibration of the Daly River downstream of its confluence with the Flora River.</li> </ul>	31 December 2021	\$40,000
	<p>Milestone 2 – Ooloo Dolostone / Lower Daly Model Recalibration (FY 2022-23):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of recalibrated model including the fieldwork component to collect groundwater levels from bores currently not monitored.</li> </ul>	31 December 2022	\$90,000
	<p>Milestone 3 – Daly Roper River Model Recalibration (FY 2022-23):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of recalibrated model for the Roper River with particular focus on the Bitter and Rainbow Springs and associated groundwater dependent ecosystems.</li> </ul>	31 March 2023	\$50,000
	<p>Milestone 4 – Western Davenport Model Rebuild and Recalibration (FY 2023-24):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of full project scope including data collation and analysis</li> <li>Acceptance of recalibrated numerical model for the Western Davenport (Western Davenport – version 2).</li> </ul>	31 March 2024	\$50,000
	<p>Milestone 5 – Daly Roper River Model Recalibration (FY 2023-24):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of the recalibrated numerical model (Daly-Roper – version 3), and</li> <li>Acceptance of the report for the recalibrated Daly Roper Model including Flora and Ooloo (Daly-Roper – version 3).</li> </ul>	15 May 2024	\$90,000
	<p>Milestone 6 – Western Davenport Model Rebuild and Recalibration (FY 2024-25):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of the report for the Western Davenport Model rebuild and recalibration (Western Davenport – version 2).</li> </ul>	31 December 2024	\$40,000
	<p>Milestone 7 – Final Report (FY 2024-25):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of a Project Report Summary including outcomes of the desktop studies.</li> </ul>	31 March 2025	\$40,000

<b>Upper King River Managed Aquifer Recharge Investigations</b>	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of the Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines, and confirmation of the initial meeting between the National Water Grid Authority (NWGA), NT Government and CSIRO has taken place.	31 January 2022	\$150,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Stage 1 report on outcomes of stakeholder engagement with landholder(s)/landowner(s), Traditional Owner groups, local groups and peak bodies.	30 April 2022	\$150,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of Stage 1 report on identified knowledge gaps after preliminary investigations. Acceptance of Stage 1 final report on MAR risk assessment based on CSIRO's risk assessment framework for MAR scheme development.	30 November 2022	\$370,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of Stage 2 field activities plan for groundwater, hydro-geological, surface water, licensing, policy and legislative investigations.	31 January 2023	\$640,000
	Milestone 5 – Acceptance of Stage 2 report on field program and preliminary field results for groundwater, hydro-geological, surface water, licensing, policy and legislative investigations.	30 April 2024	\$640,000
	Milestone 6 – Acceptance of Stage 2 final report on an updated MAR risk assessment including outcomes between Stages 1 and 2, and final groundwater and hydro-geological field results.	31 March 2025	\$500,000
<b>Western Davenport Hydrostratigraphy</b>	Milestone 1 – Submission and acceptance of a Project Plan including outcomes of stakeholder meeting (with project partners) and drafting of agreements.	30 April 2022	\$300,000
	Milestone 2 – Submission and acceptance of preliminary investigations including literature review, site selection and clearances. Evidence of commencement of delivery of a drilling program (bore construction and coring), pumping tests and groundwater sampling program.	30 April 2023	\$1,600,000
	Milestone 3 – Submission and acceptance of preliminary results of the hydrogeological assessment and analysis (hydrogeological characterisation) to inform the hydrogeological conceptual model including a preliminary sustainability analysis.	30 April 2024	\$500,000
	Milestone 4 – Submission and acceptance of a draft report on the drilling program, pumping tests and groundwater sampling program and other key on-site investigations.	30 April 2025	\$300,000
	Milestone 5 – Submission and acceptance of a final report on the hydrogeological conceptual model and sustainability analysis.	24 October 2025	\$450,000

<b>Adelaide River Catchment Water Allocation Plan</b>	Milestone 1 – Submission and acceptance of project plan and project status report including evidence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAPA clearance certificate application;</li> <li>• Scope of works for ecological and Aboriginal Water consultancies and</li> <li>• Preliminary investigation report.</li> </ul>	30 April 2023	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Declaration of Water Control District and submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing water use report;</li> <li>• Stakeholder information report;</li> <li>• Evidence of ecological and cultural water consultancies underway and</li> <li>• Delivery of community consultation strategy and evidence of consultation having commenced</li> </ul>	30 April 2024	\$3,200,000
	Milestone 3 – Submission and acceptance of completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of established Water Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Environmental Water Requirements report;</li> <li>• Cultural Water Requirements report;</li> <li>• Surface water and groundwater assessment report and</li> <li>• Natural water balance report.</li> </ul>	30 April 2025	\$1,300,000
	Milestone 4 – Submission and acceptance of completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Water Allocation Plan</li> </ul>	28 February 2026	\$300,000
	Milestone 5 – Submission of and acceptance completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declared Water Allocation Plan and</li> <li>• Evidence of stakeholder engagement.</li> </ul>	30 April 2026	\$300,000
<b>Aboriginal Water Science - Arid Zone: TiTree Basin Palaeovalley</b>	Milestone 1 – Delivery and acceptance of a project plan, including outline of the project, risks, partners, initial engagement and preliminary Aboriginal water science framework.	30 April 2025	\$220,000
	Milestone 2 – Delivery and acceptance of a progress report outlining community engagement and recordings of representational work, ecological monitoring activities, and preliminary knowledge management platform.	1 December 2025	\$220,000
	Milestone 3 – Delivery and acceptance of an interim report on project field components, outcomes of community reference group workshops, and testing of the knowledge management platform.	30 April 2026	\$255,000

	Milestone 4 – Delivery and acceptance of a progress report outlining community engagement and recordings of representational work, ecological monitoring activities, and knowledge management platform.	1 December 2026	\$200,000
	Milestone 5 – Delivery and acceptance of a progress report on project field components, and outcomes of community reference group workshops. Finalisation of Aboriginal Water Science Framework and communications materials.	30 April 2027	\$295,000
	Milestone 6 – Delivery and acceptance of a final project report, including presentation of project outcomes to community reference group.	1 December 2027	\$200,000
<b>LIDAR survey and DEM development for NT river and aquifer systems – Phase 2</b>	Milestone 1 – Delivery and acceptance of a Project Plan. Notification of successful tender.	30 April 2024	\$20,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of LIDAR survey and data collection. Delivery and acceptance of LIDAR survey report.	30 November 2024	\$650,000
	Milestone 3 – Completion of data processing and DEM development. Delivery and acceptance of DEM spatial files.	31 March 2025	\$145,000
<b>Recalibration of Models in High Demand Water Systems – Phase 2</b>	Milestone 1 – Delivery and acceptance of a Project Plan and Berry Springs Model Recalibration e-files and report including User Guide.	31 August 2025	\$150,000
	Milestone 2 – Delivery and acceptance of Ti Tree Paleovalley Aquifer Model e-files and model recalibration report including User Guide.	28 Feb 2026	\$150,000
	Milestone 3 – Delivery and acceptance of interim Koolpinyah Dolostone Aquifer Model Recalibration interim report.	31 May 2026	\$50,000
	Milestone 4 – Delivery and acceptance of Koolpinyah Dolostone Aquifer Model Recalibration e-files and report including User Guide.	31 December 2026	\$150,000
<b>LIDAR Survey and Digital Elevation Models development for key NT river systems (Complete)</b>	Milestone 1 – Completion of LIDAR survey and data acquisition, delivery and acceptance of a LIDAR survey report.	28 February 2023	\$700,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of data processing and DEM development, delivery and acceptance of DEM spatial files.	30 April 2023	\$150,000