

# Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program: Victorian-led Domestic and Stock Feasibility Projects

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

**Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule**

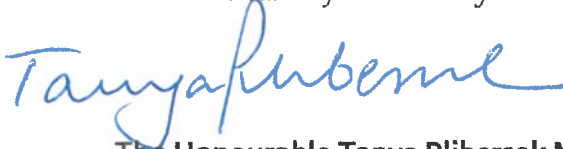
Parties	Commonwealth Victoria																									
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 July 2025.																									
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the Victorian-led Domestic and Stock Feasibility Projects as funded under Stream D of the Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program.</p> <p>The Victorian-led Domestic and Stock Feasibility Projects will investigate the delivery of stock and domestic water supply through pipelines and individual connections to improve water security and achieve water savings from losses. These Feasibility Projects are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timmering Stock and Domestic Water Supply Scheme</li><li>• East Loddon North Stock and Domestic Water Supply Scheme</li><li>• West Loddon Stock and Domestic Water Supply Scheme</li></ul> <p>This Schedule is approved on the basis that the Victorian-led Domestic and Stock Feasibility Projects 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>																									
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Victoria of \$1.318 million (GST exclusive) in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table><tr><td colspan="5"><b>Table 1</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>(\$ million)</b></td><td><b>2024-25</b></td><td><b>2025-26</b></td><td><b>2026-27</b></td><td><b>Total</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>Estimated total budget</b></td><td><b>0.985</b></td><td><b>0.333</b></td><td><b>0.0</b></td><td><b>1.318</b></td></tr><tr><td>Less estimated Commonwealth contributions</td><td>0.985</td><td>0.333</td><td>0.0</td><td>1.318</td></tr><tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td></tr></table>	<b>Table 1</b>					<b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>0.985</b>	<b>0.333</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.318</b>	Less estimated Commonwealth contributions	0.985	0.333	0.0	1.318	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Table 1</b>																										
<b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Total</b>																						
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>0.985</b>	<b>0.333</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.318</b>																						
Less estimated Commonwealth contributions	0.985	0.333	0.0	1.318																						
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0																						

Additional terms	<p><b>Funding</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total funding from the Commonwealth to Victoria under this Schedule will be up to a maximum of \$1.318 million (GST exclusive) with any project costs above this amount provided by Victoria.</li> </ol> <p><b>Financial Reporting statements</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Victoria 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.</li> </ol> <p><b>Governance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Project Control Group meetings will be held for the Victorian-led Domestic and Stock Feasibility Projects with Victoria 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. Victoria 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.</li> <li>4. Through Victoria's existing project governance arrangements, Victoria will notify the Commonwealth should any matters arise that would inhibit complete and timely delivery of the Victorian-led Domestic and Stock Feasibility Projects.</li> </ol> <p><b>Project Terms</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Victoria will be responsible for all aspects of delivering on the approved outputs as set out in the schedule.</li> <li>6. Victoria will report outside this schedule to Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program agreed governance committees.</li> <li>7. Activities undertaken from funding within the schedule must be aligned to Victorian-led Domestic and Stock Feasibility Projects activities that will assist Victoria and proponents to make application/s to the Resilient Rivers Water 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.</li> <li>8. 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.</li> </ol>
------------------	---

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary		
Performance milestones for Victoria	Report due	Payment
<b>Timmering Stock and Domestic Water Supply Scheme – Feasibility</b>		
Milestone 1 – Project commencement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth acceptance of a Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Feasibility Project</li> <li>Commonwealth-State governance arrangements for the project have been established</li> </ul>	Within 30 days of execution of agreement	\$320,000
Milestone 2 – Final Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth acceptance of a Final Feasibility Report</li> <li>Chief Financial Officer (or comparable role) certified income and expenditure report for the project</li> </ul>	7/07/2025	Actual expenditure for the project up to a maximum of \$109,000
<b>East Loddon North Stock and Domestic Water Supply Scheme - Feasibility</b>		
Milestone 1 – Project commencement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth acceptance of a Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Feasibility Project</li> <li>Commonwealth-State governance arrangements for the project have been established</li> </ul>	Within 30 days of execution of agreement	\$290,000
Milestone 2 – Final Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth acceptance of a Final Feasibility Report.</li> <li>Chief Financial Officer (or comparable role) certified income and expenditure report for the project</li> </ul>	7/07/2025	Actual expenditure for the project up to a maximum of \$99,000
<b>West Loddon Stock and Domestic Water Supply Scheme- Feasibility</b>		
Milestone 1 – Project commencement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth acceptance of a Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Feasibility Project</li> <li>Commonwealth-State governance arrangements for the project have been established</li> </ul>	Within 30 days of execution of agreement	\$375,000
Milestone 2 – Final Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth acceptance of a Final Feasibility Report.</li> <li>Chief Financial Officer (or comparable role) certified income and expenditure report for the project</li> </ul>	7/07/2025	Actual expenditure for the project up to a maximum of \$125,000

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

Signed for and on behalf of the  
Commonwealth of Australia by

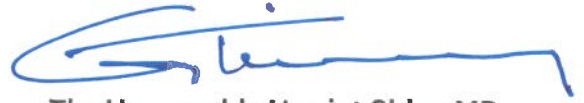


The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP  
Minister for the Environment and Water

[Day] [Month] [Year]

13 12 2024

Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Victoria by



~~The Honourable Harriet Shing MP~~  
~~Minister for Water~~

~~[Day] [Month] [Year]~~

The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP  
Minister for Water

41 31 25  
[Day] [Month] [Year]