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Hon Paul Fletcher MP
Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities & the Arts
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Dear Minister

I write in response to your letter of 20 July 2021 seeking agreement to vary the *Project Agreement for the Launceston City Deal – Tamar Estuary Improved Catchment Management* (the Catchment Management Project Agreement).

I am now pleased to confirm that the Tasmanian Government has agreed to the requested variations to the Catchment Management Project Agreement consistent with the changes outlined at Attachment I.

I will now request the Department of State Growth to give effect to this variation through the funding deed that is in place with NRM North to deliver the Australian Government's milestones.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to improving the health of the kanamaluka / Tamar Estuary.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Attachment I – Variations to Catchment Management Project Agreement

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Clause 8 of the Project Agreement

Replace the clause to read:

This Agreement will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and Tasmanian sign it and will expire on 30/6/2025 or on completion of the project, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

Table I: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Replace the existing Table I in the Project Agreement with the following:

Outputs	Performance milestones or benchmarks	Report due	Payment
<i>Improved Tamar catchment management program</i>			
Exclusion of stock from streams and rehabilitation of riparian vegetation buffers – measured in kms of fencing and hectares of land (minimum targets)	Development of a project plan and 20 km riparian fencing* & 1.0 ha of associated riparian revegetation or area managed for regeneration**	31 March 2020	\$1m
	60 km riparian fencing* & 4.2 ha of associated riparian revegetation or area managed for regeneration**	30 October 2021	\$1m
	55 km riparian fencing* & 3.8 ha of associated riparian revegetation or area managed for regeneration**	31 March 2022	\$1m
	75 km riparian fencing* & 3.3 ha of associated riparian revegetation or area managed for regeneration**	31 March 2023	\$1m
	70 km riparian fencing* & 3.8 ha of associated riparian revegetation or area managed for regeneration**	31 March 2024	\$0.5m
	42 km riparian fencing	31 Mar 2025	\$0.5m
	Total: 322 km of riparian fencing* & 16 ha of riparian revegetation or area managed for regeneration**		\$5m

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

Replace the existing table 2 with the following:

(\$ million)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Estimated total budget	0.5	2	2	2	2	1	0.5	10
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	-	1	1	1	1	0.5	0.5	5
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.5	1	1	1	1	0.5	-	5