# National Water Grid Fund

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - INFRASTRUCTURE

| Table 1: Formalities and Operation of Schedule | |
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| Parties | Commonwealth<br>New South Wales<br>Victoria<br>Queensland<br>Western Australia<br>South Australia<br>Tasmania<br>Northern Territory<br>Australian Capital Territory |
| Duration | This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it and will expire on 30 June 2031. |
| Purpose | 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.<br>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. |
| Related Documents | 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. |
| Estimated financial contributions | 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.<br>State funding contributions may include contributions from third parties including local governments and other non-government organisations.<br>Commonwealth contributions will be provided upon the achievement of agreed project milestones by the relevant State. |

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| Funding arrangements | *Capital works*<br>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.<br>*Development funding*<br>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.<br>*Project cost savings*<br>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. |
| Project milestones | 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. |
| Commonwealth Funding Recognition | In addition to the requirements set out in clause 21 of the Federation Funding Agreement for Infrastructure, States agree to:<br>(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;<br>(b) provide reasonable opportunity for the Commonwealth to contribute to developing communications strategies for projects with a Commonwealth funding contribution;<br>(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<br>(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. |
| Variations and Delegations | 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. |

| Table 5A: Western Australia – Projects and Payment Summary | | | |
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| **Outputs (Projects)** | **Project scope** | **Total Commonwealth contribution** | **Total non-Commonwealth contribution** |
| **Busselton Water Supply Improvement** | The project will construct and commission a new water treatment plant and bore to connect to fresher water, reduce the pressure on the coastal bores and increase supply capacity. Construction scope includes:<br>• A new water treatment plant.<br>• A new bore.<br>• Storage and delivery infrastructure, including two 7ML treated water storage tanks, a delivery pump station, and connection to the existing distribution network. | $29,565,000 | $29,565,000 |
| **Bunbury Water Resource Recovery Scheme** | The project will construct Stage 1 of the Bunbury Water Resource Recovery Scheme which will be capable of treating and distributing up to 2GL of water per year from the existing Bunbury WWTP. Stage 1 of the project will construct:<br>• A recycled water treatment plant, including associated civil and earth works.<br>• Pipework and distribution infrastructure, including day tanks and irrigation updates to Hay Park.<br>This project will also allow for potential expansion of the scheme to include a Managed Aquifer Recharge scheme (future Stage 2). | $24,927,696 | $24,927,696 |
| **Sovereign Hill to Guilderton Pipeline** | The project will construct a 7.4km pipeline to connect the Guilderton scheme to the Sovereign Hill scheme to supplement and reduce nitrate levels in Guilderton's drinking water supply. The project includes upgrades to chlorinator and treatment systems to assist with increased capacity and installation of a nitrate analyser at the Sovereign Hill scheme. | $3,390,000 | $6,755,906 |
| **Halls Creek Water Supply Upgrade** | The project will improve Halls Creek's water source supply, reliability and security to meet demand. The scope includes:<br>• equipping 4 bores to produce a total of 600kL/d over 18 hours/day operation<br>• constructing necessary pipes to connect bores to the existing borefield<br>• completing necessary civil and electrical works and SCADA installation to support bore operation. | $5,850,000 | $5,850,000 |

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| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Treatment, Storage and Pumping Mini Plant Program – Phase 1** | The project will deliver self-contained mini-plant installations, consisting of disinfection treatment, water storage and water pumps to deliver reliable, clean water to 15 remote First Nations communities. | $3,750,000 | $3,750,000 |
| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Water Pipework Replacement Program – Phase 1** | The Water Pipework Replacement Program – Phase 1 is a program of projects replacing water reticulation pipe at 20 Aboriginal communities in Western Australia. | $3,000,000 | $3,000,000 |
| **Improving Water Quality in First Nations Communities – Chlorination of Water Supply – Phase 1** | The project will construct and install chlorinators in 10 remote First Nations communities in WA, removing the existing UV disinfection systems. | $3,150,000 | $3,150,000 |
| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Bore Pipe Upgrade Program – Phase 1** | The project will replace water reticulation pipe at 15 Aboriginal communities in Western Australia. | $2,625,000 | $2,625,000 |
| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Bore Sealing Program – Phase 1** | The project will complete bore sealing and water source protection at 30 bores across 24 remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Western Australia. | $2,250,000 | $2,250,000 |
| **Water Security for the Lundja Aboriginal Community** | The project will upgrade 1km of the Halls Creek Borefield main pipe with new DN100 PVC pipe. This pipework is the sole supply of potable water to the Lundja Aboriginal Community. | $905,000 | $905,000 |
| **Water Security for the Bondini Aboriginal Community** | The project involves replacing approximately 1km of existing pipework with DN150 PVC pipe and installing new valves and fittings to enable the pipe to be operated with original functionality. | $822,000 | $822,000 |

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| **Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) Initiative – Western Australia Package** | Construction of the following projects:<br>• Community Water Supplies Partnership Program with Local Government<br>• Jurien Bay Water Security Expansion<br>• Esperance Water Supply Upgrade<br>• Agricultural Area Dams and Strategic Community Water Supplies<br>• Albany Groundwater Upgrades | $20,000,000 | $45,142,000 |
| **Future Water Source Planning In Great Southern Region Preliminary Business Case** | The Preliminary Business Case will investigate potential future water source options to improve the reliability of supply across the Lower Great Southern Towns Scheme, including climate independent sources such as seawater desalination. | $5,000,000 | $22,443,000 |
| **First Nations Essential Services Detailed Business Case** | The project will carry out asset condition assessments in at least 48 First Nations communities in remote Western Australia. | $1,000,000 | $1,000,000 |
| **Exmouth Water Source Planning Preliminary Business Case** | The Preliminary Business Case will investigate new water security options for Exmouth, including seawater desalination and groundwater bores. | $1,000,000 | $16,172,000 |
| **WA Connections Funding Pathway Package (Complete)** | Construction of the following projects:<br>• Cave Springs Road Tail Water Return System.<br>• Agricultural Area Dams and Strategic Community Water Supplies.<br>• Katanning to Kojonup Pipeline Enhancement.<br>• Jerramungup Dam Catchment Improvement.<br>• Gascoyne Irrigation Scheme Augmentation and Modernisation.<br>• Community Water Supplies Partnership Program with Local Government.<br>• Ravensthorpe Dam Catchment Extension.<br>• Cranbrook Dam Catchment Improvement.<br>• Wongutha Independent Water Security Pilot. | $20,000,000 | $34,360,000 |
| **Wellington for Agriculture Detailed Business Case (Complete)** | The Detailed Business Case will investigate water infrastructure options to meet current and future water demands in the Collie and Myalup-Wellington regions, including:<br>• Development of a new desalination plant.<br>• Converting open graded channels to piped systems.<br>• Extension of the piped network.<br>• the development of a new groundwater source north of Myalup.<br>• Review of the water balance for new development.<br>• This work will examine the expected benefits of a new water scheme, including improving local water treatment capabilities and better utilisation of existing regional surface and groundwater resources. | $800,000 | $1,800,000 |

| Table 5B: Western Australia – Projects and Payment Summary – Science Program | | | |
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| **Outputs (Projects)** | **Project scope** | **Total Commonwealth contribution** | **Total non-Commonwealth contribution** |
| **Desalination Subsurface Intakes** | Construct a demonstration-scale trial at the proposed Exmouth Seawater Desalination Plant site, coupled with a small-scale plant in Exmouth, to assess operational benefits and water quality over an extended period.<br>The project aims to explore the drilling of horizontal and slant wells, considering aspects such as drilling engineering, hydrogeology, geotechnical engineering, and marine and coastal engineering. The overarching benefit of this technology includes reduced chemical and pre-treatment requirements, lower energy consumption, waste reduction, and enhanced protection of the marine environment. | $1,900,000 | $1,250,000 |
| **Brackish Groundwater Resources for a Water Smart Wheatbelt** | The project will investigate an emerging opportunity to utilise brackish palaeochannels as an emergency water supply. The project will pilot and demonstrate a simplified and cost-effective brackish aquifer exploration and assessment methodology. | $1,500,000 | $1,200,000 |
| **Electrochemical Nitrate and Heavy Metal Removal Plant** | Pilot to test the economic, environmental and technical viability of the electrochemical nitrate and heavy metal removal technology unit (Beta Generation 2 Water Treatment Unit) to inform future infrastructure investment decisions to address nitrate and heavy metals in groundwater in remote communities.<br>The Pilot involves the design, deployment and commissioning of the Beta Generation 2 Water Treatment Unit in Burringurrah (WA), as well as an option to trial the technology at another site. | $1,270,000 | $1,272,000 |
| **Beneficial Use of Brine in Small and First Nations Communities** | The project seeks to research and pilot brine utilisation technologies to enhance the uptake of both seawater and brackish water in regional Australia under a range of conditions to determine the suitability of the technology for dispersed small communities, industries, enterprises, and farms.<br>The project proposes a phased investigation into the feasibility of utilising brine to beneficially reuse at numerous locations specific to the locality, weather conditions, brine characteristics and community. | $590,000 | $185,000 |

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| **Electrodialysis Reversal Research** | Practical pilot demonstration of Electrodialysis Reversal Desalination Unit coupled with an alternative desalination technology at two remote sites in regional Western Australia, to enable testing under a range of conditions and determine the suitability of the technology for dispersed small communities, industries, enterprises, and farms.<br>The project will provide a technology and system template for meeting the water, energy, waste and brine challenge that is limiting the widespread use of the abundant brackish and saline groundwater underlying much of regional Australia. | $420,000 | $188,000 |
| **Low-tech Approaches to Monitor and Treat Drinking Water Supplies** | The project will test low-technology monitoring and treatment methods to improve drinking water in remote communities. Approaches will be tested under a range of conditions in small communities across three regions, including accessible water chemistry test kits and domestic-scale freeze desalination.<br>The project will build partnerships with communities to prioritise solutions that are practical, suited to many different areas and that will be able to be sustained. These technologies could be implemented immediately by remote First Nations communities as an interim solution to ensure they have drinking water which meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines whilst long-term solutions are being developed. | $336,000 | $150,000 |
| **Emerging Desalination Technology Demonstration for Low Yielding and Saline Water Science Project** | Practical pilot demonstration of an emerging desalination technology at multiple sites in regional Western Australia. The iFORO desalination unit has a higher yield, lower volume of waste brine and lower energy requirements than conventional reverse osmosis systems. | $310,000 | $155,000 |
| **EcoVap Evaporative Matrix** | Trial of the EcoVAP Evaporative Matrix technology at the Laverton Water Treatment Plant in regional Western Australia to enable testing under a range of conditions to determine the suitability of the technology for dispersed small communities, industries, enterprises, and farms. | $190,000 | $90,000 |
| **Solar Powered Desalination with Recycled Membrane** | Practical Pilot demonstration at multiple sites in regional Western Australia (including under a range of varying conditions) to determine the suitability of using repurposed membranes in the treatment of brackish water in dispersed small communities, industries, enterprises, and farms.<br>This project's other focus is on reducing the significant waste that membranes in water and wastewater treatment processes create. | $160,000 | $70,000 |

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| **UV Disinfection using LEDs** | Pilot to utilise LED UV disinfection technology to assess the removal of pathogenic species from contaminated groundwater and surface water in order to increase the number of people being provided with water that meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines standards.<br>The project will develop a system, LED UV Disinfection unit, suitable for use in remote communities which will be installed and trailed over a 12-month period. | $100,000 | $80,000 |
| **Pathogen Removal in Electrochemical Treatments** | Project seeks to research Continuous Electrochlorination effect on the inactivation of protozoan parasites and nematode oocysts to assess its efficacy in disinfection when compared to conventional chlorination systems. | $80,000 | $60,000 |
| **Managing water quality to enable future irrigation development in the Kimberley Region (Complete)** | A review to understand management options aimed at reducing the offsite risk from agricultural chemicals to planned developments in the Ord River area. | $250,000 | $0 |
| **Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) pilot in Myalup (Cancelled)** | Pilot will generate information necessary to achieve approval from the Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and to test parameters that will inform the design and cost of a full scale MAR scheme. | $2,100,400 | $636,618 |

**Signed** *for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*

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| **Table D1: Formalities and Operation of Schedule** | |
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| Parties | Commonwealth<br>Western Australia |
| Purpose | This Appendix has been developed in accordance with the National Water Grid Fund Schedule (the Schedule), to set out the Commonwealth and Western Australia's estimated expenditure profile and performance milestones to support the operation of the Schedule. |

## Estimated financial contributions

| Table D2 ($) | 2021-22 and prior | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 onwards | Total |
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| **Estimated total budget** | **11,600,000** | **20,400,000** | **1,987,018** | **49,816,000** | **58,396,500** | **74,919,309** | **80,869,696** | **49,106,793** | **347,095,316** |
| Busselton Water Supply Improvement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,750,000 | 1,750,000 | 2,065,000 | 14,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 29,565,000 |
| Bunbury Water Resource Recovery Scheme | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,450,000 | 7200000 | 3,277,696 | 0 | 24,927,696 |
| Sovereign Hill to Guilderton Pipeline | 0 | 0 | 0 | 339,000 | 1,695,000 | 1,356,000 | | 0 | 3,390,000 |
| Halls Creek Water Supply Upgrade | | | | | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 350,000 | 0 | 5,850,000 |
| Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Treatment, Storage and Pumping Mini Plant Program – Phase 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 360,000 | 1,425,000 | 1,965,000 | 3,750,000 |
| Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Water Pipework Replacement Program – Phase 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 400,000 | 800,000 | 1,800,000 | 3,000,000 |
| Improving Water Quality in First Nations Communities – Chlorination of Water Supply – Phase 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 288,000 | 0 | 1,300,000 | 1,562,000 | 3,150,000 |
| Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Bore Pipe Upgrade Program – Phase 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,000,000 | 0 | 2,625,000 |
| Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Bore Sealing Program – Phase 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 280,000 | 1,287,500 | 682,500 | 0 | 2,250,000 |
| Water Security for the Lundja Aboriginal Community | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 600,000 | 305,000 | 0 | 0 | 905,000 |
| Water Security for the Bondini Aboriginal Community | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 52,000 | | 350,000 | 420,000 | 822,000 |
| Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) Initiative – Western Australia Package | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 8,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| Future Water Source Planning in Great Southern Region Preliminary Business Case | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500,000 | | 3,000,000 | 1,500,000 | 0 | 5,000,000 |

| Table D2<br>($) | 2021-22 and prior | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 onwards | Total |
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| First Nations Essential Services Detailed Business Case | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300,000 | 0 | 700,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000,000 |
| Exmouth Water Source Planning Preliminary Business Case | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300,000 | | 350,000 | 350,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 |
| Connections Funding Pathway | 5,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 0 | 5,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,000,000 |
| Wellington for Agriculture Detailed Business Case | 250,000 | 0 | 250,000 | 300,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 800,000 |
| Desalination Subsurface Intakes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,400,000 | 0 | 500,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,900,000 |
| Brackish Groundwater Resources for a Water Smart Wheatbelt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100,000 | 800,000 | 400,000 | 200,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Electrochemical Nitrate and Heavy Metal Removal Plant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 790,000 | 375,000 | 105,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,270,000 |
| Beneficial Use of Brine in Small and First Nations Communities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120,000 | 140,000 | 240,000 | 90,0000 | 0 | 590,000 |
| Electrodialysis Reversal Research | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40,000 | 300,000 | 60,000 | 20,000 | 0 | 420,000 |
| Low-tech Approaches to Monitor and Treat Drinking Water Supplies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50,000 | 166,000 | 70,000 | 50,000 | 336,000 |
| Emerging Desalination Technology Demonstration for Low Yielding and Saline Water Science Project | 0 | 0 | 0 | 210,000 | 70,000 | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 310,000 |
| EcoVap Evaporative Matrix | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150,000 | 30,000 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 190,000 |
| Solar Powered Desalination with Recycled Membrane | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 160,000 |
| UV Disinfection using LEDs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30,000 | 50,000 | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 100,000 |
| Pathogen Removal in Electrochemical Treatments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80,000 |
| Managing water quality to enable future irrigation development in the Kimberley Region | 100,000 | 150,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250,000 |
| Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) pilot in Myalup (cancelled) | 500,000 | 0 | 1,600,400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,100,400 |
| **Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions** | **5,750,000** | **10,250,000** | **136,618** | **36,427,000** | **33,481,500** | **45,094,809** | **47,604,500** | **31,139,793** | **209,854,220** |

| Table D3: Western Australia - Performance Requirements, Reporting and Payment Summary | | | |
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| **Output (Project)** | **Performance Milestones** | **Milestone Due** | **Payment** |
| **Busselton Water Supply Improvement** | Milestone 1 –<br>• Acceptance of a Project Plan, detailing:<br>– Key deliverables, timelines, financials, and a Project Governance Framework and Risk Management Plan.<br>– Acceptance of a Draft Indigenous Participation Plan.<br>• Completion of Project Preliminary Design. | 30 March 2025 | $1,750,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing:<br>• The status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and an update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Draft Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Tender awarded for bore installation (Bore 22).<br>• Practical completion of bore installation (Bore 22). | 31 March 2026 | $1,750,000 |
| | Milestone 3 –<br>• Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing:<br>– The status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and an update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>– Completion of Detailed Design.<br>– Completion of Tender Documentation.<br>• Acceptance of the Final Indigenous Participation Plan. | 28 February 2027 | $2,065,000 |
| | Milestone 4 –<br>• Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and an update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Construction Tender Award. | 31 August 2027 | $2,000,000 |

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| **Busselton Water Supply Improvement** | Milestone 5 – Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing:<br>• The status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and an update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Commencement of Construction Works (Stage 1). | 31 December 2027 | $10,000,000 |
| | Milestone 6 – Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and an update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery. | 30 April 2028 | $2,000,000 |
| | Milestone 7 –<br>• Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and an update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Practical completion of Treatment Plant Civil Works (Stage 2).<br>• Practical completion of Mechanical and Electrical Site Works (Stage 2). | 31 July 2029 | $8,000,000 |
| | Milestone 8 – Acceptance of Project Completion Report. | 31 July 2030 | $2,000,000 |
| **Bunbury Water Resource Recovery Scheme** | Milestone 1 –<br>• Acceptance of a Project Plan, including detail on key deliverables, timelines, financials, and a Project Governance Framework and Risk Management Plan.<br>• Completion of existing 100% detailed design review and value.<br>• Engineering/scope revision (including all completed work to date).<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 December 2025 | $6,000,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing:<br>• The status of delivery against project schedule and budget.<br>• Update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Practical Completion of Recycled Wastewater Treatment Plant Earthworks package.<br>• Placement of Pipeline Equipment Order.<br>• Placement of order for Ultra Filtration Membranes and Modules. | 31 March 2026 | $8,450,000 |

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| **Bunbury Water Resource Recovery Scheme** | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing:<br>• The status of delivery against project schedule and budget.<br>• Update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Practical Completion of Pipeline Works Package. | 30 September 2026 | $7,200,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing:<br>• The status of delivery against project schedule and budget.<br>• Update on stakeholder engagement, achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan, and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Practical Completion of Irrigation System<br>• Practical Completion of Recycled Water Treatment Plant.<br>• Practical Completion of Day Tanks – Hay Park. | 31 December 2027 | $2,000,000 |
| | Milestone 5 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report. | 31 March 2028 | $1,277,696 |
| **Sovereign Hill to Guilderton Pipeline** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines. | 30 April 2025 | $339,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 –<br>• Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Construction commencement. | 30 January 2026 | $1,695,000 |
| | Milestone 3 –<br>• Acceptance of a Progress Report, detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget and any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Practical Completion | 30 November 2026 | $1,000,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report. | 31 May 2027 | $356,000 |

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| **Halls Creek Water Supply Upgrade** | Milestone 1 –<br>• Acceptance of Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, budget, a detailed community and stakeholder engagement plan<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan | 31 January 2026 | $500,000 |
| | Milestone 2 –<br>• Acceptance of a Project Progress Report detailing the status of delivery and achievements against the Project Plan and Indigenous Participation Plan, including any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Contract Award. | 31 July 2026 | $2,000,000 |
| | Milestone 3 –<br>• Acceptance of a Project Progress Report detailing the status of delivery and achievements against the Project Plan and Indigenous Participation Plan, including any challenges/risks to delivery. | 31 January 2027 | $2,000,000 |
| | Milestone 4 –<br>• Acceptance of a Project Progress Report detailing the status of delivery and achievements against the Project Plan and Indigenous Participation Plan, including any challenges/risks to delivery.<br>• Practical Completion | 31 May 2027 | $1,000,000 |
| | Milestone 5 –<br>• Acceptance of a Project Completion Report. The status of delivery against project schedule and budget and any challenges/risks to delivery. | 31 August 2027 | $350,000 |
| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Treatment, Storage and Pumping Mini Plant Program – Phase 1** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including:<br>• Key deliverables and timelines.<br>• Detailed Community Engagement Plan.<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 30 September 2026 | $360,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including:<br>• Detail on the completion of 5 of 15 Mini Treatment, Storage, and Pumping Plants.<br>• An update on community engagement.<br>• Achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 July 2027 | $1,425,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report detailing the completion of all of 15 Mini Treatment, Storage, and Pumping Plants. | 30 September 2028 | $1,965,000 |

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| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Water Pipework Replacement Program – Phase 1** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including:<br>• Key deliverables and timelines.<br>• Detailed Community Engagement Plan.<br>• Details of 10 additional locations where works are to be undertaken.<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 30 September 2026 | $400,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report, including:<br>• Detail on the completion of 5 of 20 Water Reticulation Pipes.<br>• An update on community engagement.<br>• Achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 August 2027 | $800,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report detailing the completion of all 20 Water Reticulation Pipes. | 31 July 2028 | $1,800,000 |
| **Improving Water Quality in First Nations Communities – Chlorination of Water Supply – Phase 1** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including:<br>• Key deliverables and timelines.<br>• Detailed Community Engagement Plan.<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 January 2026 | $288,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including:<br>• Detail on the completion of 5 of 10 Chlorinators installed.<br>• An update on community engagement.<br>• Achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 July 2027 | $1,300,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Progress Report detailing the completion of 10 of 10 Chlorinators installed. | 31 July 2028 | $1,562,000 |
| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Bore Pipe Upgrade Program – Phase 1** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including:<br>• Key deliverables and timelines.<br>• Detailed community engagement.<br>• Details of 5 additional locations where works are to be undertaken.<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 January 2026 | $125,000 |

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| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Bore Pipe Upgrade Program – Phase 1** | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including:<br>• Detail on the completion of 2 of 15 Bore Pipes.<br>• An update on community engagement.<br>• Achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 July 2026 | $500,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including:<br>• Detail on the completion of 8 of 15 Bore Pipes.<br>• An update on community engagement.<br>• Achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 January 2027 | $1,000,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report detailing the completion of all 15 Bore Pipes. | 31 December 2027 | $1,000,000 |
| **Improving Water Security in First Nations Communities – Bore Sealing Program – Phase 1** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including:<br>• Key deliverables and timelines.<br>• Detailed Community Engagement Plan.<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 January 2026 | $280,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including:<br>• Detail on the completion of 8 of 30 Bore Sealing projects.<br>• An update on community engagement.<br>• Achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 July 2026 | $437,500 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including:<br>• Detail on the completion of 20 of 30 Bore Sealing projects.<br>• An update on community engagement.<br>• Achievements against the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 January 2027 | $850,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report detailing the completion of all 30 Bore Sealing projects. | 31 July 2027 | $682,500 |
| **Water Security for the Lundja Aboriginal Community** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Delivery Plan, including:<br>• Key deliverables and timelines.<br>• Detailed community engagement and evidence of support.<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 March 2026 | $600,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report. | 31 August 2026 | $305,000 |

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| **Water Security for the Bondini Aboriginal Community** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan, including:<br>• Key deliverables and timelines.<br>• Detailed community engagement and evidence of support.<br>• Acceptance of the Indigenous Participation Plan. | 31 March 2026 | $52,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report. | 30 April 2027 | $350,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report. | 31 August 2028 | $420,000 |
| **Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) Initiative – Western Australia Package** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of a Project Plan including confirmation first project has commenced construction. | 31 March 2025 | $2,000,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including the status of delivery of all projects and confirmation that three or more projects have commenced construction. | 31 March 2026 | $4,000,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including the status of delivery of all projects and confirmation that all projects have commenced construction. | 31 December 2026 | $4,000,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including the status of delivery of all projects and confirmation of first project completion. | 31 August 2027 | $4,000,000 |
| | Milestone 5 – Acceptance of a Progress Report including the status of delivery of all projects and confirmation that three or more projects are complete. | 31 December 2027 | $4,000,000 |
| | Milestone 6 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report detailing completion of all projects. | 31 August 2028 | $2,000,000 |
| **Future Water Source Planning In Great Southern Region Preliminary Business Case** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Preliminary Business Case. | 30 October 2024 | $500,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance of a Progress Report and the Draft Preliminary Business Case. | 31 March 2027 | $3,000,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance of the Final Preliminary Business Case and Acceptance of a Project Completion Report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the project plan. | 31 July 2027 | $1,500,000 |
| **First Nations Essential Services Detailed Business Case** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Plan, including key deliverables, timelines and indicative communities for site assessments and an Interim Assessment Report covering site assessment delivery in at least 30 communities. | 30 November 2024 | $300,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Final Assessment Report covering site assessment delivery in at least 48 communities. | 31 December 2026 | $700,000 |

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| **Exmouth Water Source Planning Preliminary Business Case** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Preliminary Business Case. | 30 October 2024 | $300,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Completion of draft Preliminary Business Case. | 31 May 2027 | $350,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the final Preliminary Business Case. | 30 September 2027 | $350,000 |
| **Connections Funding Pathway (Complete)** | Milestone 1 – Written confirmation of the details of the WA Connections Package, including:<br>• Projects to be delivered.<br>• Expected costs of each project and confirmation of funding partner contributions.<br>• Construction timing for each project. | 31 October 2021 | $5,000,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Submission and acceptance of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the WA Connections Package, including:<br>• Current status of each project.<br>• Advice on any changes to construction timing.<br>• Advice on cost amendments (if any) for each project, including amendments to funding partner contributions.<br>• Challenges or issues in delivery of the package. | 31 August 2022 | $10,000,000 **(Paid)** |
| | 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 August 2024 | $5,000,000 **(Paid)** |
| **Wellington for Agriculture Detailed Business Case (Complete)** | Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Preliminary Business Case. | 30 April 2022 | $250,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Completion of draft Preliminary Business Case. | 31 July 2023 | $250,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the final Detailed Business Case. | 31 December 2024 | $300,000 **(Paid)** |

| Table D4: Western Australia - Performance Requirements, Reporting and Payment Summary – Science Projects | | | |
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| **Output (Project)** | **Performance Milestones** | **Milestone Due** | **Payment** |
| **Brackish Groundwater Resources for a Water Smart Wheatbelt** | Milestone 1 – Delivery and acceptance of a project plan, including outline of the project, risks, partners and engagement plan. | 27 February 2026 | $100,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Delivery and acceptance of a progress report outlining:<br>• Research on outcomes of pilot aquifer 1.<br>• Delivery of research plan to assess technical requirements for enhanced Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) interpretation for aquifer characterisation arising in pilot aquifer 1 and 2. | 31 July 2026 | $300,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Delivery and acceptance of a research report on:<br>• Pilot aquifer 1 and 2.<br>• Draft guidance material and training completed on finding groundwater in basement aquifers. | 30 November 2026 | $300,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Delivery and acceptance of a review assessing improved AEM interpretation and methodologies from pilot aquifer 1 and 2, with guidance on future workflows for palaeochannel mapping. | 31 May2027 | $200,000 |
| | Milestone 5 – Delivery and acceptance of a progress report outlining:<br>• Evidence of regional planning, analysis and stakeholder input to select pilot aquifer 3<br>• Research plan to acquire and assess AEM for pilot aquifer 3 based on results of analysis of pilot aquifer 1 and 2. | 30 November 2027 | $200,000 |
| | Milestone 6 – Delivery and acceptance of a progress report outlining preliminary results for pilot aquifer 3 presented to stakeholders. | 31 May 2028 | $200,000 |
| | Milestone 7 – Delivery and acceptance of a final report targeted at self-supply groundwater users, including an industry training package based on evaluation of pilot studies, including updated workflows, knowledge gaps and recommendations. Evidence of presentation of advanced AEM methods/workflows at national conference. Results of the of pilot aquifers presented to national industry and science partners. | 30 November 2028 | $200,000 |
| **Low-tech Approaches for Monitor and Treat Drinking Water Supplies** | Milestone 1 – Delivery and acceptance of a project plan, including: outline of the project, risks, partners and engagement plan | 31 March 2026 | $50,000 |
| | Milestone 2 – Evidence of a project commencement workshop with partners and confirmation of community participation in the project. | 30 November 2026 | $86,000 |

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| **Low-tech Approaches for Monitor and Treat Drinking Water Supplies** | Milestone 3 – Delivery and acceptance of mid-term progress report, including identifying suitable conference to communicate progress and results. | 31 May 2027 | $80,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Delivery and acceptance of a report on efficacy of heavy metal filtration. | 30 November 2027 | $70,000 |
| | Milestone 5 – Delivery and acceptance of a final evaluation and project report. Evidence of conference presentation. | 31 July 2028 | $50,000 |
| **Beneficial use of Brine in small First Nation Communities** | Milestone 1 – Project Commencement with Delivery and Acceptance of the Project Plan, including the outline of the Project, Risks, Partners and Work Package Determination. | 6 December 2024 | $120,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Progress Report, including:<br>• Laboratory Trial Commencement.<br>• Initial Report Delivered. | 15 May 2026 | $140,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Progress Report, including Commencement of Selected Pilot Studies. | 1 December 2026 | $140,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Delivery and acceptance of a Progress Report. | 15 May 2027 | $100,000 |
| | Milestone 5 – Plan and Report on extension and optimisation of Pilot Studies. | 3 December 2027 | $70,000 |
| | Milestone 6 – Delivery and Acceptance of Final Report. | 15 May 2028 | $20,000 |
| **Desalination Subsurface Intakes** | Milestone 1 – Delivery and Acceptance of Program Plan outlining<br>• The Project, Risks, Partners and Site Selection.<br>• Formation of a Project Team and Engagement Activities. | 6 December 2024 | $500,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Progress Report 1, including the Status of the Environmental Approval. | 15 May 2025 | $900,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 3 – Progress Report 2 including Commissioning of Bore. | 1 December 2026 | $250,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Progress Report 3 including Installation of Seawater Desalination Pilot Plant complete. | 1 February 2027 | $200,000 |
| | Milestone 5 – Delivery and Acceptance of Final Report. | 1 June 2027 | $50,000 |
| **Emerging Desalination Technology Demonstration for Low Yielding and Saline Water Science Project** | Milestone 1 – Delivery and Acceptance of a Project Plan outlining the Project. | 8 November 2024 | $210,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Delivery and Acceptance of a Report, including:<br>• Information on the Installation.<br>• Commissioning of Trial at Site 1. | 15 May 2026 | $70,000 |

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| **Emerging Desalination Technology Demonstration for Low Yielding and Saline Water Science Project** | Milestone 3 – Delivery and Acceptance of a Report, including:<br>• Information on the Installation.<br>• Commissioning of Trial at Site 2. | 31 December 2027 | $20,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Delivery and Acceptance of the Final Report. | 31 May 2028 | $10,000 |
| **EcoVAP Evaporative Matrix** | Milestone 1 – Project commencement with Delivery and Acceptance of the Project Plan, including the outline of the Project, Risks, Partners and Site Selection Determination. | 8 November 2024 | $150,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Installation and Commissioning of Trial at Site. | 15 April 2026 | $30,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Final Report Delivered, Accepted, and Published. | 5 April 2027 | $10,000 |
| **Electrochemical Nitrate and Heavy Metal Removal Plant** | Milestone 1 – Project commencement with Delivery and Acceptance of the Project Plan, including the outline of the Project, Risks, Partners and Site Selection Determination. | 6 December 2024 | $790,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Progress Report, including:<br>• Commencement of the Design.<br>• Construction Stage of the Unit. | 19 January 2026 | $280,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Progress Report, including:<br>• Installation.<br>• Commissioning of Trial at Site. | 31 May 2026 | $95,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Progress Report, including:<br>• Installation.<br>• Commissioning of Trial at Site. | 1 December 2026 | $95,000 |
| | Milestone 5 – Delivery and Acceptance of Final Report. | 15 May 2027 | $10,000 |
| **Electrodialysis Reversal Research Pilot** | Milestone 1 – Project Commencement with Delivery and Acceptance of the Project Plan, including the outline of the Project, Risks, Partners and Site Selection Determination. | 7 February 2025 | $40,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Progress Report, including:<br>• Installation.<br>• Commissioning of Trial at Site 1. | 31 March 2026 | $300,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Progress Report, including:<br>• Installation.<br>• Commissioning of Trial at Site 2. | 30 November 2026 | $60,000 |
| | Milestone 4 – Final Report Delivered, Accepted, and Published. | 31 August 2027 | $20,000 |

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| **Pathogen Removal in Electrochemical Treatments** | Milestone 1 – Project Commencement with Delivery and acceptance of the Project Plan, including the outline of the Project, Risks and Partners. | 8 November 2024 | $40,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Progress Report, including Laboratory Trial Commencement. | 1 August 2025 | $20,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 3 – Delivery and Acceptance of Final Report. | 1 May 2026 | $20,000 |
| **Solar powered Desalination with Recycled Membrane** | Milestone 1 – Project Commencement with Delivery and Acceptance of the Project Plan, including the outline of the Project, Risks, Partners and Site Selection Determination. | 8 November 2024 | $120,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Progress Report, including:<br>• Installation.<br>• Commissioning of Trial at Site. | 6 February 2026 | $20,000 |
| | Milestone 3 – Delivery and Acceptance of Final Report. | 15 December 2026 | $20,000 |
| **UV Disinfection using LED's** | Milestone 1 – Project Commencement with Delivery and Acceptance of the Project Plan, including:<br>• The Outline of the Project.<br>• Risks.<br>• Partners.<br>• Work Package Determination. | 8 November 2024 | $30,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Progress Report, including:<br>• Site Determination with the Commencement of the Design.<br>• Installation.<br>• Commissioning of Trial at Site. | 1 September 2025 | $50,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 3 – Delivery and Acceptance of Final Report. | 31 October 2026 | $20,000 |
| **Managing water quality to enable future irrigation development in the Kimberley Region (Complete)** | Milestone 1 – Completion of a Project Plan | 20 April 2022 | $100,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Development of the hydrogeochemical model and completion of initial testing undertaken on prescribed options | 30 November 2022 | $100,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 3 – Completion of a report on water quality management options to enable development of the Keep River irrigation areas | 31 May 2023 | $50,000 **(Paid)** |
| **Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) pilot in Myalup (Cancelled)** | Milestone 1- Completion of detailed design of MAR Basins, Environmental Approvals received. Completion of Project Plan. | 31 May 2022 | $500,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 2 – Completion of a Progress Report on which outlined the approvals for Development and Land Access and a preliminary engineering design. | 31 July 2023 | $800,000 **(Paid)** |
| | Milestone 3 – Completion of a Progress Report that outlined a detailed engineering design of the MAR pilot and development of the hydrogeological model – phase 1 | 30 November 2023 | $800,400 **(Paid)** |