

National Water Grid Fund

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - INFRASTRUCTURE

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania Northern Territory 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	<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>
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	<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"> (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; (b) provide reasonable opportunity for the Commonwealth to contribute to developing communications strategies for projects with a Commonwealth funding contribution; (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 (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.
<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 2A: New South Wales – Projects and payment summary

Outputs (Projects)	Project scope	Total Commonwealth contribution	Total non-Commonwealth contribution
Eurobodalla Southern Storage	The project will construct off-stream water storage and pumping infrastructure, including power supply upgrade; water pumping station; storage embankment, outlet tower and spillway to enable full linkage and integration of the Eurobodalla region supply system. The project will improve water availability and security for the region, increasing storage capacity by 3,000ML and providing an estimated additional 581ML of water per annum for downstream irrigators and stock watering.	\$51,224,000	\$98,776,000
Nyngan to Cobar Pump Stations Project	The project will replace and upgrade the Nyngan and Hermidale pump stations. Nyngan Pump Station failed in 2019 and is not economically viable to repair and Hermidale Pump Station is in partial failure. Replacing the two pump stations will provide long-term water supply reliability and water security for the Cobar region.	\$26,250,000	\$22,750,000
Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	The project will augment the existing Yass Water Treatment Plant to add new water treatment assets, resulting in increased and reliable treatment performance and better water quality for the community of Yass.	\$18,100,000	\$18,100,000
Kempsey (Steuart MacIntyre Dam) Water Treatment Plant	Construction of Steuart MacIntyre Dam Water Treatment Plant, including infrastructure for water treatment, storage, pumping and distribution. This will allow Council to better meet public health and water quality obligations as a supplier of drinking water to the Kempsey community.	\$12,500,000	\$40,405,000
Far West Water Treatment Plants	The project will construct three new Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) in Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs. These new WTP's will replace the current inadequate infrastructure servicing the three communities. The project will also construct a new reticulation system, drinking water reservoir, raw water mains and increased drought storage in White Cliffs.	\$10,000,000	\$11,500,000
Molong Water Security Pipeline	The project will replace the aging 8.9 km raw-water pipeline from Molong Creek Dam to the Water Filtration Plant, ensuring reliable water supply, reducing leaks, and supporting future growth. The project enhances regional water security while maintaining emergency supply connections from Orange to Molong, Cumnock and Yeoval.	\$2,676,000	\$2,675,000

Walhallow Aboriginal Community Water Supply and Wastewater Reuse	<p>The project will improve water supply through the delivery of a containerised water treatment plant and waste stream buffer tank, replacement of network pipes impacted by poor water quality, construction of a Wastewater Recycling Scheme, and repairing and upgrading the Wastewater Treatment Plant to facilitate reuse. The project will diversify the water supply for the Walhallow community, which is currently solely reliant on ground and bore water.</p>	<p>\$2,200,000</p>	<p>\$2,200,000</p>
Lightning Ridge Bore Pipeline	<p>The project will upgrade the existing water infrastructure to secure water supply for the township of Lightning Ridge. The Project will upgrade the existing failing water main and provide electrical and mechanical upgrades at Bore 1 and 2 pumping systems to meet industry standards and restore a backup water supply for the Community.</p>	<p>\$1,300,000</p>	<p>\$1,300,000</p>
Macquarie-Wambool Water Security Project Detailed Business Case 2024	<p>The Detailed Business Case will investigate three infrastructure options to increase water security in the Macquarie-Castlereagh region. The options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • repurposing flood mitigation storage in Burrendong Dam for urban water supply; • replacing the existing Gin Gin Weir, and/or; • constructing a new regional pipeline(s) connecting Dubbo to Nyngan and other NSW regional towns. <p>The project will identify a preferred option and output a project delivery plan.</p>	<p>\$4,675,000</p>	<p>\$4,675,000</p>
Belubula Water Security Project Detailed Business Case 2024	<p>The Detailed Business Case will investigate options to increase water storage capacity in the Belubula Valley. These options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • raise Lake Rowlands Dam; • construct a new transfer pipeline between Lake Rowlands Dam and Carcoar Dam; • a new dam downstream from Lake Rowlands Dam, and; • connecting the Belubula and Macquarie valleys through an interregional pipeline. <p>The project will identify a preferred option and output a project delivery plan.</p>	<p>\$3,850,000</p>	<p>\$3,850,000</p>
Tamworth Advanced Water Treatment Plant Detailed Business Case	<p>The Detailed Business Case will investigate an advanced water treatment plant. The proposed project could recycle wastewater of industry users up to 12 ML/day and it is anticipated that 95 per cent of wastewater can be treated. Local industry uses approximately 40 per cent of Tamworth's water supply. This water recycling could reduce the demand on potable, community water supplies by up to 25 per cent.</p>	<p>\$3,000,000</p>	<p>\$3,000,000</p>

Far North Coast Preliminary Business Case	<p>The Preliminary Business Case will investigate a number of options from the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • connecting the two largest water supply systems in the region (Tweed Shire Council system and Rous County Council system) to efficiently share water supply infrastructure • constructing a large regional desalination plant, or smaller modular desalination plants • connecting towns that currently run independent water supply systems to the Rous County Council bulk supply network • using Toonumbar Dam to augment town water supplies, particularly for Casino • connecting the regional water system to the South-East Queensland water grid 	<p>\$2,500,000</p>	<p>\$2,500,000</p>
Bermagui Water Security Preliminary Business Case	<p>The Preliminary Business Case will investigate water security options including modification or construction of weir infrastructure around Bermagui, or operational / policy changes for Brogo Dam.</p>	<p>\$1,500,000</p>	<p>\$1,500,000</p>
Narrandera Water Treatment Plant Detailed Business Case	<p>The Detailed Business Case will investigate the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant (WTP), including the preferred lagoon sedimentation treatment option, development of detailed concept designs, costings, undertaking geotechnical investigations and environmental assessments and securing all necessary preliminary approvals to facilitate a seamless transition to a Design and Construct contract. A new WTP would provide a more resilient water supply, ensure reliable delivery of safe drinking water and reduce reliance on groundwater by diversifying supply to include river water.</p>	<p>\$904,000</p>	<p>\$903,000</p>
Bathurst Water Harvesting Stage 2 Detailed Business Case	<p>The Detailed Business Case will assess the merits of a proposed water security project for the Bathurst township, which is anticipated to provide an additional 2,000ML of available water. This would contribute to closing the secure yield gap and assist in resolving the yield requirements to ensure sufficient water is available for Bathurst's town water supply.</p>	<p>\$700,000</p>	<p>\$700,000</p>
Central Tablelands Regional Water Supply Grid Preliminary Business Case	<p>The project will develop a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) to shortlist options for improved water security and management across the Central Tablelands region. The PBC will seek to address the specific issues which contribute to water security concerns in the region, including insufficient water reliability and security (lack of system storage), ageing infrastructure and insufficient system connectivity (efficiency).</p>	<p>\$562,000</p>	<p>\$562,000</p>

Tabulam Water Supply Detailed Business Case	The Detailed Business Case will investigate a potable water supply in Tabulam, which is currently reliant on individual property tank water.	\$200,000	\$200,000
Orange Purified Recycled Water Treatment Demonstration Plant PBC	The Preliminary Business Case will investigate a purified recycled water (PRW) Treatment Demonstration Plant. The pilot plant aims to build social licence and evaluate regulatory processes.	\$200,000	\$250,000
Lostock Dam to Glennies Creek Dam Pipeline Detailed Business Case (Complete)	The Detailed Business Case, which will include hydrological modelling and a planning approval strategy, will assess the benefits to constructing a two-way pipeline connecting two headwater water storages, Lostock Dam and Glennies Creek Dam. The objective of the proposed pipeline is to improve the existing system and support the ongoing economic productivity of key industries and water users operating in the Hunter region.	\$11,100,000	\$2,500,000
NSW Connections Funding Pathway Package (Complete)	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walcha Off-Stream Water Storage • West Wyalong Water Reliability Project • Urbenville Water Supply Project. 	\$10,546,600	\$21,097,400
Nyngan to Cobar Pipeline Detailed Business Case (Complete)	The Detailed Business Case assessed the benefits of upgrading the existing pipeline and pumping infrastructure to ensure continued water security and reliability in support of mining operations in the Cobar region.	\$1,000,000	\$1,800,000
Macquarie / Wambuul Water Security Project Detailed Business Case (Cancelled)	The Detailed Business Case will assess the merits of the proposed construction and commissioning of a re-regulating gated weir and fishway on the Macquarie / Wambuul River. The project includes finalising the detailed design and planning approvals. The objective of the proposed structure is to improve water reliability and security for the region and to maintain flows to the natural environment.	\$2,000,000	\$1,362,591
Belubula Water Security Project Detailed Business Case (Cancelled)	The Detailed Business Case will assess the merits of a proposed water security project in the Belubula Valley. The project includes finalising the design of the proposed Lake Rowlands Dam; a transfer pipeline between Lake Rowlands Dam and Carcoar Dam; a new pumping station; and associated ancillary works. The proposed infrastructure would improve the reliability, quality, and security of water in the region for towns and agricultural production.	\$1,000,000	\$1,669,990

Table 2B: New South Wales – Projects and payment summary – Science Projects

Outputs (Projects)	Project scope	Total Commonwealth contribution	Total non-Commonwealth contribution
Investigate impacts of parameter uncertainty in stochastic models on system yield	The Project will develop enhanced stochastic climate data sets for the Namoi Region that will address uncertainty and improve confidence in water security estimation for Tamworth and nearby urban centres. Multiple calibrations and parameterisations will be used to develop multiple sets of long-term replicates derived from different statistical distributions, as specified by the Expert Advisory Panel. The data sets will be used in water models to sensitivity test and economically evaluate a short list of options that will be proposed to improve water security.	\$400,000	\$250,000
Improving groundwater supply security for agriculture and primary industries through better understanding of groundwater flow in the GAB (Complete)	The objective of the project is to identify the groundwater connectivity and flow paths from the recharge areas of the Great Artesian Basin (GAB) into the deeper buried sections. The outcomes of this work will inform groundwater management decisions on the capacity to release additional access to GAB groundwater that will not jeopardise the security of existing water supply infrastructure of the GAB.	\$941,567	\$400,000
Improving understanding of groundwater sustainability and renewability using isotope hydrochemistry (Complete)	Use groundwater stable and decaying isotope data along with hydrochemistry results from samples already collected and currently being analysed by ANSTO to determine groundwater age (time since recharge). This will provide information about groundwater flow, aquifer interconnectivity and aquifer replenishment rates, and improve understanding of the renewability of the groundwater resources.	\$187,713	\$100,000
Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) opportunities for agriculture in NSW (Complete)	Detailed desktop study to advance possible large-scale agricultural MAR schemes in irrigation areas of NSW, building on opportunities identified in CSIRO's rapid appraisal research. MAR infrastructure has the potential to improve water security, building resilience for existing water users, including communities.	\$140,000	\$60,000

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



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Table A1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales
Purpose	This Appendix has been developed in accordance with the National Water Grid Fund Schedule (the Schedule), to set out the Commonwealth and New South Wales estimated expenditure profile and performance milestones to support the operation of the Schedule.

Estimated financial contributions

Table A2 (\$)	2021-22 and prior	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29 onwards	Total
Estimated total budget	31,239,399	58,627,988	76,057,605	99,896,923	65,154,000	50,633,000	21,931,946	9,412,000	412,952,861
Eurobodalla Southern Storage	1,280,000	8,960,000	10,240,000	23,040,000	6,704,000	1,000,000	0	0	51,224,000
Nyngan to Cobar Pump Stations Project	0	1,050,000	2,500,000	10,000,000	6,700,000	5,250,000	750,000	0	26,250,000
Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	0	0	0	0	200,000	5,000,000	5,200,000	7,700,000	18,100,000
Kempsey (Steuart MacIntyre Dam) Water Treatment Plant	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	9,000,000	1,500,000	0	12,500,000
Molong Water Security Pipeline	0	0	0	0	0	1,302,000	1,374,000	0	2,676,000
Far West Water Treatment Plants	0	0	0	7,500,000	0	2,500,000	0	0	10,000,000
Walhallow Aboriginal Community Water Supply and Wastewater Reuse	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	600,000	1,550,000	2,200,000
Lightning Ridge Bore Pipeline	0	0	0	200,000	0	1,100,000	0	0	1,300,000
Macquarie-Wambool Water Security Project Detailed Business Case 2024	0	0	0	2,250,000	1,000,000	1,425,000	0	0	4,675,000
Belubula Water Security Project Detailed Business Case 2024	0	0	0	2,000,000	0	1,850,000	0	0	3,850,000
Tamworth Advanced Water Treatment Plant Detailed Business Case	0	0	0	2,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000
Far North Coast Preliminary Business Case	0	0	0	250,000	1,000,000	1,250,000	0	0	2,500,000
Bermagui Water Security Preliminary Business Case	0	0	0	500,000	250,000	750,000	0	0	1,500,000
Narrandera Water Treatment Plant Detailed Business Case	0	0	0	0	0	51,000	853,000	0	904,000
Bathurst Water Harvesting Stage 2 Detailed Business Case	0	0	0	0	0	350,000	350,000	0	700,000
Central Tablelands Regional Water Supply Grid Preliminary Business Case	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	300,000	162,000	562,000
Tabulam Water Supply Detailed Business Case	0	0	0	50,000	0	150,000	0	0	200,000
Orange Purified Recycled Water Treatment Demonstration Plant PBC	0	0	0	50,000	0	150,000	0	0	200,000
Connections Funding Pathway	3,938,700	3,639,500	0	2,968,400	0	0	0	0	10,546,600

Lostock Dam to Glennies Creek Dam Pipeline Detailed Business Case	4,700,000	3,400,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	11,100,000
Nyngan to Cobar Pipeline Detailed Business Case	800,000	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
Macquarie / Wambuul Water Security Project Detailed Business Case (cancelled)	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000
Belubula Water Security Project Detailed Business Case (cancelled)	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
Investigate impacts of parameter uncertainty in stochastic models on system yield	0	0	0	175,000	150,000	75,000	0	0	400,000
Improving groundwater supply security for agriculture and primary industries through better understanding of groundwater flow in the GAB.	197,099	137,113	0	607,355	0	0	0	0	941,557
Improving understanding of groundwater sustainability and renewability using isotope hydrochemistry	30,000	32,500	0	125,213	0	0	0	0	187,713
Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) opportunities for agriculture in NSW	20,000	20,000	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	140,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	17,273,600	41,188,875	62,317,605	45,080,955	47,150,000	19,280,000	11,004,946	0	243,295,981

Table A3: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone due	Payment
Eurobodalla Southern Storage	Milestone 1 – Evidence of establishment of an appropriate governance structure for the Projects including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Terms of Reference • Information in relation to Project team established • Draft Project Execution Plan • Commencement of construction for Tuross River Pump Station and access road. 	30 November 2021	\$1,280,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of construction works for Tuross River Pump Station. Storage construction component Design and Construction – Tender awarded.	16 December 2022	\$6,400,000
	Milestone 3 – Completion of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy	1 June 2023	\$2,560,000
	Milestone 4 – Completion of the design and construction of the power supply upgrade. Completion of the Embankment Foundations, including stripping, grouting and preparation.	10 May 2024	\$10,240,000
	Milestone 5 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 per cent completion of zoned earth and rockfill embankment including completion of foundation works (stripping, grouting, preparation) and diversion and dewatering works (cofferdam, stream diversion pipework). • Completion of the construction access road. • Provision of a progress report and financial update. 	13 December 2024	\$15,360,000
	Milestone 6 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 per cent completion of zoned earth and rockfill embankment. • Provision of a progress report and financial update. 	15 February 2025	\$7,680,000
	Milestone 7 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the construction of the cam outlet tower and spillway. • Practical completion of construction and dry commissioning of the project (excluding wet commissioning). • Provision of a financial update. 	31 May 2026	\$6,704,000
	Milestone 8 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the Project Completion Report.	31 July 2026	\$1,000,000

Nyngan to Cobar Pump Stations Project	Milestone 1 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission and acceptance of a Project Management Plan. • Submission of a Procurement Plan for the Pump Station contract. • Concept Design and Review of Environmental Factors- Contract Award. 	30 April 2023	\$1,050,000
	Milestone 2 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission and acceptance of an Indigenous Participation Plan. • Completion of Concept Design and provision of the procurement plan. • Completion of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan. • Completion of Biodiversity Development Assessment Report. 	2 November 2023	\$2,500,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump station Construction Contract – Tender Awarded. • Progress report on indigenous, community, and stakeholder engagement and a financial update. 	14 February 2025	\$10,000,000
	Milestone 4 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencement of the main construction of the pumping stations in accordance with project management documentation. • Possession of site issued to Principal Contractor. • Provision of a progress report and financial update. 	31 August 2025	\$6,700,000
	Milestone 5 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the Commissioning Plan following approval by the Project Technical Working Group. • Completion of new switchboard. • Provision of a progress report and financial update. 	31 October 2026	\$5,250,000
	Milestone 6 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of the Practical Completion Report by the Australian Government. • Completion of Project Commissioning (dry and wet commissioning). 	31 October 2027	\$750,000

Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	Milestone 1 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Management Plan and Indigenous Participation Plan.	15 August 2025	\$200,000
	Milestone 2 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and confirmation that the requirements of the Australian Government’s Building and Construction Work Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme have been met. Awarding of construction contract. 	30 November 2026	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and evidence of installation of project signage. Commencement of construction. 	31 March 2027	\$3,000,000
	Milestone 4– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget. Completion of Civil Works (New Assets) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Tank (KMnO₄ & PAC) Clear Water Tank (~1.2 ML) Clear Water Pump Station Building. 	31 March 2028	\$5,200,000
	Milestone 5– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget. Dry commissioning of Main Plant. 	31 July 2028	\$6,500,000
	Milestone 6 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of construction. Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Completion Report. 	30 November 2028	\$1,200,000

Kempsey (Steuart MacIntyre Dam) Water Treatment Plant	Milestone 1 –	21 March 2025	\$1,000,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Management Plan and Indigenous Participation Plan, and confirmation that the requirements of the Australian Government’s Building and Construction Work Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme have been met. • Evidence of progression of detailed design. 		
	Milestone 2 –	28 February 2026	\$1,000,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget, and evidence of installation of project signage. • Completion of Detailed Design. 		
	Milestone 3 –	31 July 2026	\$2,500,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget. • Construction commencement including establishment, earthworks, and High Voltage transmission upgrades. 		
Milestone 4 –	31 January 2027	\$2,500,000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget. • Practical completion of concrete tanks – Raw Water Tank, Clear Water Tank, DAFF tank. 			
Milestone 5 –	31 March 2027	\$4,000,000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget. • Practical completion of Water Treatment Plant Building Construction. 			
Milestone 6 –	31 July 2027	\$1,500,000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning of Water Treatment Plant. • Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Completion Report. 			

Far West Water Treatment Plants	Milestone 1 – Submission of Project Execution Plan; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.4km of White Cliffs reticulation pipe network installed. • Submission of an Indigenous Participation Report. • Progress report on White Cliffs Water Treatment Plant construction. 	12 December 2024	\$2,500,000
	Milestone 2 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of White Cliffs Water Treatment Plant and drinking water supply. • Progress reports on the construction of the Ivanhoe and Wilcannia Water Treatment Plants and a financial update. 	30 April 2025	\$5,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Completion of Ivanhoe and Wilcannia Water Treatment Plants, provision of a financial update.	31 July 2026	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of a Project Completion Report by the Australian Government.	31 October 2026	\$500,000
Molong Water Security Pipeline	Milestone 1 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by Australian Government of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, budget, risk management and stakeholder engagement plan. • Completion of Procurement and Award of Construction Contract. 	30 September 2026	\$602,000
	Milestone 2 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against the Project Plan, including any challenges/risks to delivery. • Evidence of installation of project signage. • Completion of First 3 km of Pipeline Installation 	30 March 2027	\$700,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical completion of Remaining Pipeline Installation, including commissioning of Pipeline. • Acceptance by Australian Government of Project Completion Report evidencing project completion and detailing achievement of outcomes against Project Plan. 	30 September 2027	\$1,374,000

Walhallow Aboriginal Community Water Supply and Wastewater Reuse	Milestone 1 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by Australian Government of a Project Plan, including key deliverables and timelines, budget, and a detailed community and stakeholder engagement plan. Acceptance by Australian Government of an Indigenous Participation Plan. Completion of detailed design and tender documentation. 	31 July 2026	\$50,000
	Milestone 2 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of the project’s delivery against the Project Plan and Indigenous Participation Plan. Evidence of installation of project signage. 	31 July 2027	\$600,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of the project’s delivery against the Project Plan and Indigenous Participation Plan.	31 July 2028	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance by Australian Government of Project Completion Report evidencing project completion and detailing achievement of outcomes against Project Plan and Indigenous Participation Plan.	30 September 2028	\$550,000
Lightning Ridge Bore Pipeline	Milestone 1 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Plan, Indigenous Participation Plan, and a review of environmental factors for the project. Construction tenders released. 	28 February 2025	\$200,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against project schedule and budget, including evidence of construction commencement and installation of project signage.	31 July 2026	\$700,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioning of new pipeline. Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Completion Report. 	31 October 2026	\$400,000

Macquarie-Wambuul Water Security Project Detailed Business Case (DBC) 2024	Milestone 1 – Completion of a project delivery plan, including detail on key deliverables, timelines, management, governance, financials and risks.	31 July 2024	\$250,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including technical reports, stakeholder engagement and financial update.	31 October 2024	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including updated project reports and value for money assessment	30 April 2026	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 4 – Submission of draft Detailed Business Case, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed design and planning approval strategy, • Detailed Cost Plan. • Detailed Economic and Cost Benefit Analysis. • Environmental and biodiversity assessment. • Procurement and Delivery Strategy. • Provision of a financial update. 	31 October 2026	\$925,000
	Milestone 5 – Submission of the final Detailed Business Case, including identification of a preferred option for progression.	30 November 2026	\$500,000
Belubula Water Security Project Detailed Business Case (DBC) 2024	Milestone 1 – Completion of a project delivery plan, including detail on key deliverables, timelines, management, governance, financials and risks.	31 July 2024	\$500,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including technical reports, stakeholder engagement and financial update.	12 December 2024	\$1,500,000
	Milestone 3 – Submission of draft Detailed Business Case, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailing design and planning approval strategy. • Detailed Cost Plan. • Detailed Cost Benefit Analysis. • Environmental and biodiversity assessment. • Procurement and Delivery Strategy. • Provision of a financial update. 	31 July 2026	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 4 – Submission of the final Detailed Business Case, including identification of a preferred option for progression.	30 September 2026	\$850,000

Tamworth Advanced Water Treatment Plant Detailed Business Case (DBC)	Milestone 1 – Completion of a Project Management Plan, including detail on key deliverables, timelines, financials and a Project Governance Framework and Risk Management Plan.	31 July 2024	\$500,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including completion of Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Procurement Strategy.	30 September 2024	\$750,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery, including commencement of field investigation, preliminary design, and planning reports.	12 December 2024	\$750,000
	Milestone 4 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by the Australian Government of the Detailed Business Case. Acceptance by the Australian Government of a project completion report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the project plan. 	30 April 2026	\$1,000,000
Far North Coast Preliminary Business Case (PBC)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance by Australian Government of a project plan.	14 February 2025	\$250,000
	Milestone 2 – Submission of completed draft PBC.	31 May 2026	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by Australian Government of final PBC. Acceptance by the Australian Government of a project completion report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the project plan. 	31 July 2026	\$1,250,000
Bermagui Water Security Preliminary Business Case (PBC)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance by Australian Government of a project plan, including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the PBC.	7 February 2025	\$500,000
	Milestone 2 – Submission of completed draft PBC.	31 May 2026	\$250,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by Australian Government of final PBC. Acceptance by the Australian Government of a project completion report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the project plan. 	31 July 2026	\$750,000

Narrandera Water Treatment Plant Detailed Business Case (DBC)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance by Australian Government of Project Plan for delivery of DBC, including key deliverables and timelines, budget, risk management and stakeholder engagement plan.	31 August 2026	\$51,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress report detailing the status of delivery against Project Plan.	31 July 2027	\$420,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by Australian Government of a Project Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against the Project Plan. Submission of completed draft DBC. 	30 November 2027	\$258,000
	Milestone 4 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by Australian Government of final DBC. Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Completion Report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the Project Plan. 	29 February 2028	\$175,000
Bathurst Water Harvesting Stage 2 Detailed Business Case (DBC)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance by Australian Government of Project Plan for delivery of the DBC, including key deliverables and timelines, budget, risk management and stakeholder engagement plan.	31 July 2026	\$350,000
	Milestone 2 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by Australian Government of a Project Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against the Project Plan. Submission of completed draft DBC. 	30 September 2027	\$250,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance by Australian Government of final DBC. Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Completion report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the Project Plan. 	31 December 2027	\$100,000

Central Tablelands Regional Water Supply Grid Preliminary Business Case (PBC)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance by Australian Government of Project Plan for delivery of the PBC, including key deliverables and timelines, budget, risk management and stakeholder engagement plan.	31 July 2026	\$100,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Progress Report detailing the status of delivery against Project Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Water Supply Modelling/Technical assessment. • Commencement of Asset Condition review. 	31 July 2027	\$300,000
	Milestone 3 – Submission of completed draft PBC.	31 July 2028	\$120,000
	Milestone 4 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by Australian Government of final PBC. • Acceptance by Australian Government of a Project Completion Report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the Project Plan. 	30 November 2028	\$42,000
Tabulam Water Supply Detailed Business Case (DBC)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance by Australian Government of a project plan, including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the DBC.	1 November 2024	\$50,000
	Milestone 2 – Submission of completed draft DBC.	31 July 2026	\$100,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by Australian Government of final DBC. • Acceptance by the Australian Government of a project completion report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the project plan. 	31 October 2026	\$50,000
Orange Purified Recycled Water Treatment Demonstration Plant Preliminary Business Case (PBC)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance by Australian Government of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the PBC.	6 December 2024	\$50,000
	Milestone 2 – Submission of completed draft PBC.	31 July 2026	\$100,000
	Milestone 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance by Australian Government of final PBC. • Acceptance by the Australian Government of a Project Completion report detailing project performance against the objectives set out in the Project Plan. 	30 October 2026	\$50,000

Connections Funding Pathway Package (Complete)	Milestone 1 – Written confirmation of the details of the NSW Connections Package, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects to be delivered • Expected costs of each project and confirmation of funding partner contributions • Construction timing for each project. 	31 October 2021	\$3,938,700
	Milestone 2 – Submission and acceptance of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the NSW Connections Package, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current status of each project • Advice on any changes to construction timing • Advice on cost amendments (if any) for each project, including amendments to funding partner contributions • Challenges or issues in delivery of the package. 	30 April 2023	\$3,639,500
	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.	31 March 2025	\$2,968,400
Lostock Dam to Glennies Creek Dam Pipeline Detailed Business Case (Complete)	Milestone 1 – Completion of Project Governance and Terms of Reference. Completion of Draft Project Execution Plan. Completion of Draft Community Engagement Plan.	30 November 2021	\$1,700,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of Draft Contracting and Procurement Strategy. Commencement of hydrological modelling, and field investigations. Commencement of Planning Approval Pathway report.	31 March 2022	\$3,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Completion of Planning Approval Strategy. Completion of Hydrological modelling. Commencement of Concept Design.	30 November 2022	\$3,400,000
	Milestone 4 – Completion of Concept Design. Commencement of Planning Approvals Development. Completion of Environmental Reports (for design work)	30 April 2024	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 5 – Submission of a draft Detailed Business Case including a Cost Benefit Analysis for consultation with the Australian Government.	20 February 2025	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 6 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the Detailed Business Case and Project Completion Report.	31 March 2025	\$1,000,000

Nyngan to Cobar Pipeline Detailed Business Case (Complete)	Milestone 1 – Completion of Project Governance and Terms of Reference. Completion of Draft Project Execution Plan. Completion of Draft Community Engagement Plan.	30 November 2021	\$400,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of Draft Contracting and Procurement strategy. Commencement of field investigations. Commencement of Concept Design. Commencement of Environmental Reports.	28 February 2022	\$400,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the Detailed Business Case.	31 July 2022	\$200,000
Macquarie / Wambuu Water Security Project Detailed Business Case (Cancelled)	Milestone 1 – Completion of Project Delivery and Governance Plans. Completion of Draft Project Execution Plan - focus on development of detailed business case. Completion of Draft Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	30 May 2022	\$2,000,000
Belubula Water Security Project Detailed Business Case (Cancelled)	Milestone 1 – Completion of Project Execution Plan and Governance Plans. Completion of Draft Project Execution Plan - focus on development of detailed business case. Completion of Draft Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	30 May 2022	\$1,000,000

Table A4: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone due	Payment
Investigate impacts of parameter uncertainty in stochastic models on system yield	Milestone 1 – Delivery and acceptance of a Project Plan outlining the project. Expert Advisory Group established and procurement in progress	13 December 2024	\$10,000
	Milestone 2 – Delivery and acceptance of a Preliminary Report, including information on the generated data and completion of Advisory Panel report review	16 May 2025	\$165,000
	Milestone 3 – Delivery and acceptance of the Final Report on the generated data	27 February 2026	\$30,000
	Milestone 4 – Delivery and acceptance of Project Status Report on the data configured as inflows to river system models	27 February 2026	\$30,000
	Milestone 5 – Delivery and acceptance of Project Status Report on river system modelling	30 April 2026	\$90,000
	Milestone 6 – Delivery and acceptance of Final Report on the finding of the Tamworth Pilot	30 September 2026	\$75,000
Improving ground water supply security for agriculture and primary industries through better understanding of ground water flow in the GAB (Complete)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of preliminary desktop analysis	30 May 2022	\$197,099
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of field results from completion of the initial field survey including sample submission to various laboratories	28 April 2023	\$137,113
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of field results from completion of the second field survey including sample submission to various laboratories	14 July 2024	\$88,143
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of data analysis including preliminary laboratory results	15 August 2024	\$155,676
	Milestone 5 – Acceptance of Progress Report on the preliminary data analysis	31 October 2024	\$50,808
	Milestone 6 – Acceptance of Draft Final Report for GAB	31 January 2025	\$255,370
	Milestone 7 – Acceptance of Final Report for GAB	30 April 2025	\$57,358
Improving understanding of groundwater sustainability and renewability using isotope hydrochemistry (Complete)	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan	29 April 2022	\$30,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Mid-research report	28 February 2023	\$32,500
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of Final research report	15 July 2024	\$62,500
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of Final project report	15 August 2024	\$62,713
Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) opportunities for agriculture in NSW (Complete)	Milestone 1 – Project Steering Committee established and procurement in progress	29 April 2022	\$20,000
	Milestone 2 – Acceptance of Project plan	30 November 2022	\$20,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance of Draft project report	15 July 2024	\$60,000
	Milestone 4 – Acceptance of Final Report	30 August 2024	\$40,000