Schedule

Future Drought Fund – Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2030 or when all project deliverables outlined in this Schedule are complete.
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of financial assistance from the Commonwealth to the State and Territory governments (States) to deliver the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program (the Program). The States will use this funding to assist consortia of local partners to develop, refine and implement Regional Drought Resilience Plans (RDR Plans) for their region Under the Program, funding will be available for implementation of eligible activities in finalised RDR Plans; to support regions to govern, maintain, update and improve RDR Plans; and for agricultural regions which do not have an RDR Plan in place to develop one. This Schedule is a further extension to the Future Drought Fund – Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program Schedule (2022-25), signed by all states in 2022.

Estimated financial contributions

Table 1.1: The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of $64 million in respect of this Schedule.

Table 1.1 ($)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total
Estimated total Commonwealth financial contribution	**16,625,000**	**17,438,000**	**15,188,000**	**14,750,000**	**64,001,000**
- NSW	$3,836,223	$4,035,580	$3,483,853	$3,376,451	$14,732,107
- VIC	$4,147,756	$4,364,431	$3,764,777	$3,648,044	$15,925,008
- QLD	$3,414,632	$3,590,553	$3,103,687	$3,008,910	$13,117,782
- WA	$2,024,347	$2,122,983	$1,850,006	$1,796,867	$7,794,203
- SA	$1,778,537	$1,863,507	$1,628,348	$1,582,570	$6,852,962
- TAS	$763,104	$791,627	$712,688	$697,321	$2,964,740
- ACT	$277,930	$279,483	$275,186	$274,349	$1,106,948
- NT	$382,471	$389,836	$369,455	$365,488	$1,507,250

Additional terms

States will be responsible for providing an agreed minimum co-contribution as specified in the agreed Program Implementation Plan and maintenance of effort to support the implementation of this Schedule. Estimated Commonwealth financial contributions are subject to, and will be scaled up to, matched (or otherwise agreed) co-contributions from the states up to the limits set out in Table 1.1. The Commonwealth's financial contribution will be finalised in the agreed Program Implementation Plan.

States must deliver the program in accordance with the agreed Program Implementation Plan. Program Implementation Plans must be informed by and aligned to the Program Framework at Appendix A and the *Future Drought Fund (Drought Resilience Funding Plan 2024-2028) Determination 2024*. Program deliverables commence upon Program Implementation Plan execution, unless otherwise agreed.

In addition to Paragraph 21 of the Federation Funding Agreement - Environment, and Schedule E, Clause 26 of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations:

1. The Commonwealth will provide states with a program Communication Plan and Co-branding guidelines. States must undertake program communications and branding consistently with the national guidance.
2. the announcement of a program or a project under this Schedule must be made jointly with the Australian Government and the relevant jurisdiction, unless otherwise agreed by the Commonwealth
3. when referring to the program or a project under this Schedule, it must be described as "jointly funded by the Australian Government and (insert name of jurisdiction) under the Future Drought Fund"
4. case study content and other communication or promotional materials developed under the program may be used by the Commonwealth, where appropriate, in line with the *Privacy Act 1988.*

In addition to Part 4 of the Federation Funding Agreement - Environment, a program Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan (MEL Plan) will be developed by the Commonwealth in consultation with States. States will negotiate with the

	Commonwealth to agree a format for progress-reporting in the context of their Program Implementation Plan, and the MEL plan. States are expected to deliver the program in accordance with public sector ethical values and duties such as probity, accountability, and transparency. States must ensure that any delivery partners, contractors or subcontractors engaged under the program operate in accordance with this Schedule and subordinate program documentation. As per the provision in Subsection 22(4) of the *Future Drought Fund Act 2019*, where states do not meet the requirements of the agreed Program Implementation Plan states may be required to refund to the Commonwealth part or all of any previously distributed funding that remains unexpended.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary (2025-29)			
Output	**Performance milestones**	**Report due**	**Payment**
Deliver phase 2 Program Implementation Plan	Completion of a Program Implementation Plan (PIP), as evidenced in writing and signed by both the Commonwealth and the relevant state and territory government officials, outlines: a) Program delivery approach and timing, including alignment with program framework (Appendix A) and any jurisdictionally tailored inclusions b) Program governance, risk management and stakeholder engagement c) Program budget, including State co-contributions, expected number of regions and value of grants to regions d) Communication strategy (consistent with program Communications Plan and co-branding requirements) e) Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan (consistent with program MEL Plan)	30/11/2025 or within three months of the Schedule being signed by both parties, whichever is earlier.	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2025/26 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
Delivery of Regional Drought Resilience Planning program	Completion of deliverables and provision of a progress report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, detailing performance against this Schedule and the agreed Program Implementation Plan for reporting period to 31 December 2025. The progress report for this period should also detail performance (activities and outcomes) for the transition between Phases 1 (2022-25) and 2, as relevant, in accordance with the respective Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan and Program Implementation Plan.	28/02/2026	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2025/26 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
	Completion of deliverables and provision of a progress report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, detailing performance against this Schedule and the agreed Program Implementation Plan for reporting period to 30 June 2026.	30/08/2026	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2026/27 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
	Completion of deliverables and provision of a progress report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, detailing performance against this Schedule and the agreed Program Implementation Plan for reporting period to 31 December 2026	28/02/2027	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2026/27 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.

	Completion of deliverables and provision of a progress report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, detailing performance against this Schedule and the agreed Program Implementation Plan for reporting period to 30 June 2027	30/08/2027	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2027/28 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
	Completion of deliverables and provision of a progress report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, detailing performance against this Schedule and the agreed Program Implementation Plan for reporting period to 31 December 2027	29/02/2028	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2027/28 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
	Completion of all deliverables and provision of a progress report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, detailing performance against this Schedule and the agreed Program Implementation Plan for the reporting period to 30 June 2028.	30/08/2028	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2028/29 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
	Completion of deliverables and provision of a progress report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, detailing performance against this Schedule and the agreed Program Implementation Plan for reporting period to 31 December 2028	28/02/2029	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2028/29 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
	Completion of deliverables and provision of a final report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, detailing performance against this Schedule and the agreed Program Implementation Plan for reporting period to 30 June 2029.	30/09/2029	Nil
	Provision of an evaluation report, as per the agreed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan, that describes the delivery, benefits and outcomes of the program as a whole and evaluates the program, including assessing the extent to which the outcomes have been achieved, or not.	31/12/2029	Nil

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

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

The Honourable Julie Collins MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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Signed *for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by*

The Honourable Tara Moriarty MLC
Minister for Agriculture; Regional New South Wales; Western New South Wales

2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by*

The Honourable Ros Spence MP
Minister for Agriculture; Carers and Volunteers; Community Sport

2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by*

The Honourable Anthony (Tony) Perrett MP
Minister for Primary Industries

2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia by*

The Honourable Jackie Jarvis MLC
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2025

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The Honourable Clare Scriven MLC
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2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by*

The Honourable Jane Howlett MP
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2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by*

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29/04/2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by*

The Honourable Gerard Maley MLA
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