

On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

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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 2024.																																
Purpose	<p>This Schedule varies and replaces the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme Schedule that was expected to expire on 30 June 2022.</p> <p>This Schedule will support the delivery of funding for rebates to primary producers and horticulture farmers to purchase and install new on-farm water infrastructure, or repair and replace damaged infrastructure. These rebates address animal welfare needs, permanent planting needs, recovery from natural disasters and improve resilience to drought.</p>																																
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$22.5m in 2022-23 and \$8.0m in 2023-24 in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Table 1</th> </tr> <tr> <th>(\$ million)</th> <th>2022-23</th> <th>2023-24</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>22.5</td> <td>8.0</td> <td>30.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>22.5</td> <td>8.0</td> <td>30.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- New South Wales</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>TBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Victoria</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>TBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Queensland</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>TBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Western Australia</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>TBA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1				(\$ million)	2022-23	2023-24	Total	Estimated total budget	22.5	8.0	30.5	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	22.5	8.0	30.5	- New South Wales	-	-	TBA	- Victoria	-	-	TBA	- Queensland	-	-	TBA	- Western Australia	-	-	TBA
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	<hr/> <p>Note 1: States are required to co-fund all applications for at least 12.5 per cent of costs incurred.</p>
<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>Guidance on eligible project activities is at Appendix A.</p> <p>In providing rebates to primary producers and horticulture farmers, the States must be satisfied that the rebate recipient has demonstrated that they are from the grazing or horticulture industries. Eligible rebate recipients must also demonstrate that they are drought affected or impacted by natural disasters as defined in accordance with this schedule.</p> <p>'Drought-affected' and 'natural disaster' will be defined in State program guidelines for the scheme.</p> <p>The definitions of drought-affected or natural disaster impacts may be amended over the life of the scheme in consultation with the Commonwealth as conditions change and will be published as required.</p> <p>Total rebates will be 25 per cent of the costs incurred by primary producers and horticulture farmers, up to a maximum total rebate of \$25,000, for eligible activities undertaken. States are required to co-fund all applications for at least 12.5 per cent of costs incurred.</p>

Table 2A: Tasmania – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
New infrastructure or repair or replacement of damaged infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings for farm businesses impacted by drought or natural disasters.	<p><i>Milestone 1</i></p> <p>Accepted milestone report template of co-funded payments at 25 per cent of expenses (12.5 per cent Commonwealth funding and 12.5 per cent Tasmanian Government funding) made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this Schedule from the date of execution to 30 November 2023.</p>	15 December 2023	Value of Commonwealth funded rebates paid from date of execution of this schedule to 30 November 2023 up to \$500,000
	<p><i>Milestone 2</i></p> <p>Accepted milestone report template of co-funded payments at 25 per cent of expenses (12.5 per cent Commonwealth funding and 12.5 per cent Tasmanian Government funding) made to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers consistent with this Schedule for the period 1 December 2023 to 30 April 2024.</p>	15 May 2024	Value of Commonwealth funded rebates 1 December 2023 to 30 April 2024 up to \$500,000 less payments for rebates under this schedule already provided to the state of Tasmania
	<p><i>Milestone 3</i></p> <p>Commonwealth-funded payment for administration arrangements for the delivery of the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme.</p>	15 May 2024	\$50,000 for Commonwealth-funded administration costs

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water

4/10/2023

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by



The Honourable Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Primary Industries and Water

17/10/2023

Appendix A: Guidance to States on eligibility for Commonwealth funding under the Rebate Scheme

A1 Eligible applicants must:

- a. be a primary producer or horticulture farmer (as defined by the state or territory in relation to delivering the rebate scheme)
- b. be property owners, share farmers or lease holders in the grazing industry
- c. undertake project activities for grazing livestock or permanent plantings that the landholder owns (not stock agisted on their property).

A2 The property must be within an area defined by the state or territory as being:

- a. drought impacted as defined in accordance with this schedule; or
- b. impacted by natural disasters as defined in accordance with this schedule.

A3 Water infrastructure must be purchased and installed, repaired, or replaced for an animal welfare or permanent planting need and to improve drought resilience.

A4 Eligibility for the rebate to cover expenses related to damaged water infrastructure applies to:

- a. natural disasters occurring after 1 January 2022
- b. damage from natural disasters as defined by the state or territory
- c. repair or replacement of damaged infrastructure
- d. applications that do not include funds from insurance and other grants as part of the 75% contribution required of applicants.

A5 Eligibility for the rebate for primary producers applies to:

- a. new water infrastructure purchased after 30 June 2018 or, in the case of damaged infrastructure, after 1 January 2022
- b. the purchase and installation, repair, or replacement of:
 - i. pipes
 - ii. water storage devices such as tanks and troughs associated with stock watering
 - iii. water pumps and associated water distribution systems
- c. the drilling of new stock water bores and associated power supply such as generators
- d. desilting dams
- e. other activities as agreed by the Commonwealth and consistent with the Output and Purpose of this Schedule for applications received from 1 July 2022.

A6 Eligibility for the rebate for horticulture farmers applies to:

- a. new water infrastructure purchased after 30 June 2019 or, in the case of damaged infrastructure, after 31 December 2021
- b. the purchase and installation, repair, or replacement of:
 - i. the drilling of new horticulture groundwater bores, and:
 - ii. desilting dams
- c. other activities as agreed by the Commonwealth and consistent with the Output and Purpose of this Schedule for applications received from 1 July 2022.