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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

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The Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC
Member of the Legislative Council
Parliament House
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Ms Centofanti

Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development on 24 October 2022 requesting access to the following:

“A copy of all correspondence from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development to any Commonwealth Government Minister and/or Assistant Ministers.”

Timeframe: 21/03/2022 to 24/10/2022

The scope of your application includes documents relating to Foot and Mouth Disease, Lumpy Skin Disease, the airport security system, the former Building Better Regions Fund and the Support Plantation Establishment Program to which you have already been provided, as per my determinations made on 17 November 2022 (refer MPIRD ref: eA197921), 18 November 2022 (refer MPIRD ref: eA197922), 26 September 2022 (refer MPIRD ref: eA197923), 8 December 2022 (refer MPIRD ref: eA198313 and eA198314) and 22 December 2022 (refer MPIRD ref: eA198410) respectively. Accordingly, the scope of your application excludes these documents, ie:

MPIRD ref: eA197921

- Full Release: Document 15

MPIRD ref: eA197922

- Full Release: Document 3

MPIRD ref: eA197923

- Full Release: Document 1

MPIRD ref: eA198313

- Full Release: Document 1

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MPIRD ref: eA198314

- Full Release: Document 1

MPIRD ref: eA198410

- Part Release: Document 1

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located thirteen documents that are captured within the scope of your request.

Determination

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in full**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1	Email encl letter from Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries to Hon Barnaby Joyce, Deputy Prime Minister dated 2/5/2022 re Revised National Water Grid Fund Schedule to the Federation Financing Agreement – Infrastructure	25
2	Email encl letter from Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries to Senator Duniam, Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries dated 13/5/2022 re the National Fisheries Plan	2
3	Email encl letter from the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries to Hon Keith Pitt MP, Minister for Resources and Water dated 16/5/2022 re the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme	2
4	Email encl letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries to the Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia dated 27/5/2022 re joint agreement for the National Japanese Encephalitis Response Program 2022	5
5	Letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries to Senator Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry dated 10/6/2022 re appointment as the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	2
6	Email encl letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries to Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry dated 30/6/2022 re the Future Drought Fund Farm Business Resilience and Regional Drought Resilience Planning Programs	32
7	Email encl letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries to Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry dated 13/7/2022 re the Building Resilience to Manage Fruit Fly Package	3

8	Email encl letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries to Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry dated 3/8/2022 re proposed phasing out of live export	2
9	Email encl letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries to Mr Tony Paskin MP, Federal Member for Barker, Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport dated 19/9/2022 re Foot and Mouth Disease	2
10	Email encl letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries to Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry dated 26/9/2022 re the release of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry	2
11	Email encl letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries to the Hon Stephen Jones MP, Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services dated 24/10/2022 re incentives to favour local wood processors	2
12	Letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries to Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry dated 24/10/2022 re the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program	10
13	Letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries to Mr Tony Pasiin MP, Member for Barker dated 23/10/2022 re oversupply of red wine grapes	1

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman SA. Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). If you wish to seek a review, you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving this internal review determination. For more information about seeking a review or appeal, please contact the Ombudsman SA on telephone (08) 8226 8699 or SACAT on 1800 723 767.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your application, and the document to which you are given access, will be published in the disclosure log on the [PIRSA website](http://pirsa.sa.gov.au). A copy of PC045 can be found at http://dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing within fourteen calendar days from the date of this determination.

Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Rachael Colegate on 8226 2931 or email Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

22 / 2 / 2023

Gonos, Anthea (PIRSA)

From: PIRSA:Minister Scriven
Sent: Monday, 2 May 2022 10:33 AM
To: 'minister.joyce@infrastructure.gov.au'
Subject: Revised National Water Grid Fund Schedule to the Federation Financing Agreement - Infrastructure
Attachments: eA196901 - letter to Hon Barnaby Joyce signed by Minister.pdf; eA196901 - signed funding agreement.pdf
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

Dear Deputy Prime Minister

Please find attached letter and co-signed revised schedule to formally secure funds to South Australia for the recently approved water infrastructure projects.

Kind regards

The Office of Hon Clare Scriven MLC

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Minister for Forest Industries

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eA196901

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Email: minister.joyce@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Deputy Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 29 March 2022 congratulating me on my appointment as Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, and Minister for Forest Industries, and for providing the revised National Water Grid Fund Schedule to the *Federation Financing Agreement – Infrastructure*.

I am pleased to provide you with the co-signed revised Schedule to formally secure funds to South Australia for the recently approved water infrastructure projects.

The revised Schedule presents an opportunity to renew the partnership between the Commonwealth and the South Australian Government for water infrastructure projects and investments to support existing primary industries and new and expanded agriculture.

I look forward to working with you on current and emerging opportunities for South Australia.

Yours sincerely

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

23/4 /2022

Enclosed – Signed Revised National Water Grid Fund Schedule to the *Federation Financing Agreement – Infrastructure*



FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE

An agreement between

- the Commonwealth of Australia and
- the States and Territories, being:
 - ◆ New South Wales
 - ◆ Victoria
 - ◆ Queensland
 - ◆ Western Australia
 - ◆ South Australia
 - ◆ Tasmania
 - ◆ the Australian Capital Territory
 - ◆ the Northern Territory

This Agreement will contribute to the delivery of specified initiatives in the Infrastructure sector. It consolidates current funding arrangements in the Infrastructure sector, with the exception of sector wide funding arrangements. It also provides a framework for facilitating future funding initiatives in the Infrastructure sector.

Federation Funding Agreement

– Infrastructure

OVERVIEW

1. This Federation Funding Agreement (Agreement) is created subject to the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (IGA FFR) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement and its Schedules, which provide information in relation to performance reporting and payment arrangements under the IGA FFR.

Purpose

2. This Agreement will contribute to the delivery of specified initiatives in the Infrastructure sector. It consolidates and rationalises National Partnership Agreements, Project Agreements and Schedules under the National Partnership for Streamlined Agreements in the Infrastructure sector, into Schedules under this agreement.
3. This agreement provides a framework for facilitating initiatives in the Infrastructure sector. Establishing this sector based agreement seeks to reduce the complexity in the funding arrangements to states while maintaining accountability and transparency.
4. This Agreement contributes to the reduction of the overall number of agreements between the Commonwealth and the States by consolidating National Partnership Agreements, and Project Agreements into Schedules attached to this agreement (FFA Schedules).

Reporting Arrangements

5. Reporting requirements in existing National Partnership Agreements, and Project Agreements will not change due to their consolidation in this agreement.
6. Reporting ensures all parties are satisfied milestones and outcomes funding is provided for are met. For future funding agreements, reporting requirements will be proportionate to the scale of funding and risk. Reporting will be meaningful and assist public understanding of how the funding has delivered benefit to the community.
7. Reporting arrangements for the duration of this Agreement are set out in Part 4 – Performance Management and Reporting.

Financial Arrangements

8. The Commonwealth and States' estimated financial contributions to the operation of this Agreement are set out in each FFA Schedule. Consolidation of agreements does not alter existing funding levels or funding profiles.

PART 1 – FORMALITIES

Parties to this Agreement

9. This Agreement is between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the States and Territories (the States). FFA Schedules to this Agreement are between the Commonwealth and signatory States.

Term of the Agreement

10. This Agreement will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it.
11. The arrangements under this Agreement will be ongoing unless otherwise agreed by all Parties. CFFR's review of funding agreements may lead to variations to this Agreement.
12. This Agreement consolidates all National Partnership Agreements and Project Agreements related to the Infrastructure sector. This Agreement also transfers the Infrastructure sector Schedules from the National Partnership for Streamlined Agreements, and applies the clauses in the body of this Agreement to those Schedules. The list of consolidated agreements is at Attachment A.
13. General arrangements that apply to all initiatives are set out in the body of this Agreement. Specific arrangements for individual initiatives are set out in individual FFA Schedules. There are no changes to existing arrangements under FFA Schedules. In the event of an inconsistency between the FFA Schedules and this Agreement, the FFA Schedules will prevail.
14. Future FFA Schedules to this Agreement commence as soon as the Commonwealth and the relevant Party/Parties sign them and expire on completion of the initiative, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones.

PART 2 – OBJECTIVES AND OUTPUTS

Objectives

15. This Agreement will:
 - a. contribute to the delivery of specified initiatives in the Infrastructure sector.
 - b. consolidate current funding arrangements for the Infrastructure sector into one agreement, with the exception of sector wide funding arrangements; and
 - c. provide a framework for facilitating future funding initiatives in the Infrastructure sector, that reduces complexity while maintaining accountability and transparency.

Outputs

16. Outputs of individual initiatives to be delivered under the Agreement are set out in the individual FFA Schedules.
17. The objectives of this Agreement will be achieved by:
 - a. providing a framework for facilitating initiatives in the Infrastructure sector; and
 - b. reducing the number of agreements by consolidating National Partnership Agreements, Project Agreements and Schedules under the National Partnership for Streamlined Agreements in the Infrastructure sector, into Schedules under this agreement.

PART 3 – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY

18. Under this Agreement, the Parties have specific roles and responsibilities, as outlined below. Any additional roles specific to individual initiatives will be outlined in the FFA Schedules. This Agreement will not alter any of the existing roles and responsibilities which are set out in existing FFA Schedules.

Role of the Commonwealth

19. The Commonwealth agree to be responsible for:
- a. providing a financial contribution to the States to support the implementation of the initiatives as specified in the FFA Schedules;
 - b. monitoring and assessing the performance in the delivery of the initiatives under FFA Schedules to ensure that outputs are delivered and outcomes are achieved within the agreed timeframe;
 - c. where applicable to the initiatives outlined in the FFA Schedules¹, in accordance with the *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016*, ensuring that financial contributions to a building project or projects are only made where a builder or builders accredited under the Australian Government Building and Construction WHS Accreditation Scheme is contracted; and
 - d. where applicable to the initiatives outlined in the FFA Schedules¹, ensuring that compliance with the Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016 (Building Code 2016) is a condition of Australian Government funding.

Role of the States and Territories

20. The States agree to be responsible for:
- a. all aspects of delivering on initiative outputs and outcomes set out in the FFA Schedules to which they are a party;
 - b. reporting on the delivery of outputs and outcomes to which they have agreed as set out in the FFA Schedules and in Part 4 – Performance Management and Reporting;
 - c. where applicable to the initiatives outlined in the FFA Schedules to which they are a party¹, ensuring that financial contributions to a building project or projects are only made where a builder or builders accredited under the Australian Government Building and Construction WHS Accreditation Scheme is contracted; and
 - d. where applicable to the initiatives outlined in the FFA Schedules to which they are a party¹, ensuring that compliance with the Building Code 2016 is made a condition of tender for and performance of building work by all contractors and subcontractors, and providing the necessary assurances to the Commonwealth.

Shared roles and responsibilities

21. The Parties will meet the requirements of Schedule E, Clause 26 of the IGA FFR, by ensuring that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements,

¹ See interpretation

promotional material or publicity relating to activities under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.

PART 4 – PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

Performance benchmarks or milestones

22. Milestones for initiatives, their relationship to the activities, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made will be set out in the FFA Schedules. The Parties agree to meet the milestones and/or performance benchmarks set out in these FFA Schedules. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to the performance report demonstrating the relevant milestone has been met. Milestones should reflect the completion of a phase of the initiative.
23. The States will provide performance reports in accordance with requirements they have agreed to in FFA Schedules. The States will report the minimum required to demonstrate that milestones have been met against the agreed performance benchmarks or milestones, that is, yearly and at most six-monthly. Each performance report is to contain a description of actual performance in the period to date against the initiative milestones.
24. Reporting requirements should be proportionate to the risk involved by the initiative. States have the flexibility to determine how best to meet the reporting requirements of this Agreement and can make use of any appropriate data sources, including existing State reporting mechanisms.
25. Performance indicators should be meaningful, simple and comprehensible to the public. Indicators should be limited to those necessary to measure performance and inform the public about progress of initiatives or other outputs.
26. This Agreement will not alter any of the States existing reporting requirements under the FFA Schedules.

PART 5 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Financial contributions

27. The Commonwealth's and the States' estimated financial contributions to the operation of this Agreement, including through National Partnership payments to the States paid in accordance with Schedule D — Payment Arrangements of the IGA FFR, are shown in the FFA Schedules. All payments are GST exclusive.
28. Budgets contained in the FFA Schedules are indicative only and States retain the flexibility to move funds between components and/or years, as long as outcomes are not affected. The Commonwealth contribution can only be moved between years with the agreement of the Commonwealth.
29. If a milestone is met in advance of the due date, where the relevant performance report demonstrates that the milestone has been met, the Commonwealth may make the associated payment earlier than scheduled provided it falls within the same financial year as the original milestone date.
30. The Commonwealth's funding contribution will not be reduced where the States secure funding from other activity partners.
31. Unless otherwise stated, having regard to the agreed estimated costs of initiative specified in FFA Schedules to this Agreement, the States will not be required to pay a refund to the

Commonwealth if the actual cost of the initiative is less than the agreed estimated cost of the initiative. Similarly, the States bear all risk should the costs of an initiative exceed the agreed estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the States to deliver initiatives cost effectively and efficiently.

32. This Agreement will not alter any existing funding levels, funding arrangements or funding profiles under the FFA Schedules.

PART 6 – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Enforceability of the Agreement

33. The Parties do not intend any of the provisions of this Agreement to be legally enforceable. However, this does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Agreement.

Review of the Agreement

34. To assess if the agreement is fit for purpose and the degree to which the agreed objectives have been achieved, a review of the Agreement may commence by July 2021.

Variation of the Agreement

35. This Agreement (excluding the FFA Schedules) may be varied or terminated at any time by agreement in writing by all the Parties.
36. FFA Schedules may be amended or added at any time by agreement in writing by all relevant Commonwealth and State portfolio ministers. Attachment A may be consequentially amended to include initiatives that are added to this Agreement.
37. FFA Schedules and/or *Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary* Tables that have no impact on other Parties to the FFA Schedules may be amended or agreed at any time by agreement in writing by the relevant Commonwealth and State portfolio ministers.
38. For multilateral FFA Schedules, performance milestones or benchmarks, reporting dates, associated payments and summary of estimated financial contributions that have no impact on other Parties to the FFA Schedules may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by the relevant Commonwealth and State portfolio ministers.
39. A Party to the Agreement may terminate their participation in the Agreement at any time by notifying all Parties in writing.

Delegations

40. The relevant Commonwealth Minister is authorised, as agreed by CFFR, to agree and amend FFA Schedules and to certify that performance benchmarks set out in relevant Schedules have been achieved, so that payments may be made.
41. The relevant Commonwealth Minister may delegate the assessment of project-based performance benchmarks or milestones in FFA Schedules and the authorisation of related project payments to senior Commonwealth officials, having regard to the financial and policy risks associated with those payments.
42. Attachment A can be amended by Commonwealth Treasury officials responsible for Commonwealth-State relations.

Dispute resolution

43. Any Party may give notice to other Parties of a dispute under this Agreement.
44. Officials of relevant Parties will attempt to resolve any dispute in the first instance.
45. If a dispute cannot be resolved by officials, it may be escalated to the relevant Ministers.

Interpretation

46. The Australian Government Building and Construction WHS Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme) and the Building Code 2016 (the Code) (as amended from time to time) apply to all construction projects indirectly funded by the Australian Government through grant and other programs where, from 1 January 2015:
 - a. for the purposes of the Scheme, the value of the Commonwealth contribution is at least \$6,000,000 (including GST) and represents at least 50% of the total project value, and for the purposes of the Code, the value of the Commonwealth contribution is at least \$5,000,000 (including GST) and represents at least 50% of the total project value; or
 - b. for the purposes of the Scheme and Code, the value of the Commonwealth contribution is \$10,000,000 (including GST) or more, irrespective of the proportion of Commonwealth funding; and
 - c. for the purposes of the Scheme, the head contract for building work is valued at \$4,000,000 or more, and for the purposes of the Code, the head contract for building work is valued at \$3,000,000 or more.
47. In this Agreement:
 - a. *FFA Schedules* means all initiatives under this agreement.

LIST A – ALL SCHEDULES TO THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR STREAMLINED AGREEMENTS CONSOLIDATED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT

Name of Schedule

LIST B – ALL NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS CONSOLIDATED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT

Name of Agreement
Land Transport Infrastructure Projects (2019-2024)

LIST C – ALL PROJECT AGREEMENTS CONSOLIDATED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT

Name of Agreement
Adelaide City Deal
Barkly Regional Deal
Darwin City Deal: Education and Community Precinct
Geelong City Deal
Launceston City Deal - Tamar River Estuary Catchment Management
Launceston City Deal - Tamar River Estuary Urban Water
Townsville City Deal: Port of Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade
Western Sydney City Deal

Schedule

National Water Grid Fund

FEDERATION FINANCE AGREEMENT OPERATIONAL PLAN

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 support primary industries and unlock potential, promote the growth and sustainability of regional economies, and build resilience.</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 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.</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 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> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) provide reasonable opportunity for the Commonwealth to contribute to developing communications strategies for projects with a Commonwealth funding contribution;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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>
<p>Variations and Delegations</p>	<p>Senior Commonwealth and State 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 6A: South Australia – Projects and payment summary

Outputs (Projects)	Project scope	Total Commonwealth contribution	Total non-Commonwealth contribution
New Water Infrastructure to Barossa Detailed Business Case	<p>The Detailed Business Case will investigate the viability of delivering new water supply to Barossa and Eden Valleys that addresses industry demand from the wine, livestock, and horticulture sectors. New water sources would provide security from declining rainfall, surface water and underground water availability.</p> <p>The proposed project aims to provide secure, climate independent and new water infrastructure, support growth and productivity to the broader region for primary industries, and help meet long term market demand.</p> <p>The Business Case will consider infrastructure options to treat, transfer, and distribute high-quality recycled water that is able to complement other water sources and supplies and to bring long-term water security and certainty to the region.</p>	\$3,500,000	\$1,550,000
Eden Valley Raw Water Scheme Preliminary Business Case	<p>The Preliminary Business Case will include technical investigations to support the proposed construction of approximately 53km of new large capacity water supply pipelines, pump stations and storage that would provide access to 3.2GL per annum of irrigation quality water for Eden Valley. If constructed, the project would aim to provide opportunity for access to a new source of water for approximately 20,000ha.</p>	\$1,000,000	\$130,000*
Clare Valley Water Supply Preliminary Business Case	<p>The Preliminary Business Case will include investigations into a proposed 45-50km pipeline and a new pump station to deliver up to 4GL per annum from the Bundaleer reservoir to the Clare Valley region. If constructed, the project would aim to promote growth and increase annual grape yields from an average of 20,000-25,000 tonnes per year to 30,000 tonnes by 2030.</p>	\$800,000	\$0

SA Connections Funding Pathway Package	<p>Construction of the following projects:</p> <p>Waikerie Irrigated Agricultural Water Access and Security project</p> <p>Greenway's Irrigation Trust – Increasing Water Availability, Reliability and Efficiency</p> <p>Recycled Water Pipeline to Nairne – Stage 1</p> <p>Callington Connection</p> <p>Water Recycling Project – Seven Point Park</p> <p>Project 312 – The Olive Oil project</p> <p>Regional Recharge Farms</p> <p>Pogona Barbata – Water for High-Tech Horticulture</p> <p>Barossa Wine Grape Water Source Diversification</p> <p>Improving Water Deliverability and Accessibility in the Lower Murray Reclaimed Irrigation Area.</p>	\$20,000,000	\$55,235,830
Northern Water Supply Detailed Business Case	<p>The Detailed Business Case will investigate a range of sustainable water delivery options with the aim to reduce reliance on finite groundwater sources as well as the River Murray and preserve impacts on ecosystems, fauna and flora and indigenous cultural assets reliant on these natural resources. This project also aims to activate a global copper province and support broader economic development in the region.</p> <p>The Detailed Business Case will develop a financial model that estimates the net financial performance of the preferred option including investment required; undertake technical investigations; manage environmental approvals; develop a stakeholder management plan; develop land access and approval plans; and develop the project's Governance Framework.</p>	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000
McLaren Vale Irrigation Water Security Project	<p>The McLaren Vale Irrigation Water Security Project Detailed Business Case seeks to further increase the availability of recycled water for irrigation uses to the McLaren Vale and surrounding areas, which will also enhance the security of water in the region from the impacts of climate change.</p>	\$470,000	\$30,000*

*This is an in-kind contribution.

Table 6B: South Australia – Projects and payment summary – Science Projects

Outputs (Projects)	Project scope	Total Commonwealth contribution	Total non-Commonwealth contribution
Further sustainable expansion of irrigated agriculture along the Northern Adelaide Corridor	Research trial over 3 years to address challenges of increasing agricultural expansion north of Adelaide (Mallala to Balaklava). Water volumes and quality will be identified and modelling done to assess its use for growing crops in the region.	\$1,120,000	\$480,000
Optimising the agricultural uses of varying water qualities in the Barossa Region	This 12-month project will address the challenge of matching water demand with volume and quality. A research report will be produced with advice on infrastructure required to store water (when it is not required) and blend (when the quality is not fit for purpose). Groundwater volumes and water quality within this region identified through the SA DEW groundwater assessment will inform agronomic modelling to assess the sustainability of groundwater use for growing a range of crops on the region's soil types.	\$280,000	\$120,000
Adaptation of the South-Eastern Drainage System under a changing climate	Research Report. This project focusses on adaptation of the drainage system (in the Limestone Coast Landscape Region) and the potential to retain and redirect water in the landscape to mitigate risks and build resilience to the benefit of multiple primary industries and the environment.	\$1,500,000	\$500,000

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development

29/3/2022

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by



The Honourable Clare Scriven MLC

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

23/4/2022

National Water Grid Fund

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE

Table E1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth South Australia
Purpose	This Appendix has been developed in accordance with the National Water Grid Fund Schedule (the Schedule), to set out the Commonwealth and South Australia's estimated expenditure profile and performance milestones to support the operation of the Schedule.

Estimated financial contributions

Table E2 (\$)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024- 25	Total
Estimated total budget	47,992,915	46,392,915	6,860,000	470,000	101,715,830
Less estimated National Partnership Payments					
New Water Infrastructure to the Barossa	3,500,000	0	0	0	3,500,000
Eden Valley Raw Water Scheme Preliminary Business Case	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000
Clare Valley Water Supply Preliminary Business Case	600,000	200,000	0	0	800,000
Connections Funding Pathway	5,000,000	10,000,000	5,000,000	0	20,000,000
Northern Water Supply Project	1,500,000	3,000,000	500,000	0	5,000,000
McLaren Vale Irrigation Water Security Project	120,000	350,000	0	0	470,000
Further sustainable expansion of irrigated agriculture along the Northern Adelaide Corridor	350,000	280,000	490,000	0	1,120,000
Optimising the agricultural uses of varying water qualities in the Barossa Region	70,000	140,000	70,000	0	280,000
Adaptation of the South-Eastern Drainage System under a changing climate	300,000	320,000	510,000	370,000	1,500,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	35,552,915	32,102,915	290,000	100,000	68,045,830

Table E3: South Australia - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone due	Payment
New Water Infrastructure to the Barossa Detailed Business Case	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Detailed Business Case.	30 September 2021	\$1,000,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of draft Preliminary Summary Report of options analysis and detailed demand profile.	31 January 2022	\$2,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the Detailed Business Case.	31 May 2022	\$500,000
Eden Valley Raw Water Scheme Preliminary Business Case	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Preliminary Business Case.	31 December 2021	\$250,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of draft Preliminary Business Case.	31 January 2022	\$500,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the final Preliminary Business Case.	31 March 2022	\$250,000
Clare Valley Water Supply Preliminary Business Case	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Preliminary Business Case.	31 December 2021	\$200,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of draft Preliminary Business Case	31 May 2022	\$400,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the final Preliminary Business Case.	31 July 2022	\$200,000
Connections Funding Pathway	Milestone 1 – Written confirmation of the details of the SA Connections Package, including: Projects to be delivered Expected costs of each project and confirmation of funding partner contributions Construction timing for each project.	31 October 2021	\$5,000,000

	Milestone 2 – Submission and acceptance of a Progress Report detailing the status of delivery of the SA Connections Package, including: 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.	31 August 2022	\$10,000,000
	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 August 2023	\$5,000,000
Northern Water Supply Detailed Business Case	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Detailed Business Case.	31 March 2022	\$1,500,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of draft Detailed Business Case.	30 April 2023	\$3,000,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the final Detailed Business Case.	31 July 2023	\$500,000
McLaren Vale Irrigation Water Security Project	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of Project Plan including key deliverables and timelines for the delivery of the Detailed Business Case.	31 May 2022	\$120,000
	Milestone 2 – Completion of draft Detailed Business Case.	30 November 2022	\$300,000
	Milestone 3 – Acceptance by the Australian Government of the final Detailed Business Case.	31 March 2023	\$50,000

Table E4: South Australia - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary – Science Projects

Output (Project)	Performance milestones	Milestone due	Payment
Further sustainable expansion of irrigated	Milestone 1 – Delivery and acceptance of a project plan outlining the project.	31 March 2022	\$350,000
	Milestone 2 - Delivery and acceptance of a report including information on groundwater volume and quality assessed.	31 January 2023	\$280,000

agriculture along the Northern Adelaide Corridor	Milestone 3 - Delivery and acceptance of a report, including information on: Agronomic modelling domain developed and optimised Irrigation expansion on the receiving environment assessed Longevity of water utilisation and mitigation strategies under current and future climate assessed.	31 July 2023	\$280,000
	Milestone 4 - Delivery and acceptance of a final report, including information on: Field component completed Off farm desalination and low-cost energy options assessed and recommendations Storage, brine disposal and infrastructure considerations developed.	28 June 2024	\$210,000
Optimising the agricultural uses of varying water qualities in the Barossa Region	Milestone 1 - Delivery and acceptance of a Project Plan outlining the project.	31 March 2022	\$70,000
	Milestone 2 - Delivery and acceptance of the Interim Report, including information on: Assessment of all water volumes, quality and current crop demand Modelled data showing water volume and quality demand required by crops based on soil types in the Barossa and Eden Valley.	31 January 2023	\$140,000
	Milestone 3 - Delivery and acceptance of the Final Report, including information as above plus economic analysis of options and infrastructure requirements.	31 July 2023	\$70,000
Adaptation of the South-Eastern Drainage System under a changing climate	Milestone 1 – Acceptance of the confirmed partnership and project management arrangements.	31 March 2022	\$300,000
	Milestone 2 – Delivery and acceptance of a report, including information on: South eastern drainage system water balance Generic groundwater feasibility models Localised groundwater models Detailed soil, water, solute modelling.	31 January 2023	\$320,000
	Milestone 3 – Delivery and acceptance of a progress report, including information on: Monitoring of groundwater, soil moisture and drains - year 1 Aerial geophysics surveys report.	31 July 2023	\$510,000
	Milestone 4 - Delivery and acceptance of a report, including information on: Monitoring of groundwater, soil moisture and drains - year 2 Aerial geophysics data analysis.	31 July 2024	\$290,000

Milestone 5 - Delivery and acceptance of a final report, including information on:
Infrastructure options prioritisation
Finalisation and publication of relevant data, modelling and findings.

31 January
2025

\$80,000



Media release Wednesday 16 February 2022

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Delivering a secure and sustainable water future for South Australia

A historic, state-building project that will boost South Australia's economy, create jobs and deliver a long-term sustainable water source in the state's north is one step closer to reality.

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$15 million for a business case to take the Northern Water Supply project forward and further secure the state's water future.

Among the options being considered is a desalination plant located in the Upper Spencer Gulf, which would reduce water reliance on the Great Artesian Basin and the River Murray.

If construction proceeds, the project could support up to 8,000 construction jobs and up to 6,000 ongoing jobs once operating.

Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce said delivering a secure and sustainable water source in the region would drive the growth of regional communities and industries.

"The Liberal and Nationals Government is committed to delivering the water infrastructure South Australians need and we are getting the job done," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

"Our \$5 million investment builds on the state's \$10 million commitment to progress a business case that will inform the future direction of this much-needed project.

"A safe, reliable and sustainable water source will improve water security, create jobs and help unlock the economic potential of new and expanded opportunities for businesses in the state's north.

"Since 2015, the Australian Government has committed more than \$75 million from National Water Grid Fund towards projects in South Australia.

"This includes projects supporting premium grape production in McLaren Vale, water security for farmers on the Coolanie Plains, and new water for agribusinesses through the Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme."

Mines in northern South Australia rely on these sources for their groundwater, which can be expensive to extract and can be affected by salinity and other water quality issues.

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Previous attempts to provide a sustainable water supply to this vast region have not been successful because they have lacked a strong customer base.

To support the business case, the SA Government has entered into a MOU with SA Water, BHP and Oz Minerals to progress the projects and address the regions water needs.

South Australian Premier Steven Marshall said this was why it has been important for the Government to play a coordinating role to bring together a range of potential customers to make this project possible.

He said the Northern Water Supply project has the potential to create thousands of jobs throughout South Australia.

“This project is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure a brighter future for South Australia and create jobs in an environmentally sustainable way,” Premier Marshall said.

“We are always looking for ways to ensure we are using water efficiently because ongoing and secure access to water is integral to economic growth and regional communities rely on industry for jobs, community strength and resilience.

“A desalination plant is an option we will investigate to provide a sustainable and sufficient water supply to support many industries, including the burgeoning hydrogen industry, mining, horticulture, pastoral, agriculture sectors and the transition to green steel.

“To be able to partner with some of South Australia’s biggest companies to decrease reliance on our finite water resources and future-proof our state in a changing climate is really pleasing.”

Premier Marshall thanked all the parties, including the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy, for their dedicated work to make today’s announcement possible.

Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey said the expansion of the resources industry in the north of the state was a reality and not some dream in the far-off future.

“South Australia already relies heavily on the resources industry and water is an essential ingredient to mine, concentrate and process our product,” Mr Ramsey said.

“Currently, this water is sourced from either the Great Artesian Basin or the Murray River, and trying to extract more from these sources is not environmentally sound.

“We are well aware of the long-term issues with the Murray and the Great Artesian Basin is a national treasure which is vital to our traditional grazing industries and small communities that continue to thrive in our harsh environment.

“While we know the basin replenishes, it is an incredibly slow process and maintaining the pressure in the basin is of paramount importance. Simply, we cannot continue to grow the resources industry without finding a new source of water.

“It is encouraging that our two biggest players in the industry, BHP and OZ Minerals, recognise the need and are part of the MOU. Desalination would seem the obvious answer,

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but there will be a whole lot of community concerns which will need to be addressed along the way. This project will do that.”

Infrastructure Australia has recognised the importance of a new sustainable water source to improve water resilience and increase water supply to the northern parts of South Australia.

More information can be found on the [Northern Water Supply project website](#).



Media release Thursday 10 March 2022

Copy from <https://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/joyce/media-release/business-case-new-recycled-water-supply-mclaren-vale>

Business case for new recycled water supply at McLaren Vale

The Australian Government is funding a business case into the possible construction of a new reservoir that could hold up to 1,350 megalitres of recycled water for South Australia's McLaren Vale district.

If viable, the McLaren Vale Irrigation Water Security project could deliver an estimated 750 megalitres of new water allocations for irrigation in the region, helping businesses grow and supporting jobs.

Upgrades to increase the capacity of the Willunga Basin Water's existing recycled water network will also be considered.

The Australian Government is providing \$470,000 toward the \$500,000 business case, with the remaining \$30,000 coming from the South Australian Government and other partners.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said delivering a secure and sustainable water source across these regions would drive the growth of regional communities and industries.

"We are committed to delivering the water infrastructure South Australians need and this moves us closer to getting the job done for the McLaren Vale district," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

"This project could increase economic activity in the region by as much as \$100 million and support up to 300 jobs, providing a much-needed economic boost."

South Australian Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham welcomed the funding for the business case.

"We know that water is a critical resource for our farmers so they can continue to grow world-class produce, contributing to a strong economy and supporting local jobs," Minister Basham said.

"The business case is another important step towards greater water access in regional South Australia and builds on similar work being undertaken at the Barossa, Eden and Clare valleys and the successful Coolanie Water Scheme which is delivering positive results for farmers on the Eyre Peninsula."

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South Australian Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs said ensuring long-term water security for farmers is a priority for the South Australian Government.

“We know that water is one of our most valuable resources which is not only required for critical human needs but it drives economic growth to create jobs as well as supporting a healthy environment,” Minister Speirs said.

“We are pleased to be working with the Commonwealth Government as well as industry to deliver solutions.”

Senator for South Australia Andrew McLachlan CSC said the Australian Government also has \$20 million flowing to a package of 10 construction projects across the state under the National Water Grid Connections pathway, which will together increase water availability by 1,895 megalitres each year.

“This will support around 1,860 hectares of additional irrigable land in the state, bolstering our local production while supporting around 60 construction jobs and 860 ongoing positions,” Senator McLachlan said.

“We are also looking forward to the future, by providing \$1.8 million to investigate the future construction of new water infrastructure projects in the Eden and Clare valleys.

“Today’s announcement is yet another demonstration of our unwavering commitment to invest in the water infrastructure farmers and agricultural producers in South Australia need to access quality, reliable water to grow their business and prosper.

“Water is our most precious resource and the lifeblood of primary producing regions like McLaren Vale and the Clare Valley. It is essential that we continue to invest in innovative projects that improve water access and security and build resilience to drought as a result of climate change.”

The detailed business case for the McLaren Vale Irrigation Water Security project will undertake demand studies, network modelling, concept design, site investigations and geotechnical analysis.

The business case is expected to be completed later this year.

More information on National Water Grid projects please visit www.nationalwatergrid.gov.au.

Gonos, Anthea (PIRSA)

From: PIRSA:Minister Scriven
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To: Assistant Minister Duniam
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Senator the Hon. Jonathon Duniam [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Senator the Hon. Jonathon Duniam - eA196985.pdf

Importance: High

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Dear Mr Duniam

Please find attached letter from Minister Scriven regarding the National Fisheries Plan.

Kind regards

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Subject: Correspondence from Senator the Hon. Jonathon Duniam [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon

Please see attached correspondence from Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries and Assistant Minister for Industry Development, Senator the Hon. Jonathon Duniam.

Kind regards

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Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries
Assistant Minister for Industry Development
Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600 Australia

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Senator the Hon Jonno Duniam
Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries
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Dear Assistant Minister Duniam

Thank you for your letter of 5 April 2022 noting that the National Fisheries Plan, developed in consultation with the Australian Fisheries Management Forum, of which the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is a member, has been released.

I recognise the significance the National Fisheries Plan will play in providing a strategic framework for prioritising actions to grow Australia's fishing, aquaculture and seafood industries in a coordinated and collaborative manner.

I am happy to promote the National Fisheries Plan and its benefits for the fishing and seafood sectors in South Australia and look forward to PIRSA's contribution in assisting in the development of the implementation framework to guide activation of the Plan.

Once again, thank you for informing me of the release of the National Fisheries Plan and for providing me with a copy for my reference.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Clare Scriven'.

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Dear Minister Pitt

Please find attached letter on behalf of Minister Scriven regarding the extension of the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme (the Scheme).

Kind regards

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Hon Keith Pitt MP
Minister for Resources and Water
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2022 congratulating me on my appointment as Minister, and discussing the extension of the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme (the Scheme).

Officers from the South Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regions will work with Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment officers to review the contractual arrangements. The South Australian Government will then consider its participation in the extension of the Scheme.

Once again, thank you for writing to me and I look forward to continuing support for South Australian farmers and regional communities to recover from the impacts of drought, natural disasters and climate change.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. M. Scriven'.

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Dear Mr Littleproud

Please find attached letter and attachment regarding the joint agreement for the National Japanese Encephalitis Response Program (Agriculture Industries) 2022.

Apologies for the delayed response.

Kind regards

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The Hon. David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia
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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter received 7 April 2022, regarding the joint agreement for the National Japanese Encephalitis Response Program (Agriculture Industries) 2022 and the Australian Government's commitment to working with State and Territory governments and industry through agreed national biosecurity arrangements to prevent the introduction, establishment and responding to incursions of exotic pests and diseases.

The growing threat of exotic diseases moving closer to our international borders illustrates the importance of our cohesive national biosecurity system Australia's biosecurity system including the shared responsibility of the Commonwealth, States and Territories.

My department will continue to work with the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment to facilitate the ongoing response to Japanese Encephalitis in South Australia.

Thank you for your governments financial support to our State's Japanese Encephalitis response program and for writing to me on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. M. Scriven'.

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Attachment: Schedule AO — National Japanese Encephalitis Response Program (South Australia)

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Joint National Japanese Encephalitis Response Program (Agricultural Industries) 2022

PROJECT AGREEMENT ON PEST AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS
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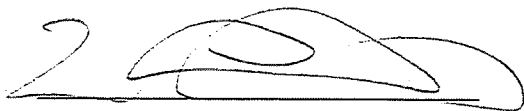
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 September 2022.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the National Japanese Encephalitis Response Program and associated individual response plans within non-Commonwealth parties. The response program seeks to minimise the impact of Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JE) on public health, animal health, industry and the environment through the delivery of response activities.</p> <p>This schedule provides a Commonwealth contribution to activities by other parties through to 30 June 2022 in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ response to suspect and confirmed cases of JE disease as per national definitions (noting there must be clinical presentation and the presentation must be recent) ◦ active and passive surveillance in relation to suspect and confirmed cases to inform and support public health outcomes and affected animal industries ◦ epidemiological support, including modelling and retrospective testing of appropriate samples, to inform the understanding and epidemiology of the outbreak ◦ awareness raising activities within affected agricultural production businesses to encourage reporting of suspect cases and implementation of effective vector control. ◦ laboratory diagnostic capability (molecular, genetic and serological) in jurisdictional laboratories to facilitate early detection and timely sharing of findings with agricultural and

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Table 2E: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
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Activity Plan	Commonwealth acceptance of an activity plan, that outlines how the state will achieve the targets identified in the Purpose section of this agreement schedule and the National JEV Response Plan	15/04/2022	\$604,078.75
Activity Report	Commonwealth acceptance of the delivery of items identified in the activity plan	31/07/2022	\$604,078.75

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

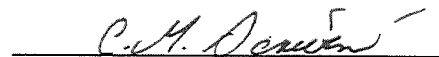
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The Honourable David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia

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*Emailed to Murray Watt's
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Dear Minister Watt

I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in the Albanese Labor Government.

I was appointed as the South Australian Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries, following our March State Election. Our primary industries and regions are hugely important to our State for the contribution they make to the national economy.

In 2020-21 South Australia's primary industries and agribusinesses generated a revenue of \$15.4 billion, an increase of 9% on the previous year, accounting for 47% of the state's merchandise exports.

The industry supports thousands of local jobs with total employment in primary industries and associated processing estimated to be around 74,000 jobs (up by 6%), while the contribution of primary production activity (agriculture, forestry and fishing) to South Australia's economy (Gross State Product) was up by 24% totalling \$6.0 billion. A strong result given the recent trade tensions, and the two years of disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I note your incoming government's election commitments, in particular your plan to bolster Australia's biosecurity system. Improving our biosecurity capabilities and defences will be critical to protecting our industries from introduced pest, plants and diseases. As you may be aware, over the last 2 years, South Australia has undertaken an extensive Fruit Fly eradication program to protect our \$1.3 billion horticulture industry. The fight is not over yet and I appreciate the additional \$30 million commitment from the Federal Government to assist in eradication programs. I also look forward to working with you and your department on the much needed review and update of the National Fruit Fly protocol, to ensure it meets the requirements of contemporary practice.

Similarly, your support for the forestry sector is encouraging, as is your commitment to the goal to plant one billion trees to meet Australia's future timber needs. I

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particularly welcome the proposed expansion of the National Institute for Forest Products and Innovation, and continuation of the rollout of Regional Forestry Hubs. The focus on the work of the research hubs and the National Forest Products Innovation centres supports work currently underway in PIRSA.

I am keen to hear more details on the proposed establishment of a \$15 billion National Reconstruction Fund with \$500 million reserved specifically for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, food and fibre – focusing on value adding production, expanding domestic and export markets, adoption of new technologies or processes, adapting to a low carbon world, and strengthening national supply chain resilience.

I look forward to working with you on the Future Drought Fund programs to support South Australian farmers and regional communities be more resilient to the impacts of drought and climate change.

Workforce shortages and capability continue to hamper both industry and regional development. I therefore welcome the commitment to deliver a dedicated Agriculture Workers Visa, drawing on the stability of the Pacific Labour Scheme, and establishing Jobs and Skills Australia as a national partnership to drive VET education and to strengthen workforce planning.

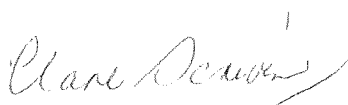
Further items for discussion include the process and detail around banning live sheep exports and future rounds of Mobile Phone Blackspot funding.

Clearly there are a range of issues requiring further discussion and collaboration between the Commonwealth, States and Territories, which is why I believe a further 12-month extension to the term of the Agriculture Minister Meetings would be beneficial. Having a forum in place to enable all jurisdictions to discuss matters of national importance, including biosecurity, drought and climate change is vital to deliver benefits to our primary industry sectors.

Once again, congratulations on your recent appointment and I look forward to working closely with you and your Federal colleagues to enhance the contributions that our primary industries and regions make to the Australian economy.

I would welcome an opportunity to meet with you soon and feel free to contact my office to arrange a convenient time in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Dear Minister

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven on 29 June 2022 regarding the Future Drought Fund Business Resilience and Regional Drought Resilience Planning Programs

Kind regards

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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Minister for Emergency Management
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing regarding the 3 year extension of the Future Drought Fund Farm Business Resilience and Regional Drought Resilience Planning Programs.

The South Australian Government has considered the governing agreements under the Federation Funding Agreement – Environment. I am supportive of these programs and pleased to advise I have secured cash and in-kind funding for the first year of the extension with a view to sourcing other funding opportunities to continue these programs.

I enclose the executed governing agreements. I am advised execution of the agreements also provides an opportunity to extend delivery of the existing programs as required. I have asked the Department of Primary Industries and Regions officers to commence discussions on program implementation with the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment officials.

I look forward to working with you to continue supporting South Australian farmers and regional communities to be more resilient to the impacts of drought and climate change.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Clare Scriven'.

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
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29/6/2022

Attachments:

Farm Business Resilience Program Extension Schedule 2021-24
Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program Extension Schedule 2021-24

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Future Drought Fund – Farm Business Resilience 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 31 December 2024.				
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of financial assistance from the Commonwealth to the State and Territory governments (States) to deliver the Farm Business Resilience Program (the Program). The States will use this funding to provide subsidised training for farm owners and farm managers to build their strategic management and planning skills.</p> <p>This Schedule is an extension to the 2020-21 foundational year Future Drought Fund – Farm Business Resilience Program Schedule, signed by all states in 2021.</p>				
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$60m in respect of this Schedule.				
	Table 1.1 (\$)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	Estimated total Commonwealth financial contribution	25,000,000	20,000,000	15,000,000	60,000,000
	- NSW	6,724,083	5,330,048	3,936,013	15,990,144
	- VIC	5,976,280	4,742,032	3,507,784	14,226,096
	- QLD	5,383,692	4,276,066	3,168,439	12,828,197
	- WA	2,734,802	2,193,177	1,651,553	6,579,532
	- SA	2,765,479	2,217,300	1,669,121	6,651,900
	- TAS	865,562	723,348	581,134	2,170,044
	- ACT	215,905	212,506	209,108	637,519
	- NT	334,197	305,523	276,848	916,568

Additional terms	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In addition to Paragraph 21 of the Federation Funding Agreement - Environment, and Schedule E, Clause 26 of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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". <p>In addition to Part 4 of the Federation Funding Agreement - Environment, the Commonwealth will provide a program Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan (MEL Plan). 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.</p> <p>States are expected to deliver the program in accordance with public sector ethical values and duties such as probity, accountability, and transparency.</p> <p>As per the provision in Subsection 22(4) of the <i>Future Drought Fund Act 2019</i>, 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.</p>
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary (2021-24)			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Deliver revised Program Implementation Plan	<p>Completion of a Program Implementation Plan, as evidenced in writing and signed by both the Commonwealth and the relevant state and territory government officials, that outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Commonwealth, State and participant co-contributions and any industry sponsorship and expected number of funded program participants d) Communication and co-branding strategy (consistent with Commonwealth requirements) e) Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan (consistent with Commonwealth requirements) 	30/04/2022 or within one month of the Schedule being signed by both parties, whichever is later	100% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2021-22 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
Delivery of Farm Business Resilience 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 30 August 2022.	30/09/2022	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2022-23 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 28 February 2023	30/03/2023	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2022-23 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
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	Completion of all 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 the reporting period to 30 June 2024.	30/08/2024	Nil

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Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
	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 (including the foundational year 2020-21) and evaluates the program, including assessing the extent to which the outcomes have been achieved, or not.	31/12/2024	Nil

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

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Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia

7 March 2022

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Future Drought Fund

Farm Business Resilience Program 2021-24

Overview

The Future Drought Fund

The Future Drought Fund (the Fund) is a long-term investment fund that provides a sustainable source of funding to help Australian farmers and communities become more prepared for and resilient to the impacts of drought. Established under the *Future Drought Fund Act 2019* in September 2019, the Fund began with a \$3.9 billion investment, with earnings to be reinvested by the Future Fund Board until the balance reaches \$5 billion. The Fund is part of the Government's Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan, and a key deliverable under the National Drought Agreement. From July 2020, \$100 million from the Fund is available each financial year to invest in drought resilience programs.

The Drought Resilience Funding Plan 2020-2024

The *Future Drought Fund (Drought Resilience Funding Plan 2020 to 2024) Determination 2020* (the Funding Plan) serves as a framework for all expenditure from the Fund, it guides the design of the program and types of projects offered.

The Funding Plan has three inter-connected strategic priorities:

- economic resilience for an innovative and profitable agricultural sector
- environmental resilience for sustainable and improved functioning of farming landscapes
- social resilience for resourceful and adaptable communities.

The Fund's three objectives to achieve the strategic priorities will enhance the public good by building drought resilience through programs that will:

- grow the self-reliance and performance (productivity and profitability) of the agricultural sector
- improve the natural capital of agricultural landscapes for better environmental outcomes and
- strengthen the wellbeing and social capital of rural, regional and remote communities.

The Farm Business Resilience Program 2021-24

The Farm Business Resilience Program (the program) is one of eight foundational programs under the Future Drought Fund.

The program builds the strategic management capacity of farmers/farm managers and employees to prepare for and manage risk, adapt to a changing climate and improve the farm business's economic, environmental and social resilience. The program supports learning in areas including strategic business skills, risk management, natural resource management, and personal and social resilience.

The program also supports farm business planning, tailored to participants' business and situation, and the opportunity for professional feedback on the plans. This planning is expected to have positive impacts on the self-reliance and viability of farm businesses in the face of all kinds of challenges, including drought.

The program takes a proactive approach to promoting long-term resilience and sustainable productivity and growth in farm businesses, before the times get tough – it is not a hardship program. It may, however, provide a pathway for farmers exiting hardship programs and looking to improve their strategic farm business management, planning and decision making to increase their resilience to future droughts and other impacts.

The program is a first step towards the creation of a national framework to improve farm business management and planning skills, delivering on the AGMIN decision from February 2020 to work towards a national program to improve farm business management and planning skills. The program is delivered through the state and territory governments in their respective jurisdictions with Commonwealth funding provided via a schedule to the *Federation Funding Agreement Environment* (Funding Agreement Schedule).

Detailed program design and tailoring in jurisdictions must involve consultation with peak industry bodies and the Rural Financial Counselling Services within jurisdictions to ensure the program will meet regional needs, reflect existing programs and learn from past efforts.

In 2020-21, the Australian Government invested \$15.97 million from the Future Drought Fund for a foundational year of the program (with activities to 30 June 2022) with a co-contribution from the state and territory governments.

A \$60 million three-year extension to the program was announced in the 2021–22 Federal Budget. The extension aims to achieve change at a meaningful scale – extending the program beyond the foundational year, reaching more farmers, and providing follow-up support for participants. The extended program is supported by matching co-contributions from state and territory governments.

Purpose of this document

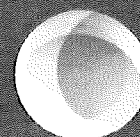
This framework outlines the desired outcomes, guiding principles and core elements of the program. This framework for the extended program is included in an amendment to the Funding Agreement Schedule and should be read alongside it. State and territory governments will deliver the program in accordance with an agreed Program Implementation Plan. Program Implementation Plans must be informed by and aligned to this framework.

Program objectives and outcomes

The program aims to achieve the objectives and outcomes outlined in Table 1 (below).

Table 1: Farm Business Resilience Program objectives and outcomes 2020-24

Objectives	Program Information
The strategy	Build the capacity of farmers to plan for and manage risks, including drought
What are we trying to achieve?	A step-change in the use of farm business management skills to proactively manage drought risks
How will this support drought resilience?	Farmers who have better business management skills, and plan for risks, are more likely to take actions that help sustain farm business productivity and profitability in times of drought
How will we assess whether it's successful?	Overall success measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's an increase in the business management skills and confidence of farmers to manage risk • There's an increase in farm business plans that consider drought risks • More farmers are taking actions to manage risk, including drought



		Outcomes	
		Short-term (1-2 years)	Intermediate (2-4 years)
Economic resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producer awareness of the benefits and value of strategic planning, business management skills, and professional advice is increased • Participants have an increased understanding of their farm business drought resilience level • Participants have an improved capacity for strategic business management and decision making • Participating farmers have improved farm business planning in place • Participants seek to implement their Farm Business Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The owners, managers and employees of agricultural businesses have greater financial literacy and business acumen • More primary producers and businesses engage in strategic business planning and risk assessment on a regular basis • Farm businesses have improved access to new and existing knowledge and skills to enable more effective responses to risks • More primary producers incorporate Natural Resource Management philosophies and approaches in business planning and risk assessment to better manage their natural resources through drought 	
Environmental resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have improved natural resource management and planning skills and capability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More primary producers are aware of and experimenting with Natural Resource Management practices to manage drought • More primary producers have the skills, data and support to apply better Natural Resource Management practices 	
Social resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have greater awareness of the importance of personal and social resilience • Formal or informal (peer) networks are established / utilised for farmers to share their knowledge and learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased participation by primary producers in local networks and programs to enhance drought resilience 	

Program administration outcomes along with longer-term outcomes, linking to the Funding Plan and FDF Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Framework, are detailed in the program Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan (MEL Plan). The outcomes will continue to be refined collaboratively with the states and territories through the MEL Plan and associated reporting.

State and territory governments will be required to provide robust performance monitoring and reporting to ensure the program meets the program's outcomes, outputs and strategic priorities as documented in the MEL Plan. Performance monitoring and reporting should also be guided by the drought preparedness and recovery objectives in the National Drought Agreement and relevant objectives of the NFF National Drought Policy.

Core program elements

The program has three core elements: learning and development, farm business planning, and farm resilience benchmarking. These must be developed specifically for farm businesses and their employees and must include drought preparedness.

The program, and its content, must be developed specifically for farm businesses and their employees rather than a general business skills program. The program must be available to the agriculture, horticulture, pastoral, apiculture and aquaculture industries, even if the delivery model includes industry-specific course delivery (further detail below about potential delivery methods).

State and territory governments have flexibility to build on their existing expertise and delivery mechanisms where they exist, or to establish new programs if needed throughout the life of the program. Program content and delivery should be tailored to specific regional or industry priorities where possible, building on, or filling the gaps in existing programs.

Jurisdictionally tailored elements must contribute to the program's outcomes and objectives.

Learning and development

Learning areas

- All learning activities should be aimed at managing and mitigating risks to farm businesses, including the risk of drought and climate change.
- The Program must cover the following learning areas:
 - strategic farm business management and planning – such as, financial literacy (such as business structures, governance models, access to finance and investment in farm assets and other equity investments), best practice business planning approaches, long term profitability, benchmarking and monitoring performance, people management, farm mapping and analysis.
 - farm risk management and informed decision making – such as, tools and strategies, decision-making frameworks, understanding and using data, adverse event preparation and drought planning, climate adaptation, adoption of innovation and technology, on and off farm diversification opportunities (e.g. carbon market, agri-tourism, contracting), market access opportunities (e.g. product traceability, sustainability accreditation, biodiversity stewardship).
 - natural resource management – such as, understanding best practice activities that build drought resilience, experimenting with and implementing holistic natural resource management approaches (links between environmental, economic and social resilience) that improve the farm resource base on which agriculture depends, farm biosecurity (as related to drought resilience), integrated farm planning (such as farm design, pasture and grazing management, biodiversity and shelterbelts, farm water management, soil management), importance of landscape scale management (such as biodiversity, water flow management, erosion control).
 - personal and social resilience – such as, succession planning, digital literacy, leadership development, time management, building social and professional networks (including across regions and landscapes), community engagement, continuous learning/education, work health safety.
- The learning areas are underpinned by the three elements of drought resilience - environmental, economic, and social. The program recognises that these elements are interconnected and that the learning areas are likely to overlap and apply across learning categories. For these reasons, learning areas do not have to be delivered in a modular or categorical format, but can be integrated through comprehensive journey or coaching models.
- The learning areas as described above should be covered, but course content can and should, where possible, be tailored for regions, industry or production method (as appropriate) e.g. appropriate decision making tools or methods for pastoral regions or farm systems, and the wide range of participant abilities and current farm business resilience levels.
- Links into existing state-based programs and funding opportunities would be specific to each jurisdiction.
- Learning and development should be designed to:
 - embed resilience principles to encourage farmers to take a holistic and transformative approach to building resilience in their farm business

- provide practical skills, knowledge and advice relevant to individual farm businesses and that can be implemented on farm
- deliver enterprise-specific benefits that will, in turn, generate broader benefits for the agriculture sector and communities which depend on agriculture
- increase producer awareness of the benefits and value of strategic planning, business management skills, and professional advice
- utilise and encourage the use and sharing of best practice and innovative approaches, tools, resources, data and information to assist farmers to understand their business, strengthen business decision-making and establish sustainable and resilient risk management practices
- draw on local case studies and farming champions, as evidence shows farmers learn best from trusted local sources and local examples
- draw participants' attention to opportunities to obtain support to implement their Farm Business Plan and undertake further learning and education, to instil a culture of continuous improvement and establish a pathway for doing so.

Delivery

- Learning and development is to be primarily delivered through facilitated workshops by public or private local trainers with relevant qualifications, and utilising a variety of suitable delivery options where possible e.g. online learning and face-to-face.
 - A variety of delivery formats should be used including face to face group learning, online delivery (such as self-paced modules, YouTube or webinars through platforms such as Farm Table), utilise local and regional facilities for remote attendance at training sessions, such as those provided by Regional University Centres and explore other options to make it as easy as possible for participants to engage.
- State and territory governments are encouraged to tailor the training and support by region, industry or production method, as appropriate.
- There are a range of training delivery options depending on individual circumstances, including state and territory governments -
 - delivering the training directly
 - engaging a relevantly qualified training provider(s) to design and/or deliver the training package or modules
 - accrediting/approving private or industry-based training providers to design and/or deliver training modules aligned with program outcomes or expanding/tailoring their courses to align.
 - Utilising a range of existing industry providers would allow tailoring for different industries. Seeking co-contributions for interested industry providers could extend the reach of the program.
 - State and territory governments are required to ensure providers are appropriately skilled and qualified to undertake this function, and that across all leveraged programs the core program elements and outcomes are delivered.
- State and territory governments are encouraged to cater for different levels of engagement in the program. The program should primarily focus on supporting farmers to undertake the suite of learning and development opportunities and undertake business planning through the program (full participation) However, the program should also support participation through:
 - engagement in one-off intensive learning sessions or modules through the program (part participation) and

- broader events to support knowledge sharing and network building with the wider community (refer Knowledge Sharing and Transfer section below).
- Any online resources developed for the program (e.g. course outline, farm business plan template, self-assessment checklist etc.) should be accessible to all (at least to preview) to enable farm businesses that are not formal program participants to benefit from program materials and increase awareness of the program.

Costs, participant contributions and allowances

- Training costs are estimated at up to \$10,000 per participant (full amount assumes participant undertakes all training streams).
- Participants should be required to co-contribute to the course cost to encourage greater buy-in and commitment from participants in attending and finishing the program and to maximise program reach.
- The program should include support to assist with travel & childcare costs reasonably incurred to encourage farmers to participate in face-to-face sessions. Participants who do not genuinely need to incur these costs to participate in face-to-face training, or participate in online based learning, would not be eligible for this allowance.
 - The travel and childcare support is estimated at a value of up to \$1,000 per participant.
- Options to further maximise program reach should be considered, including collaborative cost sharing arrangements such as industry cost-shared delivery, sponsorships and/or scholarships (including to cover participant contributions in certain circumstances).

Active follow-up

- The program should also support active follow-up for participants, including:
 - refresher training with benchmarking and planning playing a role in informing follow-up training needs
 - support touchpoints with advisors and coaches for participants post-program
 - periodic farm business resilience/performance assessments (see Farm Performance assessments and benchmarking section)
 - reviews of farm business plans (see Farm Business Planning section).

Knowledge sharing and transfer

- The program should encourage the establishment of knowledge sharing and transfer mechanisms to broaden the reach of the program to the broader community. The program should empower attendees and their communities to take ownership of building the knowledge and skills required to be better prepared to manage risk such as drought.
- Examples of knowledge sharing activities may include:
 - Establishment of communities of practice, knowledge leaders, and alumni networks for farmers upon completion of the program
 - Communities of practice should not be limited to participants. State and territory governments may also support program trainers and facilitators to stay up-to-date and take a consistent approach to training such as through a conference and/or online community of practice to access innovative resources and discussion forums.
 - Skill building and networking events for the farming communities as well as agricultural advisors, for example, large scale events, open days, field days and webinars adoption of hubs-based knowledge sharing.

- Pro-actively seek out and leverage learning and knowledge sharing opportunities with existing FDF programs and initiatives such as the annual Science to Practice Forum, participation with the Adoption and Innovation Hubs, Regional Drought Resilience Planning, and Drought Resilience Leaders and Networks to Build Drought Resilience programs.
- Participants engaging in and supporting broader discussions (regional, landscape-scale, network or community level) on strategic drought resilience planning.

Farm Business Planning

- The program must require and support participants to develop or update existing Farm Business Plans through providing participants individually tailored professional support and advice to complete their plan. Plans should be informed by and incorporate relevant learnings from the program learning and development.
- Farm Business Plans are to be underpinned by the following key principles:
 - There is no single approach to farm business planning - plans should be tailored and fit for purpose
 - Plans should guide decision-making and management of risk, including drought
 - Plans should be evidence-based
 - Best practice planning approaches & resilience principles, applied practically at the farm level, should be considered
 - Plans should consider the whole of the farm business - goals and actions should consider the triple bottom line, and the operational, tactical, and strategic aspects of the business
 - Plans should provide a baseline of farm business performance and establish a review and response process.
- The Commonwealth and state and territory governments will work together to provide resources and guidance to assist farmers in undertaking this planning.
- Participants will have the opportunity for advice and feedback on their Farm Business Plan, by an appropriately skilled and qualified independent professional(s). This will provide participants with individually tailored advice on the potential effectiveness of the plan in improving the drought resilience of their farm business.
 - The independent assessor, or network of assessors (e.g. a trusted farm business consultant/advisory network), will be approved and/ or engaged by state and territory governments. State and territory governments are responsible for ensuring assessors are appropriately skilled and qualified to undertake this function.
 - The principles (above) will inform assessors in reviewing Farm Business Plans.
 - Reviews of plans are estimated at a cost of up to \$2,500 per review (one per farm business, regardless of number of members of the farm business that participate in training).
- The program must support participants to use their Farm Business Plan to proactively manage risk.
 - The program should draw participants' attention to opportunities to obtain support to implement their Farm Business Plan e.g. grant programs such as the those available under the FDF, state-based grants, or private sector funding and lending options. State and territory governments could consider providing funding to support implementation of Farm Business Plans.
 - Follow-up support should be provided to participants e.g. assessment of current farm business resilience and the implementation and review of plans after 12-24 months.

Performance assessments and benchmarking

- The program will require participants to undertake a farm business resilience/performance assessment before (or during) and after participating in the program.
 - This will assist in determining a benchmark for participants to track their progress against, help participants target support to their specific needs and provide valuable data to feed into program monitoring, evaluation and future design.
- The program will support farmers to assess and monitor their performance against the benchmark. This support may come in the form of:
 - Repeating the farm business resilience/performance assessment periodically (e.g., 12-24 months after completing the program)
 - Complementary individually tailored professional advice to participants in the initial assessment of farm business resilience, and/or the implementation and review of plans after 12-24 months, including, where possible, support provided by the same provider throughout
 - Fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement. Building farmer's abilities to measure success via various learning opportunities, including peer-to-peer learning, coaching and communication activities, advisory resources, ongoing forums, and knowledge sharing to measure success across farming networks.
- State and territory governments (or their training providers) can select the most appropriate method or tool to undertake this assessment. This could be undertaken via an advisor or an appropriate data tool, which may differ based on industry e.g. AgriHive or DairyBase.
 - Once developed, if fit for purpose, the FDF Drought Resilience Self-Assessment Tool is expected to fulfil this purpose and provide national consistency of assessment method and data.

Eligibility

- The program is to be aimed at *members of viable farm businesses* (including those with genuine potential to become viable) that are looking to improve their farm business strategic management and planning skills, as a mechanism for building future drought resilience, particularly to prepare for impacts of climate change.
- Eligibility criteria will be streamlined and nationally consistent. This will support equitable access across Australia, limit unnecessary barriers to participation amongst eligible participants. The suggested criteria takes a balanced and proportionate approach to managing the risk of non-target cohort being able to participate in the program.
- State and territory governments will determine the most appropriate methods for applicants to demonstrate their claims to the eligibility criteria, allowing them to leverage existing programs' eligibility assessments.
- Attachment A sets out the core eligibility criteria for subsidised participation, along with guidance on evidentiary options state and territory governments might use to assess applicant's claims against the criteria.
- A maximum of two members of each farm business would be eligible to attend subsidised training. Additional members (beyond the subsidised places) would be encouraged to attend at their own cost, or through state funding or industry-sponsored positions.
- If state and territory governments choose to fund additional positions or allow applicants to pay in full, eligibility criteria would be more flexible e.g. more than two farm business members or employees of public companies may pay to attend (to be determined by state and territory governments).

- Key aspects of program design, including the tailoring, the development of Farm Business Plans and the requirement for a co-contribution from participants will assist to attract participation from members of viable farm businesses.
- A targeted approach to promotion of the program, particularly at the local level by state and territory governments and relevant providers will ensure the program reaches the target audience through their involvement with state farming bodies, industry representative bodies, grower groups, the Rural Financial Counselling Service and agricultural advisory networks (e.g. accountants, agronomists and agents).

ATTACHMENT A

Eligibility criteria – Commonwealth subsidised places in the Farm Business Resilience program

Eligibility Criteria	Assessment & Evidentiary Options
PART 1 - Eligible farm businesses	
<p>An eligible <i>farm business</i> is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> carried on by a primary producer and trades as a primary production business in the agriculture, horticulture, pastoral, apiculture, or aquaculture industries located in Australia and undertakes all primary production aspects of the business wholly within Australia registered for tax purposes in Australia with an Australian Business Number (ABN) and is registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) established under the legal structure of a sole trader, trust, partnership or private company commercially <i>viable</i>. <p>A <i>viable farm business</i> is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> able to generate sufficient net profit under normal seasonal and market conditions after fixed and variable expenses to service borrowings (if applicable); able to provide an adequate standard of living for relevant members of the farm business; able to allow investment on-farm to maintain the farm's productive assets; and financially sustainable and productive long term OR able to demonstrate genuine potential to become a viable business (as outlined above). 	<p>Evidentiary options for determining an eligible <i>farm business</i> is to be determined by States and can include using existing data and information available on farm businesses from within government, examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABN or ACN number or Unique 'Holding reference number' from annual land and stock return (NSW) or other equivalent state-based system <p>Evidentiary options for determining a <i>viable</i> farm business may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABN number, indicating the business is registered for GST; or Previous financial statements, income tax returns, etc Financial reference letter from an accountant, or letter of support/comfort from a commercial bank, confirming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that over the past five years, the business is trading at a profit; or overall the business is commercially viable after consideration of factors such as the financial sustainability of the farm business and whether it provides/genuinely contributes to a livelihood for the people whose livelihoods depend on it.
PART 2 - Eligible farm business members	
<p><i>Eligible farm business members</i> must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the owner or manager or endorsed employee of a farm business through private companies, partnerships and trusts; and one of only two members of the farm business receiving a subsidised place in the program. 	<p>Evidentiary options for farm owners, managers and employees may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABN number, ACN, company search or other business registration documentation, certificates or taxation documents showing ownership and Declaration/letter of support from the farm business owner or manager indicating support for your participation in the course Payslips or tax returns showing employment in the farm business Declaration from landowner, employer or accountant, declaring the participant's relationship to the nominated farm business Declaration from associated farm business professional such as agronomist or agent, declaring the participant's relationship to the nominated farm business.

Future Drought Fund – Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary (2021-24)


Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Deliver revised Program Implementation Plan	<p>Completion of a Program Implementation Plan, as evidenced in writing and signed by both the Commonwealth and the relevant state and territory government officials, that outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Commonwealth, State and participant co-contributions and any industry sponsorship and expected number of funded program participants d) Communication and co-branding strategy (consistent with Commonwealth requirements) e) Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan (consistent with Commonwealth requirements) 	30/04/2022 or within one month of the Schedule being signed by both parties, whichever is later	100% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2021-22 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 30 August 2022.	30/09/2022	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2022-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 28 February 2023	30/03/2023	50% Commonwealth financial contribution for 2022-23 identified in Table 1.1 as adjusted in accordance with the additional terms.
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Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
	Completion of all 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 the reporting period to 30 June 2024.	30/08/2024	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 (including the foundational year 2020-21) and evaluates the program, including assessing the extent to which the outcomes have been achieved, or not.	31/12/2024	Nil

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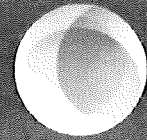
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Future Drought Fund

Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program 2021-24

Overview

The Future Drought Fund

The Future Drought Fund (the Fund) is a long-term investment fund that provides a sustainable source of funding to help Australian farmers and communities become more prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of drought. Established under the *Future Drought Fund Act 2019* in September 2019, the Fund began with a \$3.9 billion investment, with earnings to be reinvested by the Future Fund Board until the balance reaches \$5 billion. The Fund is part of the Australian Government's Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan, and a key deliverable under the National Drought Agreement. From July 2020, \$100 million from the Fund is available each financial year to invest in drought resilience programs.

The Drought Resilience Funding Plan 2020-2024

The *Future Drought Fund (Drought Resilience Funding Plan 2020 to 2024) Determination 2020* (the Funding Plan) serves as a framework for all expenditure from the Fund, it guides the design of the program and types of projects offered.

The Funding Plan has three inter-connected strategic priorities:

- economic resilience for an innovative and profitable agricultural sector
- environmental resilience for sustainable and improved functioning of farming landscapes
- social resilience for resourceful and adaptable communities.

The Fund's three objectives to achieve the strategic priorities will enhance the public good by building drought resilience through programs that will:

- grow the self-reliance and performance (productivity and profitability) of the agricultural sector
- improve the natural capital of agricultural landscapes for better environmental outcomes and
- strengthen the wellbeing and social capital of rural, regional and remote communities.

The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program 2021-24

The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program (the program) is one of eight foundational programs under the Future Drought Fund in 2020-21.

The program provides funding for consortia of regional partners to develop regional drought resilience plans (RDR Plans). The plans will be community led and owned, and focus on innovative ways to build regional drought resilience across the agricultural sector and supporting industries, through a triple bottom line, collaborative and evidence-based approach. This program contributes to each of the Fund's objectives and strategic priorities.

The program is delivered through the state and territory governments in their respective jurisdictions with Commonwealth funding provided via a schedule to the *Federation Funding Agreement - Environment* (Funding Agreement Schedule). The program creates a national framework for regional drought resilience planning, while providing flexibility for jurisdictions to deliver a program that builds on existing expertise and delivery mechanisms where they exist or establish new programs if needed.

In 2020-21 the Australian Government invested \$9.85 million from the Future Drought Fund for a foundational year of the program (with activities to 30 June 2022) with a co-contribution from state and territory governments.

A \$31 million three-year extension to the program was announced through the 2021-22 Federal Budget. The extension is expected to enable RDR Plans to be developed across all agricultural regions in each jurisdiction, building on the foundational year. As part of this extension, small grants will be available to take forward priority actions identified in RDR Plans. The extended program is supported by matching co-contributions from state and territory governments.

Implementation of the program will continue to be informed by any relevant findings of the National Royal Commission into Black Summer Bushfires (Natural Disaster Arrangements) as well as Federal and State Drought Inquiries where relevant.

Purpose of this document

This document outlines the desired outcomes, guiding principles and core elements of the program. This framework for the extended program is included in an amendment to the Funding Agreement Schedule and should be read alongside it. State and territory governments will deliver the program in accordance with an agreed Program Implementation Plan, which must be informed and aligned to this framework.

Program objectives and outcomes

The program aims to achieve the following objectives and outcomes outlined in Table 1 (below):

Table 1: Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program objectives and outcomes 2020-24

Objectives	Program information
The strategy	Establish drought resilience plans across all agricultural regions based on evidence and collaboration, to drive proactive management of drought risks
What are we trying to achieve?	Regional drought resilience plans, led and owned by the community, drive decisions, actions and investments to proactively manage drought risks
How will this support drought resilience?	Informed and planned action to manage drought risks at a regional scale will support resilience of the region's economy, farmers, businesses, communities, and the landscape
How will we assess whether it's successful?	<p>Overall success measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's an increase in the number of agricultural regions that have drought resilience plans • Plans have buy-in from key stakeholders in the region • Plans are informed by relevant data, co-design and best practice approaches to resilience planning • Plans are implemented

Outcomes	
Short term (1-2 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions have a plan against which to monitor their drought resilience status • Communities use best practice data and information to better understand their resilience to drought and make decisions • Regions have identified and planned for the impacts of drought on their region • Drought resilience planning draws on a wide range of inputs, informed by effective partnerships within the region • Communities empowered to identify the impacts of drought • Communities given the opportunity to communicate regional drought resilience needs and priorities which may inform future investment • Communities share their learnings about drought resilience with other regions • Regional level drought resilience planning leverages and aligns with planning at other scales
Intermediate (2-4 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of plans have had elements implemented • Actions, pathways and opportunities (including innovative and transformative) to improve regional drought resilience, mitigate risks and adapt to change are identified • Partnerships, networks and engagement are built between stakeholders managing natural resources • Communities share knowledge, collaborate and partner with government more often to build drought resilience • Greater sharing of learnings related to drought resilience between communities • The number of, and participation in, local networks and programs to enhance drought resilience increases • Increased community understanding of the region's current and future drought resilience, considering the region's unique economic, environmental and social characteristics • Regional leaders are in a stronger position to implement strategic actions, adapt to change and take advantage of opportunities to build economic resilience as they arise • Communities use best practice data and information to better understand their resilience to drought and plan for resilience to drought • Regional representatives have considered and planned incremental, transitional and transformational opportunities to strengthen resilience • Primary producers and businesses supported to improve their sustainability and resilience • Natural resource management capability is improved across region

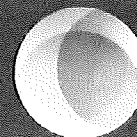
Program administration outcomes along with longer-term outcomes, linking to the Funding Plan and FDF Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Framework, are detailed in the program Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan (MEL Plan). The outcomes will continue to be refined collaboratively with the states and territories through the MEL Plan and associated reporting.

State and territory governments will be required to provide robust performance monitoring and reporting to ensure the program meets the program's outcomes, outputs and strategic priorities as documented in the program MEL Plan.

Core program elements

Regional Drought Resilience Plans

- RDR Plans will explore and focus on innovative and diverse pathways to build drought resilience in agricultural, primary production and agricultural supply chain industries. RDR Plans will also be underpinned by triple-bottom-line considerations and the impacts that future droughts may have on the broader landscape and regional communities which depend on or contribute to agriculture and rural economies. The process will foster learning and build social capital.



- RDR Plans must be developed:
 - using a partnership and co-design process (see 'Partnering' below) and harness the diverse region-specific knowledge and skills required for a triple-bottom-line approach to ensure the plans are community led and owned
 - using best-practice resilience planning principles including consideration of adaptation pathways and scenario testing
 - building on, complementing and taking account of existing strategic planning, to the extent it is available and relevant.
- RDR Plans must include:
 - a regional context, inclusive of an integrated assessment of how drought has affected the region in the past (if applicable) and how drought is likely to affect the region's economic, environmental and social characteristics in the future, based on up-to-date information, research and climate science (projections, mapping, modelling and scenarios) for the region.
 - The Commonwealth and the state and territories will provide, including through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund Climate Services for Agriculture Program, access to reliable, evidence-based information and research outputs to assist with the development of RDR Plans including available social research, climate data, and examples from other communities to encourage shared learning.
 - an evidence-based, triple-bottom-line strategy, outlining actions and pathways to mitigate and/or adapt to drought impacts, facilitate transformational change, and increase drought resilience within the region.
 - The strategy should consider the feasibility and practical implementation of actions to provide triple-bottom-line public good benefits to the region. Actions could include, for example, economic development opportunities, environmental management approaches, or wellbeing and social capital building initiatives.
 - The strategy should focus on innovative ways to build drought resilience in agricultural, primary production and agricultural supply chain industries. Supply chain industries include those genuinely involved in getting the agricultural product to the consumer and are therefore dependent on the agricultural industry.
 - a process to continue to engage and communicate with the community about proposed activities to be implemented under the plan and implementation progress, on a regular basis.
 - specify a monitoring, evaluation and review process to ensure transparency, adaptive management, and long-term implementation.
 - other relevant elements tailored to the jurisdiction or region may be included providing those additional elements are consistent with the program outcomes and objectives and do not affect delivery of core elements.
- Once complete, RDR Plans will be independently assessed by an assessor appointed by the Commonwealth.
 - the assessment framework will be nationally consistent and reflect the requirements of the Funding Agreement Schedule including the program framework contained within
 - following independent feedback, regional consortia will have the opportunity to consider and incorporate feedback into their RDR Plan prior to approval

- Final RDR Plans must be provided to the Commonwealth Minister for Drought for approval.
 - approval requirements will reflect the program framework and independent assessment criteria
- Approved RDR Plans will be published on the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website (or other appropriate centralised location determined by the Commonwealth in consultation with the applicable jurisdiction), to enable communities to learn from each other and enable those with less expertise or capacity to benefit from access to examples and case studies. Plans may also be published elsewhere at the discretion of the state, territory or regions.

Funding for planning

- The program will provide funding not exceeding \$600,000 per regional project (in Commonwealth funding) for consortia or similar partnerships/alliances of regional stakeholders (regional consortia) to develop RDR Plans.
- The funding for RDR Plans is to be determined by the respective state or territory government, in consultation with the Commonwealth, considering factors such as the proposed regional planning project's scope and scale.
 - it is expected not every plan will require the maximum quantum of funding available.
 - it is expected that required funding will enable all agricultural regions in each jurisdiction to be covered by RDR Plans.
- For larger RDR planning projects, total funds spent on preparing an RDR Plan could exceed \$600,000, with the additional funding being provided from other sources, for example regional consortia, regional partners, local governments or state and territory government program co-contributions. Such co-contributions may also be used to fund additional elements to:
 - extend the reach of the program to more agricultural regions
 - support implementation of activities specified in the plans
 - cover administrative costs.
- State and territory governments are also permitted to use other sources of funding (not considered co-contributions) to connect regional drought resilience planning into broader strategic planning and other relevant initiatives; broaden the scope of planning beyond agricultural, primary production and agricultural supply chain industries; or broaden the scope of planning more generally (for example bushfire response planning).

Governance

Application and selection

- State and territory governments are responsible for defining agricultural regions and selecting regional drought resilience planning projects within their jurisdictions for funding and determining the priority and timing of these projects.
- Regional planning projects should be selected using a structured, transparent, and where appropriate, contestable process.
- In making a selection, state and territory governments should consider:
 - the significance of agriculture to the region
 - the relevance of, and necessity and urgency for, drought resilience planning in the region
 - the consortia's proposed process for co-design, partnering and collaboration

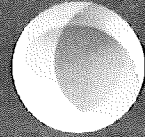
- the consortia's proposed approach to build on, complement and take account of existing strategic planning, to the extent it is available and relevant
- potential qualitative and quantitative outcomes and expected public benefits—not necessarily in monetary terms
- probability of successful completion of the plan.

Eligibility

- Regional consortia can be formed from local governments and/or other appropriate entities to develop a RDR Plan under this program.
 - regional consortia must consist of two or more local governments or other appropriate entities
 - other appropriate entities are defined as legal entities that undertake planning at a regional scale and include Regional Development Australia committees, Indigenous organisations, Regional Natural Resource Management Organisations, statutory authorities or other entities as deemed relevant by state and territory governments for their jurisdiction
 - where possible Local Government Authority (LGAs) should be the project lead, however in areas without LGAs, areas with indigenous governance arrangements, or where LGAs lack capacity, or are unwilling or unable to partner together, development of an RDR Plan could be led by other appropriate entities
 - if a project has a non-local government lead, relevant local governments must still be partners in the planning process where possible and relevant
 - regional consortia can be based on existing regional groups or partnerships, including partnerships of councils (for example Joint Organisations of Council or Local Government Regional Organisations)
 - regional consortia members should be located in the same geographical area, with common regional interests and preferably, but not necessarily, share common borders
 - agricultural industries must be justifiably significant (or have the genuine potential to be significant) to the region in which the consortia is located, through its economy, landscape, and/or community/social aspects
 - regional consortia may participate in but are not permitted to be funded as part of more than one regional project
 - acknowledging that regions do not necessarily align with jurisdictional borders, consortia that straddle state and territory jurisdictional borders may apply for funding under this program. Facilitation of cross-jurisdictional applications will be undertaken on an ad-hoc basis.
- Whilst regional consortia will be responsible for developing RDR Plans, these plans will be community led and owned.

Partnering

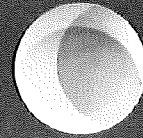
- Regional consortia must partner, collaborate and consult widely with relevant regional, community and industry stakeholders, and organisations who undertake relevant planning processes to:
 - foster co-designed, community-led planning and collective ownership of the resulting plan and its implementation
 - leverage existing local, regional and state strategic planning and other relevant initiatives and avoid duplication of effort



- recognise the diversity of people, businesses and landscapes involved in agricultural production, including Indigenous groups and landholders
- harness diverse region-specific knowledge and skills for a triple-bottom-line approach.
- Partners and stakeholders to be engaged in co-design and/or consultation on RDR Plans include, where they exist in the region, but not necessarily limited to:
 - Farming groups and businesses
 - Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees
 - Natural Resource Management (NRM) organisations
 - Indigenous groups
 - Local government authorities / councils (where they are not the lead)
 - community organisations, community leaders, Local champions e.g. Country Women's Association, Rotary, Lions.
 - Research organisation
 - Agricultural industry representative groups (peak bodies)
 - development commissions
 - State or territory governments
 - power, emergency, fire and medical services
 - water authorities
 - banks, and/or other financial experts, organisations or institutions.
 - farm advisers, consultants, agronomists and stock and station agents.
- Regional consortia also need to partner with their local FDF Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs (the Hubs). This will ensure Hubs are embedded in the planning process to support regions to consider relevant evidence-based information and research outputs and connects the Hubs with the drought resilience needs of their area. The Hubs also provide an important linkage with networks of primary producers and community groups.

Implementation grants

- Regional consortia will be eligible to receive an implementation grant of up to \$150,000 (commonwealth contribution) per plan to support implementation of priority actions identified in their RDR plan.
 - the Commonwealth contribution is to be matched, or as otherwise agreed, by the respective state and territory government as part of the overall program budget specified in the Funding Agreement Schedule
 - the Commonwealth may negotiate, on a case by case basis, an increased grant amount if the relevant state or territory government meets the following requirements:
 - sufficient funding had been allocated to fund development of RDR Plans to the quality standard required by the program, AND
 - has achieved, or is on track to achieve, coverage of all agricultural regions, AND
 - has made provision for maximum implementation grant funding (\$300,000 including matching state co-contribution) per plan for all regions developing an RDR Plan, AND
 - any increased Commonwealth contribution towards implementation grants is matched by the relevant state or territory government.
- Activities funded through an implementation grant must:
 - be outlined in an independently assessed and approved RDR Plan
 - be endorsed/sponsored by the relevant consortia responsible for developing/approving the RDR Plan
 - take place within, or apply to, the region for which the approved RDRP Plan exists



- aim to improve drought resilience in the agricultural sector, and/or its supporting communities and supply chains
- deliver a public benefit
 - grants must not be used for payments direct to farmers, nor to provide on-farm infrastructure.
- Regional consortia are encouraged, but not required, to co-contribute towards the funded activities.
- State and territory governments will make decisions on and administer implementation grant funding to regions consortia.
 - method of administration of implementation grant funding will be tailored by each jurisdiction
 - Policy guidance will be developed by the Commonwealth, in consultation with the state and territory governments, to assist with administering implementation grant funding, consistent with the principles outlined above
 - grant funding administration will be underpinned by principles of probity, transparency and accountability.
- The Commonwealth, through the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, must be consulted prior to a decision on making a grant.
- Consistent with the Funding Agreement, implementation grant activities must be jointly branded and announced unless otherwise agreed.

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Dear Minister Watt

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven regarding Fruit Fly management in South Australia.

Kind regards

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Senator the Hon. Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
PO Box 6100
Senate, Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Email: minister.watt@agriculture.gov.au

Dear Minister

As you would be aware, for more than two years South Australia has been combatting numerous outbreaks of both Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) and Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) in different regions of the State.

South Australia plays a vital role as a central buffer which prevents these pests from spreading and the ongoing fight to eradicate such outbreaks is clearly in the national interest. Doing so supports a number of important national trade protocols valued at many hundreds of millions of dollars annually, which allow producers on both sides of the country to export their produce without additional treatment.

Late last year, South Australia was successfully able to eradicate eleven outbreaks of Medfly and one outbreak of Qfly in metropolitan Adelaide, a single outbreak of Medfly in Pt Augusta and three outbreaks of Qfly in the SA Riverland. Unfortunately, thirteen outbreaks of Qfly continue to pose concerns in the Riverland Pest Free Area.

Collectively, these responses have constituted the largest eradication program for fruit fly ever conducted in Australia and have come at a cost of over \$75 million to the South Australian Government.

I welcome confirmation in the current budget papers that the Commonwealth Government intends to invest \$30 million to build national resilience to manage fruit fly. The announcement of this funding late last year noted that it is vital to ensure regions like the Adelaide Hills and SA Riverland can continue to access lucrative export markets as a result of South Australia's fruit fly free status.

The announcement noted that the Building Resilience to Manage Fruit Fly package provides \$30 million over three years and correspondence with your department has confirmed that, while a national scoping study must be undertaken to confirm that investment is in the national interest, at least \$20 million of those funds are ear-marked for expenditure in South Australia, which is in recognition of the significant work that's already being done in the national interest and the urgent need to improve fruit fly resilience in this State.

I'm advised that my Department has been working closely with yours to confirm the projects that are of national significance and warrant funding in South Australia under the Building Resilience to Manage Fruit Fly funding package.

In particular, urgent investment in post-harvest infrastructure, sterile insect capacity (for both Mediterranean fruit fly and Queensland fruit fly), necessary upgrades to South Australia's permanent quarantine stations, investment to implement greater capacity to undertake random and mobile quarantine checks on arrival in South Australia and implementing improvements to the system which supports quarantine entry conditions for fruit fly produce into South Australia, are all vital pieces of work to support the significant investment that the South Australian government continues to make.

I thank you for committing to nationally fund activities such as these and look forward to hearing favourable news on the results from the national scoping study soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clare Scriven". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Dear Minister

Please find attached correspondence from the Hon Clare Scriven MLC for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Sharon

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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Email: minister.watt@agriculture.gov.au

Dear Minister *Murray,*

I write regarding the proposed phasing out of live export.

I note the commitment of the Commonwealth Government to engage and consult with industry and state governments on the future of the live export market. As the Minister for South Australia's Primary Industries and Regions I would like to ensure the South Australian industry is included in the proposed consultation from an early stage.

You may be aware that South Australia has not directly exported sheep from our ports since 2018. However, we still have a significant number of our producers who send sheep interstate to other ports for live export.

Australia's live sheep export trade has fundamentally changed over the past few years with great improvements to conditions onboard live export ships and at the receiving end of the supply chain. A high standard of animal welfare is expected by producers, the community and all members along the supply chain. It is pleasing to see the low mortality rates reflect the much-improved welfare for sheep on-board ships in recent years.

I note media reports indicating that the Federal Labor policy of banning live exports is likely to be implemented in a second term of Labor government. Could you provide clarification of your expected timeframes?

South Australian industry groups and government agencies would welcome robust consultation on this issue to ensure the best outcomes can be achieved for a strong industry going forward. Industry groups are particularly keen to discuss whether live exports via air transport will be affected by the ban, given that this form of export avoids many of the animal welfare issues that may exist in sea transport.

I look forward to working with you to help grow and strengthen the livestock industries.

Yours sincerely

Clare Scriven

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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cc: Chief Executive Officer, Livestock SA

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Attachments: eA197680 - Mr Tony Pasin MP - Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).pdf

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MPIRD/MFI ref: eA197680

Good morning

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven regarding Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) dated 18 September 2022.

Kind regards

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Mr Tony Pasin MP
Federal Member for Barker
Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
27 Commercial Street
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Email: tony.pasin.mp@sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Pasin *Tony,*

Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2022 seeking a briefing regarding Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

The South Australian Government is taking the threat of FMD very seriously.

A bipartisan approach to biosecurity matters is vital and it is encouraging to see industry and government come together to work on strong biosecurity initiatives to protect our livestock industry.

Thank you for attending and participating in the PIRSA hosted briefing held on 5 August.

I look forward to working positively with you as biosecurity is everyone's responsibility, from industry to government, travellers to the public, we can all play our part in protecting our livestock industry.

Once again, thank you for writing to me on this very important matter.

Yours sincerely

Clare Scriven

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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MPIRD/MFI Ref: eA197906

Good morning

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven regarding the intention to release the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry (the standards).

Kindest regards
Anthea

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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Senator The Hon Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Minister for Emergency Management
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Email: minister.watt@agriculture.gov.au

Dear Minister

Murray,

Thank you for your letter of 14 August 2022 regarding the intention to release the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry (the standards).

I am pleased that work on developing the poultry standards is now complete. We will communicate with our local industry to give them another opportunity to fully understand and plan for the changes that are likely to be required.

I will also be liaising with my colleague the Hon Dr Susan Close, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, to consider and define the appropriate mechanism and timing for the standards to be introduced in South Australia.

I look forward to supporting the harmonisation of animal welfare legislation nationally, to provide clarity and consistency to industry.

Once again, thank you for writing to me on this important issue.

Yours sincerely

Clare Scriven

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Dear Assistant Treasurer

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven dated 22 October 2022.

Kind regards

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Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

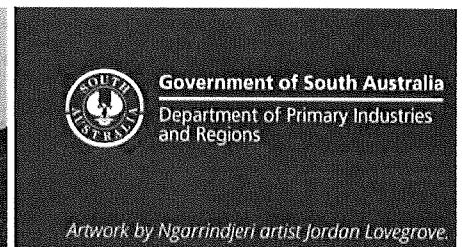
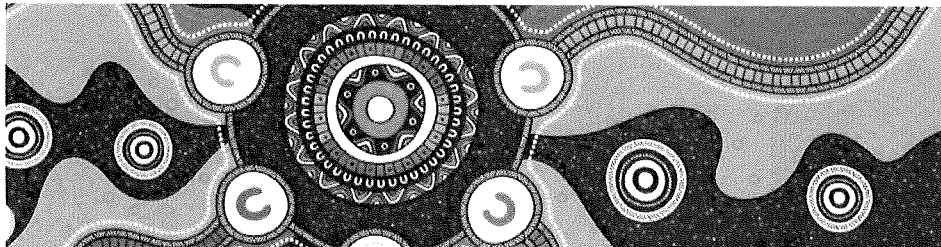
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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Hon Stephen Jones MP
Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services
The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Assistant Treasurer

I write to you for guidance on delivering a South Australian Government commitment to investigate the feasibility of incentives to ensure that arrangements favour local wood processors who may be locked out of contracts with larger forest growers.

You may be aware there have been various calls from the forest and wood products industry to establish an industry code of conduct to support the supply of raw material to domestic processing. In South Australia, this wood is entirely based on plantations, meaning there are no issues related to harvesting of native forests.

I understand the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission can provide useful guidance for developing voluntary industry codes of conduct and for applying for collective bargaining.

Your assistance in determining the optimal role government could play to assist industry with these items is sought. Any advice on alternative mechanisms to incentivise the equitable distribution of logs to domestic timber processors would be appreciated.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to receiving your advice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Clare Scriven'.

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
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MPIRD/MFI ref: eA198095

Good afternoon

Please find attached correspondence regarding the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program (Schedule AN) dated 23 October 2022.

Kind regards

Office of the Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

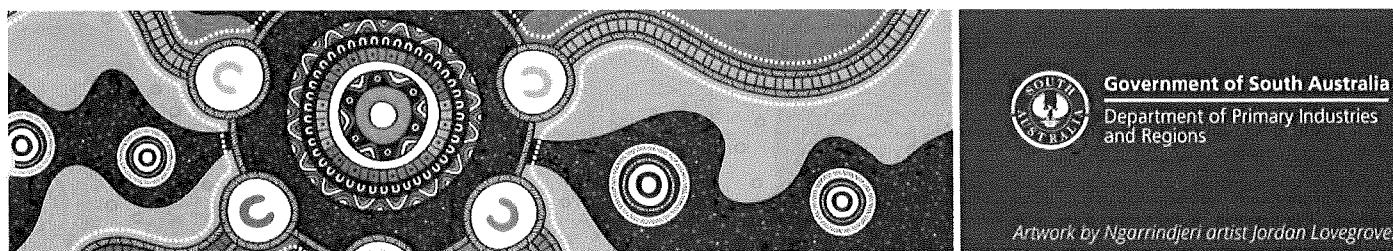
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Senator The Hon Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Minister for Emergency Management
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Email: response.policy@agriculture.gov.au.

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 14 September 2022 regarding the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program.

South Australia acknowledges its commitment to the national biosecurity system and the Project Agreement for Pest and Disease Preparedness and Response Programs (the Agreement). With that in mind, I have signed Schedule AN of the Agreement.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. M. Scriven'.

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

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Attachment A: National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program (Schedule AN) attached to letter from Hon Murray Watt.

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National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2024 or upon completion or termination of the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program as determined by the National Management Group (NMG), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia Governments, the combatant jurisdictions for this eradication program</p> <p>The National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program is being conducted under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) as agreed by the NMG in 2021. Khapra beetles found in imported highchairs and domestic bagged malt was being responded to under the Khapra Beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>) National Response Plan 2020-2021 (the Response Plan) version 1.0, approved by the NMG 16 December 2020.</p> <p>The National Khapra Beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>) Response Plan v2.0 (Response Plan) and associated 2021-22 to 2022-23 budget was approved by the NMG in accordance with the EPPRD on 14 May 2021 and revised on 1 April 2022.</p> <p>The NMG agreed to set an upper limit on expenditure of \$27 million for eligible Shared Costs incurred in implementing the Response Plan and agreed that the upper limit on expenditure applies to all versions of the Response Plan, including expenditure detailed under version 1.0 between December 16 2020 and May 13 2021.</p> <p>On 1 April 2022, the NMG agreed that response costs for Khapra beetles found in mixed retail items can be accommodated within the Response Plan indicative budget.</p>

If required, this schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.

The project elements for the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program are described in the Response Plan. Combatant jurisdictions are responsible for delivery of the following four stages in accordance with the Response Plan:

- Delimit extent of the incident and identify risk premises: Tracing infested goods and conveyances to receiving properties and undertaking surveillance.
- Control Action: Removal of infested material and containment. Treating infested containers, goods, and commercial and residential premises to kill the pest.
- Evaluation Monitoring: Monitoring infested sites to verify treatment efficacy.
- Proof of Freedom Surveillance: Undertaking surveillance, including sweeping, visual assessments, and trapping, to verify ongoing absence of khapra beetles.

Estimated financial contributions

The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$15.81m in respect of this Schedule.

Table 1		
(\$ million)	FY2022/23	Total
Estimated total budget	15.81	15.81
<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	0.0	0.0
- NSW	4.92	4.92
- VIC	3.97	3.97
- QLD	2.60	2.60
- SA	0.41	0.41
- WA	3.91	3.91

Additional terms

The Commonwealth's agreed financial contributions for the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program are outlined in Table 1, and are payable in accordance with the milestones set out below. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Where the Industry Party is not able to meet its cost sharing obligations either directly, or from funds held on its behalf, the Commonwealth will initially meet that Industry Party's Cost Sharing obligations as set out in section 10.4.2 of the EPPRD. The Commonwealth's agreed financial underwriting is outlined in Table 3. Each Industry Party will subsequently meet its cost sharing obligations to the Commonwealth, arising as a consequence of the Commonwealth meeting Industry Party obligations pursuant to clause 10.4.2, as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the EPPRD (Section 10.4.3).

Breakdown of estimated contributions between industry and government		2022-23
	Commonwealth	\$10,626,337.42
	Almond Board of Australia	\$217,839.92
	Australian Walnut Industry Association	\$18,163.99
	Cotton Australia	\$21,252.67
	Grain Producers Australia	\$4,854,948.36
	Pistachio Growers Association	\$10,379.37
	Ricegrowers' Association of Australia	\$72,655.56

Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress report for 3rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$1,434,469.89
Final report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	January 2023	\$3,489,491.07
Total			\$4,923,960.96

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



Senator The Honourable Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

13 September 2022

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

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The Honourable Dugald Saunders MP
Minister for Agriculture and Western New South
Wales

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Table 2B: Victoria – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress report for 3rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$838,492.72
Final report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	January 2023	\$3,135,473.93
Total			\$3,973,966.65

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



Senator The Honourable Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

17 September 2022

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

The Honourable Gayle Tierney MP
Minister for Agriculture

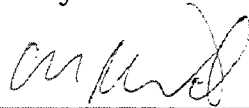
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Table 2C: Queensland – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress report for 3rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$595,493.66
Final report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	January 2023	\$2,003,864.59
Total			\$2,599,358.25

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



Senator The Honourable Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

13 September 2022

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by

The Honourable Mark Furner MP
Minister for Agricultural Industry Development

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Table 2D: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress report for 3rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$1,142,139.20
Final report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	January 2023	\$2,769,727.60
Total			\$3,911,866.80

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



Senator The Honourable Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

13 September 2022

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

The Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MP
Minister for Agriculture and Food

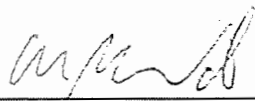
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Table 2E: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress report for 3rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$0.00
Final report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	January 2023	\$412,424.54
Total			\$412,424.54

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

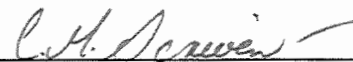
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Senator The Honourable Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

13 September 2022

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by



The Honourable Clare Scriven MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

23 October, 2022

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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

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Dear Mr Pasin *Tony,*

Thank you for your letter of 14 September 2022 regarding the oversupply of red wine grapes and plight of grape growers in the Riverland wine region.

The South Australian Government is well aware of the current challenges facing growers and through the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) have been working closely with Riverland Wine and the Wine Grape Council of South Australia to understand the issues regarding the temporary reduced demand for Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from the warm climate wine regions.

On Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September, PIRSA supported the delivery of some workshops for Riverland wine grape growers which were designed to fill knowledge gaps on techniques for resting vineyards, and the long-term outlook for demand in wine grapes. This has provided a unique insight into some solutions that might be applied.

I understand that the oversupply is not an issue exclusive to the Riverland, with growers across South Australia facing a decision on how to proceed with their crops ahead of the 2023 vintage owing to the ongoing challenges of the China market.

Support for wine export is also high on the agenda for the Malinauskas Labor Government, with the Department for Trade and Investment committed to delivering the Wine Export Recovery and Expansion program.

Once again, thank you for writing to me about support for this important sector.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clare Scriven".

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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23 / 10 / 2022

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