# National Partnership Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray–Darling Basin

Commonwealth payments to Basin states



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## Commonwealth payments to Basin states

The *National Partnership Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray–Darling Basin* (NPA) provides for Commonwealth payments to the Basin states. The Commonwealth must make these payments in accordance with Schedule D – Payment arrangements of the [Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/intergovernmental_agreements.aspx). The Commonwealth's estimated financial contribution, as per Clause 28 of the NPA, is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Estimated Commonwealth financial contributions to Basin states, 2012–13 to 2019–20

| Year | NSW ($) | Vic. ($) | Qld ($) | SA ($) | ACT ($) | Total ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2012–13 | 2,820,630 | 2,039,997 **a** | 595,452 | 445,863 **a** | 98,058 **a** | 6,000,000 |
| 2013–14 | 3,481,462 **b** | 2,861,453 **b** | 0 | 557,085 **b** | 0 | 6,900,000 |
| 11,568,609 **c** | 8,882,173 **c** | 1,339,767 | 1,838,819 **c** | 220,632 | 23,850,000 |
| 2014–15 | 14,624,291 | 11,092,169 | 1,984,841 | 2,321,837 | 326,862 | 30,350,000 |
| 2015–16 | 12,883,561 | 9,661,442 | 1,984,840 | 2,043,295 | 326,862 | 26,900,000 |
| 2016–17 | 9,402,099 | 6,799,989 | 1,984,840 | 1,486,209 | 326,863 | 20,000,000 |
| 2017–18 | 9,402,099 | 6,799,989 | 1,984,840 | 1,486,210 | 326,862 | 20,000,000 |
| 2018–19 | 9,402,099 | 6,799,989 | 1,984,840 | 1,486,210 | 326,862 | 20,000,000 |
| 2019–20 | 9,402,100 | 6,799,989 | 1,984,840 | 1,486,209 | 326,862 | 20,000,000 |
| **Total** | **82,986,950** | **61,737,190** | **13,844,260** | **13,151,737** | **2,279,863** | **174,000,000** |

**a** Victoria, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory received their 2012–13 payment under the superseded 2013 National Partnership Agreement (see clause 7). **b** Payment in recognition of 40% of the supply measure project funding component for 2013–14 for which feasibility and business cases were prepared for consideration under the SDL adjustment mechanism. **c** Payment in recognition of Basin state implementation payment component of 2013–14 financial contribution and the remaining 60% of the business case development funding for 2013–14.

Table 2 shows actual Commonwealth payments made under the NPA.

Table 2 Actual Commonwealth financial contributions to Basin states, 2012–13 to 2019–20

| Year | NSW ($) | Vic. ($) | Qld ($) | SA ($) | ACT ($) | Total ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2012–13 | 0 | 2,039,997 **a** | 0 | 445,863 **a** | 98,058 **a** | 2,583,918 |
| 2013–14 | 3,481,462 **b** | 2,861,453 **b** | 0 | 557,085 **b** | 0 | 6,900,000 |
| 11,568,609 **c** | 8,882,173 **c** | 1,339,767 | 1,838,819 **c** | 220,632 | 23,850,000 |
| 2014–15 | 14,624,291 | 11,092,169 | 1,984,841 | 2,321,837 | 326,862 | 30,350,000 |
| 2015–16 | 12,883,561 | 9,661,442 | 1,984,840 | 2,043,295 | 326,862 | 26,900,000 |
| 2016–17 | 9,402,099 | 6,799,989 | 1,984,840 | 1,486,209 | 326,863 | 20,000,000 |
| 2017–18 | 0 **d** | 6,799,989 | 1,984,840 | 1,486,210 | 326,862 | 10,597,901 |
| 2018–19 | 9,402,099 | 6,799,989 | 1,984,840 | 1,486,210 | 326,862 | 20,000,000 |
| 2019–20 | 9,402,100 | 6,799,989 | 1,984,840 | 1,486,209 | 326,862 | 20,000,000 |
| **Total** | **70,764,221** | **61,737,190** | **13,248,808** | **13,151,737** | **2,279,863** | **161,181,819** |

**a** Victoria, South Australia and the ACT received their 2012–13 payment under the superseded 2013 National Partnership Agreement (see clause 7). **b** Payment in recognition of 40% of the supply measure project funding component for 2013–14 for which feasibility and business cases were prepared for consideration under the SDL adjustment mechanism. **c** Payment in recognition of Basin state implementation payment component of 2013–14 financial contribution and the remaining 60% of the business case development funding for 2013–14. **d** New South Wales did not receive a payment in 2017–18.