

# 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. 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 <b>a</b> | 595,452    | 445,863 <b>a</b>   | 98,058 <b>a</b> | 6,000,000   |
| 2013-14 | 3,481,462 <b>b</b>  | 2,861,453 <b>b</b> | 0          | 557,085 <b>b</b>   | 0               | 6,900,000   |
|         | 11,568,609 <b>c</b> | 8,882,173 <b>c</b> | 1,339,767  | 1,838,819 <b>c</b> | 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a Victoria, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory received their 2012–13 payment under the superseded 2013 National Partnership Agreement (see clause 7).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 <b>a</b> | 0          | 445,863 <b>a</b>   | 98,058 <b>a</b> | 2,583,918   |
| 2013-14 | 3,481,462 <b>b</b>  | 2,861,453 <b>b</b> | 0          | 557,085 <b>b</b>   | 0               | 6,900,000   |
|         | 11,568,609 <b>c</b> | 8,882,173 <b>c</b> | 1,339,767  | 1,838,819 <b>c</b> | 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 <b>d</b>          | 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.