# Expression of Interest

# National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility

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| Section A: General information | |
| **Purpose of this form** | To apply for funding under the National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility.  If you are seeking funding under both the National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility and the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund, use this form. You do not need to submit two separate applications. |
| **Before applying** | Only state and territory governments may apply for funding.  Read the *National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility Investment Guidelines*.  Read the *National Water Infrastructure Development Fund – Capital Component Guidelines*.  Ensure you meet the eligibility requirements at section E of this form. |
| **To complete this form** | **Electronically** You can complete this form electronically, using Microsoft Word. Please remember to print it out and sign before submitting. **Manually** Use black or blue pen  Print in BLOCK LETTERS  Mark boxes with a tick or a cross |
| **Your application must include** | a completed and signed expression of interest form  all attachments listed in section D |
| **Email your application** | [waterinfrastructure@agriculture.gov.au](file:///C:\Users\anderson%20flora\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\MCOWDC46\waterinfrastructure@agriculture.gov.au)  Applications can only be submitted by an officer from a state or territory government department. |
| **Applications received by 21 September 2017 will be assessed for funding by February 2018. The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources may alter the above date for this application process at its discretion. Future Assessment Dates will be notified via the Website. State and territory governments will be informed of any changes or additions to the Assessment Dates.**  **Please note altered forms will not be accepted** | |

## Section B: Applicant and partner details

### Jurisdiction and administering department details

Postal Address

Australian Business Number (ABN)

### Applicant representative (must be an officer of the administering department)

Full name

Position/Organisation

Postal address

Suburb/town/city State/territory Postcode

Work phone Mobile phone

Email Fax

### Second contact

Full name

Position/Organisation

Postal address

Suburb/town/city State/territory Postcode

Work phone Mobile phone

Email Fax

### Project partner contact (add additional partners as required) (if applicable)

Full name

Position/Organisation

Postal address

Suburb/town/city State/territory Postcode

Work phone Mobile phone

Email Fax

## Section C: Project details

Please note information provided here may be publicly released.

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| Project title |  |
| Location – nearest town, catchment(s), river |  |
| Project Term (estimated start and finish dates) |  |

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| Proposed loan term | | | |
| Construction period | *[years]* | Principal and interest repayment period | *[years]* |

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| Short proposal description (one page max) | Include a 1-2 sentence summary on exactly what do you intend to do – e.g. build a dam on the [name] river |

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| Is this part of a larger project? What are the dependencies — e.g. what other infrastructure (roads, power etc.) is needed to ensure the success of the Water Infrastructure? Describe the larger project (one page max) |  |

### Are you also seeking funding from the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund – Capital Component?

No

Yes  You do not need to submit a separate application form. The information provided in this form will also inform decisions under the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund.

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| Total Commonwealth funding requested through this application (exclusive of GST)\* | | | $ | |
| National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility | $ | | National Water Infrastructure Development Fund | $ |
| Total Project cost | | $ | | |

\*total Commonwealth funding must not exceed 49% of the total Project cost.

## Section D: Applicant Response to Mandatory Assessment Criteria

### Applicant response to mandatory assessment criteria

Please refer to Schedule 2 of the *National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility Investment Guidelines* to respond to the criteria.

You should also refer to Schedule 2 if you are seeking funding under both the National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility and the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund.

| Mandatory criteria no. (weighting) | Applicant response |
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| 1. The proposed Project involves construction of Water Infrastructure (5%) | *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment A. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as A1, A2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.* |
| 2. The proposed Project will be compliant with the National Water Initiative (15%) | *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment B. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as B1, B2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.* |
| 3. The proposed Project will be of Public Benefit (10%) | *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment C. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as C1, C2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.* |
| 4. The proposed Project is unlikely to proceed, or will only proceed at a much later date, or with a limited scope, without assistance from the Commonwealth (5%) | *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment D. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as D1, D2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.* |
| 5. The proposed Project has received the required regulatory and administrative approvals required to proceed to construction (15%) | *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment E. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as E1, E2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.* |
| 6. Overall Business Case (35%) | *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment F. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as F1, F2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.*  *Your summary must include an outline of the published methodologies and assessment frameworks used in preparing the cost benefit analysis and calculating the benefit cost ratio.* |
| 7. Co-funding is greater than 51 per cent of the total Project cost and the loan will be repaid (10%) | *Please complete the funding table at Section 7.*  *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment G. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as G1, G2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.* |
| 8. Stakeholder and Indigenous engagement (5%) | *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment H. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as H1, H2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.* |
| 9. The proposed Project is located in, or will have a significant benefit for, northern Australia | ***This criterion applies only to the $40 million northern component of the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund.***  *Applicant response – to be labelled Attachment I. Include, at the beginning, a summary of the contents of the attachment. Where there are multiple attachments, label as I1, I2, etc. and provide a list as part of the summary.* |

### Proposed funding contributions (cash only)

Please note:

* all figures must be exclusive of GST
* funding from the Commonwealth will be paid in instalments on achievement of milestones
* funding from the National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility will be paid from 2017-18 to 2025-26
* funding from the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund will be paid from 2017-18 to 2024-25
* show all contributions, including those beyond 2025-26

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| Contributors | Financial Year 1 [specify year] | Financial Year 2 [specify year] | Financial Year 3 [specify year]  [add columns as required] | Total |
| Commonwealth (National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility) | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] |
| Commonwealth (National Water Infrastructure Development Fund) | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] |
| Other Commonwealth sources | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] |
| State or territory government | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] |
| Other investor/source  [name of investor – add rows as required] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] |
| Total cost of project (A) | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] |
| Total requested from Commonwealth (all sources) (B) | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] |
| Total other sources | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] | [Table text] |
| Percentage of funds sought from Commonwealth^ [(B divided by A) \* 100] | | | | [Table text] |

*^Percentage of funds sought from all Commonwealth sources must not exceed 49 per cent of the total cost of the project.*

### Other funding

Have you received, sought or are you intending to seek funding from any other Commonwealth source (not including the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund)?

No  If no, you do not need to answer any more questions in this section.

Yes  If yes, please answer the questions in the table below

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| **Question** | **Applicant response** |
| Where are you seeking/receiving funds from (e.g. the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility) |  |
| How much funding are you seeking/have you received? |  |
| What infrastructure are you seeking funding for? How does it relate to this application? |  |
| If you receive this funding, does the total Commonwealth contribution remain at 49 per cent or less of the project value? |  |
| If you do not receive this funding:   * will the project proceed? * what will the impacts be on the project or this application (e.g. alternative funds can be sourced, project scope will be reduced or this application will need to be withdrawn)? |  |

## Section E: Eligibility Criteria

If you answer NO to any of the following questions, you are not eligible to apply for funding through this Expression of Interest process.

### Are you a state or territory government?

No  You are not eligible to apply for funding through this Expression of Interest process.

Yes

### Does this funding request relate to a proposed Water Infrastructure Project ready to progress to construction?

No  You are not eligible to apply for funding through this Expression of Interest process.

Yes

### Does this Investment Proposal have the written support of the state minister responsible for water infrastructure?

No  You are not eligible to apply for funding through this Expression of Interest process.

Yes

### Does the state commit to implementation of National Water Initiative consistent water management in the catchment where the infrastructure is proposed?

No  You are not eligible to apply for funding through this Expression of Interest process.

Yes

## Section F: Applicant declaration

To be completed by the Applicant listed in section B.

I declare that the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that it is a criminal offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* to knowingly give false or misleading information to a Commonwealth officer exercising powers under Commonwealth law. This offence carries a maximum penalty of 12 months imprisonment.

I declare I have read and accepted the conditions outlined in the *National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility Investment Guidelines*.

**Please note altered forms will not be accepted**

Signature

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Full name

## Section G: Privacy notice

Personal information means any information or opinion about an identified, or reasonably identifiable, individual.

Sensitive personal information means any information or opinion about an individual’s racial or ethnic origin, political opinion or association, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, sexual preferences or practices, trade or professional associations and memberships, union membership, criminal record, health or genetic information and biometric information or templates.

The collection of personal information by the department in relation to the application form is for the purposes of assessing eligibility of the application for the Rural R&D for Profit program and related purposes. If the relevant personal information requested in this application is not provided, the department will be unable to assess the application’s eligibility for this program.

Personal information provided to the department is for the purposes of administration or evaluation of the program and assessment of an application. In providing personal information, applicants consent to the department using the information for the above mentioned purposes and other related purposes.

The department may disclose an applicant’s personal information to relevant parties that may be engaged for the purposes of assessment of applications and program evaluation or as otherwise permitted by the *Privacy Act 1988* (the Act) provided the disclosure is consistent with the Act.

The department’s Privacy Policy, including information about access to and correction of your personal information, can be found at: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/accessing-information

To contact the department about personal information or to make a complaint:

Telephone: Switchboard +61 2 6272 3933

Email: [privacy@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:privacy@agriculture.gov.au)

Post: Privacy Contact Officer, Department of Agriculture, GPO Box 858, Canberra ACT 2601.

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| Jurisdiction  Application number  Eligibility of application  No  Yes  Department officer processing form |