

Macalister Irrigation District Modernisation Project Phase 1B, Victoria. Credit: Southern Rural Water



Working in Partnership

Partnering to secure our future

Growing Australia's agricultural output, increasing water security, and building resilience to drought can only be achieved by working in partnership.

The Australian Government is working collaboratively with the states and territories to identify, plan and deliver Australia's next generation of water infrastructure. This recognises the important role states and territories play in the management of Australia's water resources, and in the National Water Grid.

The National Water Grid Authority plays a key role in coordinating a national approach to water infrastructure planning and development, and shaping national water infrastructure policy.

State and territory governments are responsible for developing project proposals for business cases and infrastructure development.

The proposals can be developed in consultation with other project partners, including local governments, Traditional Owners and the private sector.

The National Water Grid Authority is the lead Australian Government agency responsible for investing in Australia's next generation water infrastructure, but it is only one part of the Australian Government's broader water agenda.



Did you know

Engaging with stakeholder groups such as regional community and agricultural organisations, local governments and the general public is an important aspect of how we work. Those living and working in our regions, in particular, experience the effects of our variable climate first hand and have valuable perspectives to offer on water infrastructure priorities.

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The Authority is working closely with other Australian Government agencies to ensure water infrastructure investment decisions complement the Government’s wider policy objectives. These include agriculture and economic and regional development.

Our counterparts include the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, the Office of Northern Australia and the North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority.

In addition, the Authority’s work is consistent with, and supports the aims of, the National Water Initiative and other existing water governance arrangements.



Securing Australia’s Water Future

What is the National Water Grid?

National Water Infrastructure Investment Policy Framework

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