

Status of announced ongoing National Water Grid Fund (NWGF) construction projects, as at 31 January 2025

State	Project Name	NWGF funding	State/other funding	Total cost	Description	Project Status
NSW	Eurobodalla Southern Storage	\$51,224,000	\$88,700,000	\$139,924,000	The project will construct a 3,000ML off-stream water storage and supporting pumping infrastructure to enable full linkage and integration of the Eurobodalla region supply system. The project will improve water availability and security for the region by increasing storage and providing an estimated additional 581ML per annum for downstream irrigators and stock watering.	Contracted 20 October 2021. Under construction. Expected completion mid-2025.
NSW	Nyngan to Cobar Pipeline- Stage 1	\$22,750,000	\$22,750,000	\$45,500,000	The project will replace the two pump stations at Nyngan and Hermidale to provide long term water supply reliability and water security for the Cobar region.	Contracted 1 March 2023. In planning. Expected completion late 2026
NSW	Yass Water Security Treatment Plant Upgrade	\$18,100,000	\$18,100,000	\$36,200,000	The project will augment the existing Yass Water Treatment Plant to add new water treatment assets.	Not yet contracted. In planning. Expected completion late 2028.
NSW	NSW Connections Funding Pathway	\$10,546,600	\$19,788,227	\$30,334,827	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walcha Off-Stream Water Storage • West Wyalong Water Reliability Project • Urbenville Water Supply Project. 	Contracted 20 October 2021. Under construction. Expected completion early 2025.
NSW	Far West Water Treatment Plants	10,000,000	11,500,000	21,500,000	Previously known as the Clean Water, Healthy Community and River project, this project will construct 3 new water treatment plants in the communities of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Whitecliffs to replace end-of-life plants and improve water quality. The works in Wilcannia will also include a new reticulation network and storage system.	Contracted 13 August 2024. Under construction. Expected completion early 2026.
NSW	Lightning Ridge Bore Water Pipeline	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$2,600,000	The project will upgrade and restore the two Lightning Ridge supply bores and replace approximately 5.1km of damaged water mains.	Not yet contracted. In planning. Expected completion late 2025.

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VIC	Western Irrigation Network	\$48,071,000	\$68,227,000	\$116,298,000	The project will construct a pipeline network to deliver high-quality recycled water from the Sunbury, Melton, and Bacchus Marsh treatment plants to develop the Parwan/Balliang Irrigation Scheme. This project will provide a new and secure recycled water supply to support viable agricultural expansion in the Parwan/Balliang region.	Contracted 29 September 2020. Under construction. Expected completion late 2025.
VIC	Western Port Recycled Water Scheme – Stage 1	\$46,600,000	\$66,600,000	\$113,200,000	This project will supply 4,000 megalitres of Class A recycled water for productive use in the Western Port Region by constructing a new pump station, trunk main and approximately 49 km of recycled water pipelines. It also includes a capacity upgrade for the Pakenham Class A treatment plant.	Not yet contracted. In planning. Expected completion late 2029.
VIC	East Grampians Rural Water Supply Project	\$32,000,000	\$53,187,896	\$85,187,896	The project will improve efficiency of water use in the East Grampians region, by supplying 1,700ML per annum of reticulated water and provide around 1,500 rural enterprises with the opportunity to access a reticulated water supply.	Contracted 7 May 2020. Under Construction. Expected completion early 2026.
VIC	Quality Water for Wannon	\$26,050,000	\$26,190,000	\$52,240,000	The project will build new water treatment infrastructure to improve the potable water quality for the towns of Portland, Heywood and Port Fairy. This will improve public health outcomes by increasing water consumption and reducing soft drink and alternative drink intake. This will also have environmental benefit by reducing waste from drink bottles and cans.	Contracted 24 January 2024. In planning. Expected completion mid-2029.
VIC	Recycled Water on the Bellarine	\$5,528,000	\$5,528,000	\$11,056,000	The project will upgrade an existing water reclamation plant by installing an ultra-filtration and reverse osmosis plant to improve quality and volume of supply. The project will ensure secure, predictable supplies of water now and into the future. The project will improve the quality and increase the volume of recycled water to Class B. This includes upgrading the Portarlington Water Reclamation Plant.	Contracted 4 October 2021. Under construction. Expected completion 2026.

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VIC	VIC Connections Funding Pathway	\$20,000,000	\$26,345,659	\$46,345,659	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyneton Recycled Water Irrigation project • Victoria’s Emergency Water Supply Point Network • Sunday Creek Irrigation Reconfiguration project • Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District Channel Embankment Infrastructure Improvement project • Critical Head works Infrastructure for the Modernised Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District • Horsham Agriculture SmartWater for Grains project • Gisborne to Sunbury Recycled Water Interconnector: Stage 1 • Bacchus Marsh Resilience & Critical Infrastructure • Macalister Resilience & Critical Infrastructure. 	Contracted 4 October 2021. Under construction. Expected completion mid-2025.
QLD	Paradise Dam Improvement Project	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	TBD	The project was expected to restore Paradise Dam to its full 300GL capacity by strengthening and raising the existing dam wall. However, on 10 January 2024, the Queensland Government announced the wall will require a complete rebuild, 70 metres downstream, as repairing the existing dam was not feasible. A detailed business case is underway to inform decisions relating to the construction of the new wall.	Contracted 18 July 2023. In planning. Expected completion TBD.
QLD	Cairns Water Security Project- Stage 1	\$195,000,000	\$277,000,000	\$472,000,000	The project will provide new water sources for the Cairns region, through the construction of a new water treatment plant and supporting water infrastructure.	Contracted 1 July 2024. Under construction. Expected completion mid-2026.
QLD	Hughenden Irrigation Scheme	\$170,000,000	TBD	TBD	The project will deliver a new irrigation scheme and an off-stream storage dam about 45km north west of Hughenden. The project would help increase the value of agricultural production in high value areas and support the irrigation of up to 10,000ha of farmland. The project has been deferred to allow for a review of the business case and consideration of options.	Not yet contracted. In planning. Expected completion TBD.

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QLD	Big Rocks Weir	\$38,000,000	TBD	TBD	The project will construct a new weir in the Charters Towers region of North Queensland. It will allow for enhanced agricultural output in the region. It will also deliver water to support high-value crop production, and water security to transition to high-value perennial crops such as table grapes, avocados, and mangoes.	Contracted 29 September 2021. In planning. Expected completion TBD.
QLD	Mount Morgan Water Supply Project	\$30,000,000	\$58,176,000	\$88,176,000	The project will connect Mount Morgan's water supply with Rockhampton's water supply network. This includes construction of a potable water pipeline, an additional water storage and main transfer pump station. An additional \$26.5m was approved for this project in the 2023-24 MYEFO.	Contracted 18 July 2023. Under construction. Expected completion mid- to late 2025.
QLD	Groundwater Improvements in the Lower Burdekin	\$12,500,000	\$13,000,000	\$25,500,000	The project seeks to address rising groundwater and related issues, such as increasing salinity, in the Lower Burdekin Region. The project will develop a new bore field to extract additional groundwater and deliver a series of targeted efficiency upgrades to reduce seepage through irrigation channels.	Contracted 18 July 2023. In planning. Expected completion late 2026.
QLD	Cherbourg Water Quality Improvement Project	\$12,800,000	\$12,800,000	\$25,600,000	The project will upgrade and optimise the Cherbourg water treatment plant and replace aged mains and treated water tanks.	Contracted 18 December 2024. In planning. Expected completion late 2026.
QLD	Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply Project	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	The project involves upgrading the Bamaga water treatment plant and replacing asbestos cement pipelines in Bamaga and Seisia to improve water quality and reliability.	Contracted 18 December 2024. In planning. Expected completion late 2025.
QLD	Doomadgee Water Supply Project – Phase 1	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$9,000,000	The project will undertake a water treatment plant (WTP) process review to inform the final design of the WTP in Doomadgee. The project will then upgrade the WTP and replace the 2ML treated water reservoir.	Contracted 18 December 2024. In planning. Expected completion late 2025.

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QLD	Mornington Island Water Supply – Stage 1	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	The project will upgrade the existing water treatment plant, involving integrating a multiple barrier and treatment approach, to improve water quality.	Contracted 18 December 2024. In planning. Expected completion late 2025.
QLD	Wujal Wujal Water Infrastructure Upgrades	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	The project involves design and construction of a new water treatment plant and associated infrastructure in Wujal Wujal.	Contracted 18 December 2024. In planning. Expected completion late 2025.
QLD	Birdsville Water Security	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	The project will invest in new infrastructure to provide a reliable water supply to the community of Birdsville and address safety risks associated with the failure of the current system.	Contracted 18 December 2024. In planning. Expected completion late 2026
QLD	Dajarra Water Security Project – Stage 1	\$968,500	\$968,500	\$1,937,000	The project will deliver two new bores and replace the existing reticulation network to the community of Dajarra.	Contracted 18 December 2024. In planning. Expected completion mid-2025.
QLD	Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) – Queensland	\$19,999,797	\$37,168,797	\$57,168,594	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mossman River Intake • Cassowary Coast Leak Reduction • Longreach Water Security for Growth) • Mareeba Regional Water Security • Central Highlands Drinking Water Supply Program 	Contracted 20 September 2024. In planning. Expected completion mid-2027.
WA	Busselton Water Supply Improvement	\$29,565,000	\$29,565,000	\$59,130,000	The project will equip a new bore inland to connect to fresher water and increase the storage capacity of treated water to improve the reliability of Busselton’s water supply during peak daily demand.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion mid-2029.

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WA	Bunbury Water Resource Recovery Scheme	\$24,927,696	\$24,927,696	\$49,855,392	The project will deliver an advanced recycled water treatment plant and supporting infrastructure, including a distribution network.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion late 2026.
WA	Water Quality and Security for Guilderton	\$3,390,000	\$3,390,000	\$6,780,000	This project is an immediate solution to reduce nitrate levels in Guilderton's drinking water supply. The key project works include a 7.4 km pipeline, upgrades to chlorinator and treatment systems to assist with increased capacity and installation of a nitrate analyser at the Sovereign Hill scheme.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion late 2025.
WA	Treatment, Storage and Pumping Mini Plant Program – Phase 1	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000	\$7,500,000	The program will deliver self-contained disinfection, storage and pumping plants in 15 First Nations communities in the Kimberley region.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion late 2027.
WA	Water Pipework Replacement Program – Phase 1	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	Program to replace water reticulation pipes in 20 First Nations communities across the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields regions.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion late 2027.
WA	Chlorination of Water Supply – Phase 1	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	The project will install chlorination disinfection units in 10 First Nations communities across the Kimberley and Pilbara regions.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion late 2027.

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WA	Bore Pipe Upgrade Program – Phase 1	\$2,625,000	\$2,625,000	\$5,250,000	Replacement of pipe connecting bores to water treatment plants in 15 First Nations communities across north-west Western Australia.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion mid-2027.
WA	Bore Sealing Program – Phase 1	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$4,500,000	Program to seal bores across 24 First Nations communities in Kimberley and Pilbara regions.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion mid-2027.
WA	Water Security for the Lundja Aboriginal Community	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$1,810,000	Replacement of approximately 1km of pipeline connecting the Lundja community to the Halls Creek Bore field.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion mid-2025.
WA	Water Security for the Bondini Aboriginal Community	\$822,000	\$822,000	\$1,664,000	Replacement of leaking and damaged pipework near the Bondini Aboriginal Community to increase water security and reduce the risk of burst pipes.	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion mid-2027.
WA	Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) – Western Australia	\$20,000,000	\$25,140,000	\$45,140,000	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Water Supplies Partnership Program with Local Government • Jurien Bay Water Security Upgrade • Esperance Water Security Upgrade • Agricultural Area Dams and Strategic Community Water Supplies • Albany Water Security Upgrade 	Contracted 30 January 2025. In planning. Expected completion mid-2027.

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SA	SA Connections Funding Pathway	\$14,069,070	\$49,304,900	\$63,373,970	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waikerie Irrigated Agricultural Water Access and Security project • Greenway's Irrigation Trust – Increasing Water Availability, Reliability and Efficiency • Recycled Water Pipeline to Nairne – Stage 1 • Regional Recharge Farms • Pogona Barbata – Water for High-Tech Horticulture • Barossa Wine Grape Water Source Diversification • Improving Water Deliverability and Accessibility in the Lower Murray Reclaimed Irrigation Area. 	Contracted 8 October 2021. Under construction. Expected completion late 2024.
SA	Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) – South Australia	\$6,618,270	\$6,698,270	\$13,316,540	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAIS Recycled Water Pipeline to Mallala • Waikerie Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade • Loxton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade • Wellington East Water Supply 	Not yet contracted. In planning. Expected completion mid-2027
SA	Iga Warta Water Security Project	\$190,000	\$150,000	\$340,000	The Iga Warta Water Security project will provide a boost to water supply quality and security in the Iga Warta Homeland. The project involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction of a new bore • remediation of the existing bore • installing a water treatment system • installing two 125,000 litre water storage tanks. 	Contracted 13 May 2024 In planning. Expected completion late 2024.
TAS	Greater South East Irrigation Scheme	\$150,600,000	\$150,600,000	\$301,200,000	The project will modernise, integrate, and expand 3 existing irrigation schemes by connecting them to a highly reliable and secure water source (Lake Meadowbank). The infrastructure consists of around 320km of new and existing pipeline (around 160km of new pipeline), 4 new pump stations and 3 new balance tanks.	Not yet contracted. In planning. Expected completion mid-2030.
TAS	Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme	\$108,981,415	\$108,981,415	\$217,962,830	The project will harvest more than 25GL of water annually from the Poatina Power Station and includes the construction of three pump stations, three balance tanks and at least 100kms of underground pipeline network. The piping network will allow delivery to scheme participants in the regions of Campbell Town, Poatina, Lower Macquarie, and the Isis River over a 180-day summer irrigation season.	Contracted 28 June 2021. Under construction. Expected completion late 2026.

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TAS	Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation	\$62,097,068	\$62,097,068	\$124,194,136	This project will develop infrastructure to support the delivery of 14,860ML of additional water annually into the existing Sassafras-Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme.	Contracted 28 June 2021. In planning. Expected completion late 2026.
TAS	Tamar Irrigation Scheme	\$16,370,000	TBD	TBD	The project will, subject to the finalisation of the business case, support the delivery of in excess of 13,500 ML of high reliability irrigation water through the construction of pipelines and pump stations in the Tamar region.	Contracted 28 June 2021. In planning. Expected completion TBD.
TAS	Bicheno Recycled Water Scheme	\$5,000,000	\$12,138,109	\$17,138,109	The project will construct a distribution network for recycled water, including pipelines, pump station and a 100ML storage dam for primary producers in the Bicheno region. The project will increase the availability of reliable recycled water and initially provide an additional 64ML per year of water.	Contracted 11 May 2023 In planning. Expected completion mid-2025.
TAS	TAS Connections Funding Pathway	\$20,000,000	\$37,200,000	\$57,200,000	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Arm Recycled Water Pipeline • Greater Meander Irrigation Scheme Augmentation • Penna Recycled Water Scheme Expansion • Shellfish Lease Water Quality Improvement Program. 	Contracted 28 October 2021. Under construction. Expected completion late 2025.
TAS	Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) – Tasmania	\$20,000,000	\$34,907,000	\$54,907,000	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bothwell Water Treatment Plant Replacement • Ellendale Water Supply Pipeline • Oatlands Water Treatment Plant Replacement • Cambridge-Clarence Recycled Water Interconnector 	Not yet contracted. In planning. Expected completion mid-2027.

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NT	Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program- Stage 1	\$300,590,000	\$27,000,000	\$327,590,000	The project includes returning Manton Dam to service through upgrading existing infrastructure and building the first phase of the Strauss Water Treatment Plant and distribution network and pre-construction activities for the Adelaide River Off-Stream Water Storage (AROWS) project. This includes progressing the environmental impact assessment, pre-tender concept design, delivery model assessment, and further investigation of financial and economic outcomes. Returning Manton Dam to service will enable an additional 14GL of usable water storage capacity and make 7.3GL per annum available for productive use.	Contracted 20 March 2023. In planning. Expected completion mid-2026.
NT	Better Bores for Communities Phase 1 (10 projects)	\$27,793,893	\$6,534,056	\$34,327,949	The Better Bores for Communities project will conduct water source investigations and bore drilling in the communities of Robson River, Warruwi, Yuelamu, Titjikala, Finke, Atitjere and Gapuwiyak. It will also install essential equipment to connect new water sources in the Wugularr, Haasts Bluff and Ntaria (Hermannsburg) communities.	Not yet contracted. In planning. Expected completion by late 2026.
NT	Yulara Water Supply Project	\$13,200,000	\$10,000,000	\$23,200,000	The Yulara Water Supply Project will construct new water infrastructure to improve the township's long-term water security. Once completed, the project is expected to provide an additional 3 megalitres (ML) of water for Yulara per day. This will increase the township's water supply by up to 1,095 ML each year. The project is proposed to be delivered in four stages: Stage 1 – New bore and rising main Stage 2 – Construction of a new water treatment compound and untreated water tank Stage 3 – Construction of a second untreated water tank Stage 4 – Construction of a new water treatment plant.	Contracted 3 June 2024. In planning. Expected completion mid-2029.
NT	Maningrida Water Supply Upgrade (3 projects)	\$13,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$21,000,000	The Maningrida Water Supply Upgrade will improve the reliability of the Maningrida community's water network. Works in the upgrade include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new water tank to expand storage capacity • construction of new pipelines to connect the new tank to the network • replacement of old, leaky pipes. 	Contracted 3 June 2024. Under construction. Expected completion late 2026.

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NT	Yuendumu Water Security and Supply Strategy (3 projects)	\$11,100,000	\$4,200,000	\$15,300,000	The strategy is a construction package of three infrastructure projects which will address water security through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water service line replacement • Equipping two existing bores • Rising main replacement 	Contracted 24 August 2023. In planning. Expected completion mid-2025.
NT	Milingimbi Water Security Strategy (3 projects)	\$6,441,000	\$4,955,000	\$11,396,000	The strategy is a package of three design and construction projects across three locations on Millingimbi Island which will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equip two existing bores to increase supply, and construct associated rising main and overhead powerline • Drill four new production bores and up to six monitoring bores • Equip up to four new production bores and six monitoring bores 	Contracted 24 August 2023. In planning. Expected completion early 2025.
NT	Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade Strategy – Phase 1 (2 projects)	\$5,390,000	\$3,500,000	\$8,890,000	The Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade project will provide long term water security for Yirrkala and Gunyangara. The project will reduce water loss from the ageing water distribution system in Yirrkala by replacing 6 km of pipeline and upgrading connections. The project will also assess the water supply to Gunyangara and will identify options to ensure future sustainability.	Contracted 3 June 2024. In planning. Expected completion late 2025.
NT	Numbulwar Water Security Strategy – Phase 1 (3 projects)	\$1,785,100	\$1,371,000	\$3,156,100	A package of planning works in the remote community of Numbulwar to develop a new water source for increased water security. The package includes water supply planning and drilling into both the current, and potential new, bore fields.	Contracted 3 June 2024. Under construction. Expected completion early 2025.
NT	NT Connections Funding Pathway	\$7,400,000	\$8,900,000	\$16,300,000	Construction of the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub Water Supply • Emerging Agribusiness Precinct – Gunn Point Peninsula. 	Contracted 21 October 2021. Under construction. Expected completion mid-2026.