

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - FARM WATER PROGRAM ROUND 4
REGISTRATION CALL FOR PROJECTS - May 2015

The Victorian Farm Modernisation Project – Tranche 2 (Farm Water Program Round 4) is being delivered by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GB CMA) on behalf of the Farm Water Program Consortium. Below is a summary of the main **Eligibility Criteria**. There is also a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that have been developed to answer a range of questions that landowners have asked in previous rounds of the Program; these can be downloaded from the GB CMA website. If landowners have any additional questions, they are encouraged to ring the GB CMA Farm Water Program staff on 03 5822 7700.

Landowners who are interested in registering their projects need to make sure their projects meet all of the eligibility criteria including registering on the hotline 03 5822 7788 by 4pm Friday 29th May 2015.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

✓ SUBMISSION CRITERIA

By 4.00pm on Friday 29th May 2015, I have registered interest to GB CMA via the Farm Water Program hotline on (03) 5822 7788.

✓ CONNECTIONS CRITERIA

By Friday 29th May 2015:

- My proposed Farm Water project is connected to an outlet on an approved Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) backbone; **OR**
- I have an executed GMW legal agreement connecting my property to a GMW backbone.
- AND** there will be no other GMW Connections Program work impeding the proposed project works.
- AND** I am **not** a private diverter on a regulated river (Loddon, Campaspe, Broken, Mitta Mitta, Ovens, Murray, Goulburn and/or King River).

✓ LAND AND WATER OWNERSHIP CRITERIA

I own the land on which the works will be done and own high reliability water shares on Friday 29th May 2015.

I am willing and able to transfer the specified water savings (expected to be 60%) to the Commonwealth Government (through the GB CMA).

The water being transferred is physically able to be used on the property where the irrigation infrastructure works are being installed.

By contract stage, I will have removed any encumbrances (eg. mortgages, limited term transfers, etc.) and paid all the outstanding GMW fees on the water shares nominated to be transferred.

The land on which I propose to do works has been irrigated in the past and has a Water Use Licence.

The works have not yet commenced.

✓ ELIGIBLE WORKS CRITERIA

I believe the proposed works I am submitting for consideration are eligible works activities.

ELIGIBLE WORKS ACTIVITIES:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improving border check irrigation by lasering, installing reuse systems, automation of bay outlets, constructing farm channels or installing pipes and risers. ➤ Piping and lining of farm channels. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Installation of irrigation scheduling equipment including soil, plant or weather based monitoring systems to calculate crop water requirements and water budgets. ➤ Conversion of border check irrigation to a pressurised system including centre pivot, linear move, fixed sprinkler or surface and sub-surface drip. |
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (continued)

✓	WHOLE FARM PLAN CRITERIA
	By 4.00pm on Friday 5 th June 2015, I have submitted an electronic copy of a Whole Farm Plan (WFP) that shows the proposed works and the WFP meets minimum standards, to the Farm Water Program via email to farmwaterprogram@gbcma.vic.gov.au (Minimum Standards for WFPs can be downloaded from the GB CMA website)
✓	WORKS CRITERIA
	By commencement of works, I will have the required planning approvals for the proposed works.
	Project management, recommissioning and decommissioning costs included in the proposed work costs DO NOT collectively exceed 15% of the total funding sought.
	I understand that any additional works added into the proposal after the application stage (eg. pipes and risers across the entire property) will be at my own expense.
	I understand that if the works end up costing less than is set out in the Works Deed, then the payment made under the Works Deed may decrease.
	My project will meet the Minimum Technical Guidelines (Best Practice Standards) after the proposed project activities have been completed. (Minimum Technical Guidelines are included within the Frequently Asked Questions document which can be downloaded from the GB CMA website)
✓	PAYMENT CRITERIA
	The funding being sought for the proposed project does not exceed \$1 million (excluding GST).
	I understand I must be able to contribute at least the minimum of 10% cash or in-kind contributions to the total funding of the project.
	I will be able to cover cash flow for the last 30% of the costs of the project before the final payment is going to be made.
✓	BUSINESS & INSURANCE CRITERIA
	I have an ABN OR will be able to complete a 'Statement by Supplier' form for not quoting an ABN.
	I have at least \$20 million Public Liability Insurance cover and Loss or Damage Insurance cover for assets over \$5,000 in value.
	The Water Share Owner(s) will be able to sign the Water Contract and the Landowner/s and the Water Share Owner/s will be able to sign the Works Deed.
	I understand that the Works Deed is a fixed price contract and establishes a ceiling cost for the works.
	I understand that there will be audits to ensure expenditure and program expectations are being met.
✓	PROJECT COMPLETION CRITERIA
	I will be able to complete the project by 30 th April 2017.
	I understand that project works will be inspected by the GB CMA when completed to ensure compliance with the Works Deed.
	I understand that if there be any post completion issues with the works, it is the responsibility of the landowner (and any sub-contractors who undertook the work for the landowner) to rectify these.

LODGEMENT OF COMPLAINTS

<p>If landowners or water share owners think that policies and procedures have not been properly applied, complaints can be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer of the Goulburn Broken CMA.</p>	<p>Complaints should be addressed to: Chris Norman Chief Executive Officer Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority PO Box 1752, Shepparton, 3632</p>
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