

Water programs announced during the 46th Parliament

Prepared in response to letter from Senator Glenn Sterle on 25 March 2021.

Murray-Darling Communities Investment Package

- On 4 September 2020, the Australian Government announced \$269.7 million for a package of Murray-Darling Basin measures. Refer to [Attachment A](#) for further information on the package and progress on implementation.

On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

- On 2 October 2020, the Australian Government announced an additional \$50 million to expand the scheme in 2020-21 with states co-funding new rebates. This took the total Commonwealth investment in the scheme to \$100 million.
- The Australian Government will cover the full costs of legacy rebates for states participating in the expanded scheme. South Australia and Queensland will co-fund their legacy rebates, consistent with the initial scheme.
- As of 10 March 2021, approximately \$42.4 million of the initial funding has been disbursed to over 7,800 applicants (sourced from state data).

Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Research Hub

- On 17 December 2020, the Australian Government announced \$8 million for a research institute focussing on the health of the Murray Mouth, Lower Lakes and Coorong.
- The new 'Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Research Hub' will be overseen by the Goyder Institute and its central office is expected to operate out of Goolwa.
- Planning for establishment of the Hub is underway. The \$8m in funding is budgeted for 2021-22 financial year.