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Dear Tom

### Acquittal Matching In-Kind Arrangements for NHT 2 Funding

Under the NHT 2 arrangements for In-Kind, the South West Regional Coordination Group (SWRCG) reports to the Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee (JSC) on the annual delivery of In-Kind to each Regional Body. The JSC has requested that SWRCG submit an endorsed acquittal for each Regional Body on behalf of all the individual agencies.

For the 2005/2006 financial year, three departments of the Queensland Government offered In-Kind contributions to SWNRM Group:

Department of Natural Resources & Water	\$1,143,510
Environmental Protection Agency	\$ 130,000
Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries	\$ 331,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,604,710</b>

The details of this amount previously agreed to by South West NRM Ltd and the acquittal against milestones are contained in *Attachments 1, 2 and 3*. Please note that the NRW amount is below the agreed \$1,273,555, however the total value of the acquittal remains significantly above the amount of \$1,200,000 required under NHT 2.

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In order to progress the reporting I request that your board consider whether these contributions were delivered. When agreement is reached please sign the attached Schedule 1. Note that EPA's acquittal spreadsheet also requires your signature.

Should you have any queries please contact John Ritchie on telephone 4688 1578.

Yours sincerely



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Chair  
South West Regional Coordination Group

CC: CEO, SWNRM  
Mal Martin, DPI&F  
Chris Hill, EPA

Atts.

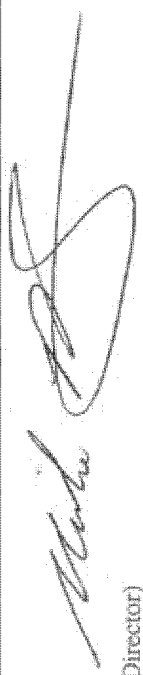
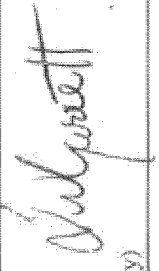
Schedule 1

South West NRM Group

Declaration:

We agree that:

- The particulars contained above are true and correct.
- All expenditure recorded above has been for the purposes of the project and is within the Terms and Conditions of the Funding as set out in the Activity Agreement.

<b>Signature:</b>  (Regional Services Director)	<b>Signature:</b>  (Chair Regional NRM Body)
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Department of Primary Industries Fisheries In-Kind Schedule for SWNRM Regional Investment Strategy 2005-2006

Activity	Action	Milestone Description	\$ Investment	Delivered (Yes/No)	Responsible Officer Sign Off
Western Farming Systems-Phase 3	Collaborative involvement with NR&M in extension and research project. Support to South West NR&M from Longreach Regional Directorate, communication and attend relevant NRM body or catchment association meetings if requested.	Involvement with regional personnel developing working relationships and field days in eastern zone of SWNRM	\$30,135.00	y	Jay Singh
Support to South West NR&M		DPI&F responses provided by West region	\$37,473.00	y	Low Markey
Support to Regional NRM Arrangements	Maintain strong communication links to regional body and/or catchment association meetings as requested.	Coordinating and delivering DPI&F obligations to Natural Resource Management in South Region. Providing support to regional NRM bodies through a range of cooperative mechanisms delivered in either a single agency or whole of government context. Directed at enhancing the NRM compatibility of primary industry enterprises and ensuring their sustainable future.	\$29,491.00	y	Mal Martin
DPI&F South Support for the regional Body	Provide and overview DPI&F technical input, included during the development of regional plans, project development and implementation.	DPI&F responses provided to South West Regional Coordination Group via expertise from Intergrated Regional Planning Group.	\$21,000.00	y	Mal Martin
DPI&F West Support for Communications strategy	Use of "Muiga Line" as a information dissemination mechanism.	Use of newsletter to provide land and water management practices in line with the SWNRM NRM plan.	\$6,000.00	y	Dom Marshall
DPI&F West Support regional NRM delivery	Maintain strong communication and assist in the development of the extension component of the futurescapes project.	DPI&F partnering SWNRM in the delivery of targeted outcomes for the region, assisting in the extension processes for the delivery.	\$13,244.00	y	Low Markey

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Regional Boating and Fisheries personal	Maintenance of inland rivers fish stocks and speed control on waterholes	Improved maintenance of Western Fisheries and community building relationships	\$15,168.00	y	Coby Walker
GLM exercise on a regional basis	Support/Input by GLM staff and management executive	GLM project staff delivering extension services to West Region - SWNRM clients	\$13,089.00	y	Col Patton
<b>Total exclusive of x2 multiplier</b>			\$165,600.00		
<b>Total In Kind</b>			\$331,200.00		

PROGRAM/BYPRODUCT	Southern Region - SW		South West NRM Grouping In				In-Spec 2005-2008		Accepted 2009-08				Accepted 2009-08		Multiple acquires			
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**Department of Natural Resources and Water**  
**Acquittal In-kind contribution for the South West NRM Ltd NRM Plan 2005-2006**

Deliverable Code	Activity	Milestones	Cost	Delivered	Exception Reporting / Comments	
Land & Vegetation Services						
	NAC	Regional Cultural Heritage Implementation	Facilitate the implementation of the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>	22,138	Yes	<p>The SW Regional Coordinator for Cultural Heritage has worked extensively with the Indigenous Liaison Officer, The Indigenous Working Group and the Directors of SWNRM on several projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Signage for rehabilitation works to prevent damage to Cultural Heritage place for Badjiti traditional owners Currawinya National Park.</li> <li>2. Provide departmental advice and assistance in surveying and registration of aboriginal sites of significance for Mardigan traditional owners on Paistre Station.</li> <li>3. Continuation of site recording for traditional owners in the catchment and providing this information to the body for inclusion in database records at departmental level and the Indigenous Working Group database.</li> </ol>
	NAH	Vegetation Assessment & Monitoring	Implement vegetation ballot. Manage Property Maps of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) application process. Manage applications for clearing under the <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i> .	151,638	Yes	<p>NRW delivered the vegetation ballot in 2005. Ongoing and PMAV applications managed with service improvements achieved.</p>
NAK	Vegetation Financial assistance package	Manage vegetation assistance program in SW Region.	32,544	Yes	<p>NRW has provided direct advice to landholders wishing to apply for financial assistance under the Vegetation Management Financial Assistance packages. Landholders have been provided with assessments that confirm the effect of changes to vegetation management legislation on their business enterprise.</p>	

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				Yes	NRW has also delivered the Vegetation Incentives Program, providing financial incentives for landholders to protect in perpetuity areas of high conservation significance which are not protected by other means. The scheme primarily targets the establishment of conservation agreements on areas of non remnant vegetation.
NAN	Sustainable Property Level Land And Water Management	High priority requests for land and water management activities in the QMDB delivered in accordance with the Project Management Team deadlines. Technical support and input for PLANSCAPES and FUTURESCAPES applications and activities	43,384	Yes	There has been coordinated delivery of land management based on prioritised activities determined in conjunction with the regional bodies across the region. The focus has been on the development of subcatchment plans and providing land management training to project officers.
NAL	State Land Management	Manage state land and process dealings under the <i>Land Act 1994</i> Deliver milestones and targets identified in the Unallocated State Land (USL) Management Regional Project Plan. Develop regional framework for the renewal of pastoral leases.	31,199	Yes	Land Act dealings continue to be managed closely and improvements in delivery are occurring. Management plans developed and implemented for high fire risk unallocated state land across the region. New processes for renewal of pastoral leases currently under development. Some delay due to need for finalisation of State-wide framework.
Sustainable Landscape Services	State Interests in Planning & Development	Provide NR&M input to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>development applications,</li> <li>draft Local Government Planning Schemes,</li> <li>Regional plans &amp;</li> </ul>	200,489	Yes	Input provided into all local government planning schemes and into regional plans in terms of NRW's State Interests in Land, Water, Vegetation and Cultural Heritage. Detailed comments provided on all referred development applications.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State planning Policies.</li> </ul>		Yes	Land Resource data upgraded and quality checked.
NLB	Land Resource Information	<p>Check and maintain the quality of regional land resource data and ensure new and old (paper and other databases) data is entered into or migrated into Soil and Land Information (SALI) Database within 10 working days of receipt.</p> <p>Conduct valley salinity audits in Warrego and Paroo catchments with investigations, modelling and risk assessment completed by 30 April 2006.</p> <p>Provide technical support in landscape science to research staff and contribute to the development of science partnerships with NRM regional bodies.</p>		Yes	<p>Writing up of Salinity Audit for the Warrego-Paroo catchment substantially completed.</p> <p>Technical and scientific advice and information on landscape science provided to SWNRM especially for the assessment of options to address salinity and land degradation in the Nehine-Mungallala catchment.</p>
NLC	Strategic weed control	<p>Support provided to the Mesquite Project Plan by Quilpie Shire Council and landholders as required.</p> <p>Strategic support provided (as required and negotiated with Paroo Shire Council) for the control of water lettuce at Cunnamulla.</p>		Yes	Ongoing support provided for Mesquite Project Plan.
	Coordination and Support for Wild Dog Barrier Fence (WDBF)	<p>WDB fence maintained.</p> <p>Secretariat duties undertaken for WDBF panel.</p>		Yes	<p>Patrolled weekly.</p> <p>Maintained in a dog proof condition.</p> <p>Secretary duties undertaken twice per year prior to South West Queensland Local Government conference.</p>

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	Pest Management Coordination and Support	<p>Support provided to Local Government to implement Local Government Area Pest Management Plans &amp; Stock Route Management Plans</p> <p>Strategically participate in Weeds of National Significance (WONS) groups to enhance management of WONS weeds in the region.</p> <p>Class 2 programs coordinated including collection of distribution and density data for: Harissia cactus, Mesquites, Mother of Millions, Parkinsonia, Parthenium, Prickly pear, Water Lettuce, Australia Plague Locust, Dingo, Dog (other than domestic dog), European rabbit, Feral Pig, Migratory Locust, Spur-throated locust</p> <p>Provide technical input to pest and weed module of PLANSCAPES.</p> <p>Attendance at PLANSCAPES meetings in priority weed and pest areas as required.</p> <p>Technical and operational support provided to the implementation of the weed seed spread policy.</p> <p>Wild dog management programs across the region supported.</p> <p>Regular monitoring of plague pest species undertaken and where required participated in management program.</p>	59,413	Yes	<p>Technical advice to Local Government on a regular basis on implementation of PMPs.</p> <p>Participated in WONS on a regular basis.</p> <p>Mapping undertaken on a regular basis and is updated annually.</p> <p>Technical input provided.</p> <p>Attended meetings as required.</p> <p>Technical input and support provided.</p> <p>Continuing program. Wild dog coordinator appointed in line with Wild Dog MOU.</p>

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NLE	Pest Research	Reports outlining modelling results for the spread and movement of pest populations generated.	180,257	Yes	Reports outlining modelling results for the spread and movement of pest populations completed.
		Research into the adaptive management of wild dogs undertaken.		Yes	Research ongoing
		Research into non-target impacts of wild-dog 1080-baiting on quolls continued.		Yes	Research ongoing
NLF	Healthy Regional Arrangements.	Program advice and support provided to SWRCG, JSC and Regional Bodies. NHT In-kind requirements met.	101,369	Yes	Support and advice provided in a timely manner.
		Complete a review of roles and responsibilities and operations of SWRCG.		Yes	Review completed – now a more strategically focussed SWRCG and the operationally focussed SWRCG Working Group.
		Promote and progress the alignment of NRMW activities with NRM Plan targets. Provide support to CRAMER.		Yes	Work continuing on alignment of activities. Technical review of National NRM Indicators and training in water quality monitoring supported CRAMER's activities.
Information management	Information management	Participate in the activities of Regional NRM Bodies and their Boards, CMAs, SWRCG, and other relevant groups to promote communication. Secretariat duties to SWRCG undertaken.	0	Yes	Active support for SWNRM. SWRCG meetings organised.
		Facilitate data share agreements with Regional Bodies.		Yes	Data share agreement developed and maintained. Data supplied as required.

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		Provide expert spatial information support and GIS services.		Yes	Provided as required.		
Water Services	Water Planning	Warrego, Paroo, Bulloo, Nebine Resource Operation Plan (ROP) Finalised	321,079	Yes	Released and finalised. 20 January 2006.		
		Great Artesian Basin Water Resource Plan completed.		Yes	GAB Water Resource Plan released. Finalised 31/3/06.		
	Ground water	Draft Great Artesian Basin Resource Operations Plan completed.				GAB ROP draft Plan prepared. Released on 22 July 2006.	
		Internal education and awareness program delivered.		Yes	Delivered		
	NWB14	Water Trading		Administrative framework for water trading finalised and work practices developed.			
	NWD31	Overland Flow		Framework developed for the certification and licensing of Overland flow works. Initial population of the Overland Flow atlas completed for Warrego, Paroo, Bulloo and Nebine catchments.		Yes	At a mature stage of development.
				Ambient biological monitoring program delivered		Yes	Sampling for Sustainable Rivers Audit conducted for Warrego Paroo Condamine Culgoa catchments in April-June of 2006.
Annual water resource monitoring program implemented as per schedule.				Yes	Program completed within schedule.		
NWB36	Water Monitoring	Artesian Re-measurement Program delivered.					
NWE19		Aquatic ecosystem	Aquatic ecosystem monitoring program developed for Warrego, Nebine, Bulloo and	Yes	Methodology for identification of key ecological assets developed as a basis for improving knowledge of critical water		

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NWG	Water Metering	Meters installed as per annual works program in the Warrego, Paroo, Bulloo and Nebine catchments.		Partial completion	Warrego, Paroo, Bulloo and Nebine Metering Project is partially complete with nine meters installed. A remaining four large meter sites will be metered following the release of National Meter Standards.
NWD01 NWD NWD02 NWD21 NWD41	Monitoring  Management of Water Use	Paroo.  Interim Resource Operations Licences and Resource Operations Licences administered.  Water Licensing Program administered.  Water Management Areas (Ground & Surface) administered.  Performance reporting. Flow management reporting undertaken and Allocations announced.  Stream and aquifer condition monitored and performance and reported.		Yes	Quarterly report reviewed and exception referred to SunWater. ROL amendments dealt with during the year.  Backlog of 1350 applications being progressed and dealt.  Flows and water levels monitored and restrictions implemented where appropriate.  Flow events monitored and reports submitted within 10 days of the cessation of the event.  Flows and water levels monitored and restrictions implemented where appropriate.
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,143,510</b>		