

Condamine Alliance
COMPLETE CATCHMENT CARE

28 May 2007

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Dear Mike


RE: Acquittal Matching In-Kind Arrangements for NHT 2 Funding

I refer to your letter of 2 May 2007, requesting Condamine Alliance Board endorsement of the value of Queensland Government In-Kind contributions for the 2005/2006 financial year.

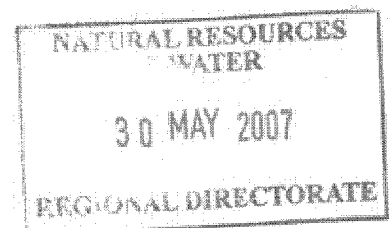
At our recent Board meeting, the Condamine Alliance Board agreed to endorse the acquittal. Please find enclosed a copy of Schedule 1, signed by our Chair, as requested.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on 07 4620 0101.

Regards


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Schedule 1



Condamine Alliance

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

The particulars above are accepted on face value as I am not in a position to completely validate them

Signature:  (Regional Services Director)	Signature:  (Chair Regional NRM Body)
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Department of Primary Industries Fisheries in-Kind Schedule for Condamine Alliance Regional Investment Strategy 2005-2006

Activity	Action	Milestone Description	\$ Investment	Delivered (Yes/No)	Responsible Officer Sign Off
Environmental Regulatory Activities	Integrated planning for cattle, dairy, piggy and sheep feedlots.	Work with Condamine Alliance as required to deliver functional and positive relationships, in the building of feedlot industries on a regional basis that satisfy development and environmental approvals.	\$174,983.00	y	Brett Cowan
Rural Water Use Efficiency	Deliver RWUE activities to dairy industry.	Report via Queensland Dairy Farmers, Contact Bronwen Fisher the NRM Dairy Coordinator. Copy of reports can be provided. State wide work documented on NR&M website.	\$72,165.60	y	Robert Chataway
Riparian and Soils Management	Delivery of Sustainable farming systems project to dairy industry.	Report via Queensland Dairy Farmers Contact Bronwen Fisher, the NRM Dairy Coordinator. Copy of reports can be provided. State wide work documented on NR&M website.	\$33,068.00	y	Robert Chataway
Rural Water Use Efficiency	Deliver RWUE activities to cotton and grains industry.	As per work targets set out with industry copy of reports can be provided. State wide work documented on NR&M website	\$34,693.00	y	Graham Harris
Rural Water Use Efficiency	Deliver RWUE activities to the dairy industry for environmental management (effluent management)	Statewide target of exceeding a 5% on-fram adoption of better management practices for effluent management. Report via Queensland Dairy Farmers, Contact Bronwen Fisher, the NRM Dairy Coordinator. Copy of reports can be provided. State wide work documented on NR&M website.	\$18,924.00	y	Tim Streeten
Rural Water Use Efficiency	Deliver RWUE activities to the dairy industry for environmental management (effluent management)	Statewide target of exceeding a 5% on-fram adoption of better management practices for effluent management.	\$19,845.00	y	Mike Lucy

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<p>Developing guidelines for use of deep litter bedding</p>	<p>Developing guidelines for use of deep litter bedding</p>	<p>Quantify the valuable and potential detrimental chemical characteristics of deep litter material, quantify nutrient availability of range of deep litter materials and evaluation of alternative litter management methods.</p>	<p>\$15,034.00</p>	<p>y</p>	<p>Tim Sireeten</p>
<p>Eastern Farming Systems Project Phase Two</p>	<p>Developing better farming practices and sustainable enterprises</p>	<p>On-farm research and action learning activities include: <input type="checkbox"/> determining the extent of deep drainage under different farming systems, <input type="checkbox"/> use of cover crops to increase stubble cover in long fallow systems, monitoring and managing soil water, <input type="checkbox"/> developing more profitable crop sequences, <input type="checkbox"/> tactical use of in crop nitrogen applications, <input type="checkbox"/> assessment of impacts of farming on the wider landscape, and <input type="checkbox"/> training to develop best practice in on-farm research.</p>	<p>\$43,065.00</p>	<p>y</p>	<p>David Lawrence</p>
<p>Pig and Poultry Intensive Industry</p>	<p>Delivering Pig and Poultry Extension</p>	<p>Develop linkages within the Queensland pork & poultry chain and facilitate information /technology uptake of sustainable pork & poultry industries within the condamine catchment to satisfy the environmental, economic and social expectations of consumers and the community.</p>	<p>\$19,845.00</p>	<p>y</p>	<p>Mike Lucy</p>

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Support to Regional NRM Arrangements	Provide and overview DPI&F technical input, included during the development of regional plans, project development and implementation.	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.	\$36,675.00	y	Malcolm Martin
Building a viable Region	Economic Development Planning	Provide economic advice and direction to regional programs committed to local and regional development in the Condamine Catchment.	\$13,794.00	y	Gus Hamilton
Regional Relationships IAWM		Support the State and develop the regional Integrated Area Wide Management (IAWM) practical field tools and support programs, which enable landholders and rural industry to monitor environmental conditions and trends with rigour, and better equip them to assess and manage risks at property and landscape scales with confidence.	\$13,794.00	y	Malcolm Martin
Total exclusive of x2 multiplier			\$495,885.60		
Total In Kind			\$991,771.20		

Department of Natural Resources and Water
Acquittal In-kind contribution for the Condamine Alliance NRM Plan 2005-2006

	NRMW Deliverable Code	Activity	Milestones	NRM Plan	Cost	Delivered	Exception Reporting / Comments
Land and Vegetation Services	NAN	Sustainable Property Level Land And Water Management	Provide support for Condamine Alliance to deliver land management and soil conservation services	LU3c	\$130,153	Yes	Improved coordination of support and advice implemented Staff involved in on-ground activities (M Genrich and J Gray) Land and Water management plan land holder awareness meetings conducted, advice to landholders who have triggered the need for L&WMP (C Knowles-Jackson)
Sustainable Landscape Services		State Interests in Planning & Development	Provide Natural Resource Management input to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development applications, draft Local Government Planning Schemes, • Regional plans & State planning Policies. 	W1		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.
	NLA NLB	Land Resource Information	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. Support salinity risk mapping in the Condamine Catchment. Commence Valley salinity audit in Condamine catchment.	W1	278,669	Yes	Land Resource data upgraded and quality checked. Salinity Risk Assessment in the Condamine Catchment met its milestones to the satisfaction of Condamine Alliance. Salinity Audit for the Condamine-Balonne catchment commenced. Technical and scientific advice and information on landscape science provided to Condamine Alliance on an ongoing basis.

			Provide technical support in landscape science to research staff and contribute to the development of science partnerships with NRM regional bodies.					
NLC	Coordination and Support for Wild Dog Barrier Fence (WDBF)	Darling Downs Moreton Rabbit Board	Maintain Wild Dog Barrier fence (WDBF).	LU2d	53,377	Yes	Patrolled weekly. Maintained in a dog proof condition.	
			Participate actively on Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board.	LU2d		Yes	Participate as Board member every six weeks. Technical advice on operations to the Board.	
	Pest Management Coordination and Support		Support Local Governments in the implementation of Local Government Area Pest Management plans and Stock Route Management Plans and provide advice and strategic technical assistance within negotiated timeframes.	NC1b			Technical advice to Local government on a regular basis on implementation of PMPs. Mapping undertaken on a regular basis. Updated Annually.	
			Coordinate Class 2 programs, including collection of distribution and density data for: Harrisia cactus; Mesquites; Mother of Millions ; Parkinsonia; Parthenium; Prickly Pear; Water Lettuce; Australian Plague Locust; Dingo; Dog, other than domestic dog; European rabbit; Feral Pig; Migratory Locust; Spur-throated Locust	NC1a				
			Strategically participate as a member of relevant WONS groups (Parthenium, Prickle Bush, Chilean Needle Grass, Blackberry, Lantana) to enhance management of WONS weeds in the region, including seeking funding opportunities.	WC1a			Participate in WONS Management Program on a regular basis.	
			Participate in the development of the Chilean Needle Grass strategy.	NC1a				Strategy completed.
			Finalise and implement Honey locust					

				strategy. Participate on steering committees established by Regional NRM Bodies and provide technical and operational support to delivery of targets in NRM Plans.	All		Yes	NRW have participated in alignment activities and have been involved in assessment panels..
				Coordinate Wild dog management programs across the region.	NC2			Continuing program. Wild dog Coordinator appointed in line with Wilde Dog MOU.
				Provide program advice and support to SWRCCG, JSC and Regional Bodies.	All		Yes	Support and advice provided in timely manner.
				Compile offers to meet NHT In-kind requirements.	All		Yes	Review completed – now a more strategically focussed SWRCCG and the operationally focussed SWRCCG Working Group.
				Complete a review of roles, responsibilities and operations of SWRCCG.	All	80,028	Yes	Work continuing on alignment of activities.
NLF	Healthy Regional Arrangements.			Promote and progress the alignment of NRMW activities with NRM Plan Targets. Provide support to CRAMER.	All			Technical review of National NRM Indicators and training in water quality monitoring supported CRAMER's activities.
				Participate in the activities of Regional NRM Bodies and their Boards, CMAs, SWRCCG, and other relevant groups to promote communication.	All		Yes	Active support for Condamine Alliance and participation in Condamine Catchment Management Association as well as technical support and information provided to Landcare groups.
				Carry out secretariat duties to SWRCCG. Facilitate data share agreements with Regional Bodies.	All	0	Yes	Data share agreement developed and maintained. Data supplied as required.
				Information management	All			

Water Services	NWB	Artesian Remeasurement Program	Develop a regional implementation plan.	W	3,517		Revision of artesian monitoring network being undertaken by NRSc to ensure consistency with GAB ROP reporting.
		Floodplain and Stormwater Policy planning	Develop urban stormwater harvesting policy in overland flow restricted environments.	W	235,822	Yes	Urban stormwater runoff viewed as being captured under overland flow requirements of WRPs.
		Water reform – ground water	Formulate groundwater management program. Develop and implement moratorium on main range volcanics. Administer Great Artesian Basin moratorium and provide quarterly activity reports.	W		Yes	Groundwater Assessment and Planning Group established.
	NWC			W		Partial	Administrative hold on new entitlements implemented. Considerable amount of work done in preparation for moratorium..
				W2		Yes	GAB moratorium administered prior to release of Plan.
				W2b		No	Schedule for completion revised due to certification of infrastructure in Lower Balonne.
				W		Yes	GAB Water Resource Plan released. Finalised 31/3/2006.
				W			GAB ROP draft Plan prepared and released on 22 July 2006.
				W		Yes	Work at a mature stage of development
	NWD	Entitlements for overland flow	Develop a framework for the certification and licensing of Overland flow works. Complete the initial population of the Overland Flow atlas for Condamine Balonne catchments.	W	326,319		

				Undertake performance reporting, flow management reporting and announce allocations.	W			Flow events monitored and reports submitted within 10 days of the cessation of the event.
		Management of Water Use	Monitor stream and aquifer condition and report on performance.	W			Yes	Sampling for Sustainable Rivers Audit conducted for Warrego Paroo Condamine Culgoa catchments in April-June of 2006.
	NWE	Water Monitoring	Deliver ambient biological monitoring program.	W	31,792		Yes	Program completed within schedule.
			Implement the annual water resource monitoring program.	W			Yes	
		Aquatic ecosystem monitoring	Develop the aquatic ecosystem monitoring program for Condamine Balonne.	W			Yes	Methodology for identification of key ecological assets developed as a basis for improving knowledge of critical water requirements.
Total								\$1,139,677