



## 1. Program Summary

The Commonwealth Government has invested \$10 million in the Lindenow Valley Water Security Scheme (the Scheme) to assist Lindenow Valley Irrigators construct major on-farm water infrastructure to improve security of supply that enhances their long-term drought resilience.

The Scheme provides up to 50 per cent, to a maximum of \$2 million per farming enterprise, to eligible Lindenow Valley Irrigators for costs associated with the planning, design and construction of on-farm water storage, bore construction and the installation of water supply pipelines and pumping infrastructure (directly for water transfer to storage facilities and mains back to the farm distribution point) to increase water security and improve resilience to drought.

Please read the Program Guidelines available on the Rural Finance website at [ruralfinance.com.au](http://ruralfinance.com.au) before completing this form. Completed application forms, together with supporting documentation must be submitted to Rural Finance by **15 June 2020**.

## 2. Applicant Details

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your role in the business (eg. Director, Manager, owner-operator, sole trader etc):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or another business owner previously applied for this grant?  Yes  No

Have you received any other government funding or rebates for this project?  Yes  No

## 3. Business Details

**Business / trading name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business legal / registered name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Industry (eg. mixed farming, cropping, horticulture, cattle):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Australian Business Number (ABN):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address (if different from above):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shire:** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you undertaking or proposing to undertake irrigation activities on agriculture land that you own?  Yes  No

Is your farm property located in the Lindenow Valley and immediate surrounds?  Yes  No

Do you hold a relevant water licence consistent with the program guidelines?  Yes  No

Do you earn the majority of your income from primary production?  Yes  No

Have you commenced your farming operation in the Lindenow Valley prior to 10 April 2019?  Yes  No

## 4. Bank Account Details (for approved payments to be made into)

**Account Name in full**  
(as it appears on your statement) \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BSB:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Account No:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Reason For Claiming

Are you claiming for costs associated with the planning, design, and/or construction of on-farm water storage, bore construction or installation of water supply pipelines or pumping infrastructure to increase water security and improve resilience to drought?

Yes  No

Did this project commence after 10 April 2019?

Yes  No

Do you commit to having all planning and licence approvals sufficient for the full utilisation of the infrastructure proposed, prior to constructing any infrastructure?

Yes  No

## 6. Project Summary

Please outline your Farm Management Plan by providing a description of your proposed project and benefits to the farm business below, including detailed plans. Benefits should include the economic and employment benefits generated from the project. For example, the project will increase agricultural productivity by X% and / or increase the number of regional jobs by Y. (Attach additional pages if needed).

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## 7. Project Costs

Please list project activities, estimated completion time for each activity and associated costs in the table below.

Funding under the Scheme will be capped at a maximum of 50% of eligible receipts with supporting invoices (excluding GST) irrespective of the amount approved in principle. All funding is subject to a maximum amount of \$2 million (or lower if oversubscription) per farming enterprise. Approved applicants will also be required to provide completion of activity and audit reports as per the construction works licence for progressive payments to be made.

Activities:	Estimated completion time:	Cost (Including GST)	Cost (Excluding GST)
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>			

## 8. Privacy Consent

I/We authorise Rural Finance a brand used by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd ABN 11 068 049 178 ("Rural Finance"), for the purposes specified in Rural Finance's Privacy Statement, to obtain from and/or disclose to my/our accountant and other advisors, credit providers, insurers, rating authorities, government agencies providing me/us with support including Centrelink and other debtors, creditors, authorities and institutions named in data supplied to or otherwise obtained by Rural Finance in connection with this Application, any consumer or commercial information about my/our expenditure and my/our business including my/our assets, liabilities, income and/or expenditure.

I/We acknowledge that:-

- Rural Finance's Privacy Statement is available on its website and at its offices;
- I/We can gain access to personal information (as defined in the Information Privacy Act 2000 (Vic)) which Rural Finance holds about me/us in certain circumstances specified by legislation.
- I/We acknowledge that failing to provide some or all of the information which Rural Finance requests about me/us may result in this Application not being processed or approved.

## 9. Consent and Signed Declaration

I certify that:

- a. I have not, as far as I am aware, omitted any information that would have a bearing on the consideration of my application, and I acknowledge that I will be required to provide evidence of statements made in this application.
- b. The Statements set out in this application are true and correct in every particular.
- c. I understand that if the application is found to be untrue or misleading the matter may be referred to law enforcement and penalties may apply.
- d. I understand this Scheme is for primary producers
- e. I understand that the use of personal information provided for the purposes of this application complies with the limitations under the Information Privacy Act 2000 (Vic).

I agree to this certification

Full Name:

Signature:

Date:

## 10. How to Apply:

Please submit your completed application form and supporting documents to Rural Finance by **15 June 2020** via:

**Post:** Rural Finance, PO Box 1313, Bendigo Central 3552

**Email:** governmentservices@ruralfinance.com.au

## 11. Supporting Documents

Please attach the following to support your application:

(Please tick)

Evidence of farm property location (eg. rates notice or lease agreement)

Water licence (consistent with section 6 in the guidelines that has sufficient capacity to meet the proposal)

Most recent full taxation returns (confirming the majority of your income is attributable to primary production)

If available, all planning and licence approvals for construction (will be required before final approval)