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Dear Dr Keniry *John,*

I am writing to you to seek the Natural Resources Commission's (NRC's) assistance in determining investment program funding allocations to the Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs). This work could be undertaken in line with section 13 (g) of the Natural Resources Commission Act 2003.

In anticipation that the Government is able to provide a continuation of Catchment Action NSW project funding could the NRC:

Part A

1. Recommend a potential funding profile for allocating Catchment Action NSW funds between the CMAs for 2013-14 by 8 May 2013.
2. Review differences between the current and potential CMA funding profile and advise on related risks that should be considered by the Government in making final funding allocation decisions.

Part B

3. Review the NRC's funding methodology and recommend how the methodology can be refined and applied to Local Land Services (LLS) by 30 September 2013.
4. Recommend a potential funding profile for allocating Catchment Action NSW funds between the LLSs' in 2014-15 and 2015-16 by 30 September 2013.
5. Review differences between the current and potential LLS funding profile and advise on related risks that should be considered by the Government in making final funding allocation decisions.

I appreciate that Part A of this request involves a tight deadline and I want to express my appreciation to the NRC in advance for its assistance in providing me this advice. I also appreciate that the 2013-14 year is a transitional year and the assessment will be an interim one.

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Part B of this request recognises that once the LLS boundaries and CAPs have been finalised a comprehensive review can be undertaken for 2014-15 and the forward years.

I have asked that Ms Kerryn Richardson be available to discuss this matter further with you. Ms Richardson may be contacted on 02 6391 3383. I look forward to receiving your advice on Part A of this project by 8 May 2013.

Yours sincerely



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