

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Since sending the Staff discussion paper *CGC 2015-04-S New Issues for the 2016 Update* to States, we have become aware of two Australian Government payments which commenced in 2014-15. They are payments for Tasmanian wilderness world heritage area and Water reform — Constraint measures. Staff proposals on the treatment of these payments are set out below.
- 2 Comments should be provided by 23 November 2015 to secretary@cgc.gov.au. If we don't hear from you by that date, we assume you agree with staff proposals.
- 3 The contact officer for queries is Priscilla Kan (priscilla.kan@cgc.gov.au or 02 6229 8849).

Tasmanian Wilderness and World Heritage Area

- 4 This NPP will support the Australian Government's responsibilities as a party to the World Heritage Convention to take appropriate measures for the protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation of cultural and natural heritage sites situated on its territory. The Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area is one of 19 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) World Heritage listed sites in Australia.
- 5 The funding will support Tasmania's increased and ongoing management responsibilities for the additions to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area in 2013. Specifically, the funding will be used:
 - to address high risk biosecurity issues of immediate concern to landholders adjoining the 2013 extension
 - to address high risk road safety issues within the 2013 extension
 - to complete a study of the cultural heritage values of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.
- 6 **Staff recommendation.** This payment is largely to assist Tasmania to fulfil Commonwealth responsibilities as a party to the World Heritage Convention. Needs have not been assessed for this activity. Therefore it should have no impact on the GST distribution.

Water Reform — Constraint measures

- 7 Under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray Darling Basin, the Commonwealth has allocated \$1.77 billion to address

physical, institutional and operational constraints that limit delivery of environmental water to the environmental assets of the Murray-Darling Basin.

- 8 In 2014-15, as part of this agreement, South Australia received a payment of \$420 000 towards the South Australian Murray key focus area project which will be used to investigate opportunities to address physical and policy constraints on the delivery of higher regulated flows at the South Australian border.

- 9 **Staff recommendation.** This payment is part of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray–Darling Basin which relates to the protection of the environment. As needs are not assessed, a no impact treatment should be adopted.