



## PRIME MINISTER

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The Commonwealth Government today offered to reimburse the Queensland Government for all expenditure on agreed works on the Burdekin Dam project in the current financial year up to \$6.5 million.

The payment will be made by way of a non-repayable grant.

The Commonwealth Government expects shortly to approach the Queensland Government to begin negotiations for the future funding of the project.

I understand that to date this year the amount spent on the Burdekin Dam has been approximately \$4.8 million, including consultants fees and a range of preliminary works associated with the project.

The grant will cover those aspects of the project which the Commonwealth, following discussions with Queensland, has already indicated that it is prepared to reimburse.

I today asked the Queensland Premier for an early reply to the Commonwealth offer, to enable payments of financial assistance to be made before the end of this financial year.