**AGE – Working Towards a Healthier Environment**

Proposed Timeline and Funding

# *Areas of Proposed Involvement*

Alpheius Global Enterprises has made a commitment for the next five years to become financially involved in the following areas of interest:

* Water Contamination
* Grazing Practices
* Groundwater Management
* Invasive Pests
* Wetlands Diversity
* Salinity
* River Health
* Riparian Lands
* Native Vegetation and Biodiversity
* Managing Agricultural Landscapes

AGE recognises the importance of continued research and development in these fields to ensure continued or improved environmental health – in particular, the health of the water ways of the South East region. As a major employer of the area, AGE is committed to the care and maintenance of the surrounding ecosystems.

AGE has made a financial commitment of $15 million to these projects, proposed to commence January 2008. This research is being conducted in alliance with the organisations listed at the end of this document, under ***Affiliations***.

# *Timeline for Projects*

The following table contains a suggested timeline for the projects listed above:

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|  | ***Area of Interest*** | ***Proposed Funding Amount*** |
| ***January 2008 to January 2009*** | Native Vegetation and Biodiversity | $1.7 million |
| ***March 2008 to December 2008*** | Riparian Lands | $2.3 million |
| ***March 2008 to May 2008*** | Water Contamination | $1 million |
| ***May 2009 to December 2010*** | River Health | $2 million |
| ***May 2009 to February 2010*** | Wetlands Diversity | $1.5 million |
| ***March 2010 to September 2010*** | Managing Agricultural Landscapes | $1.2 million |
| ***August 2010 to August 2011*** | Salinity | $3 million |
| ***November 2011 to December 2012*** | Invasive Pests | $2.3 million |
|  | ***Total:*** | ***$15 million*** |

# *Affiliations*

The organisations with which Alpheius Global Enterprises is working to improve the quality of the environment include:

Landcare Australia

Environment Victoria

Global Friends Australia

Australian Conservation Foundation

Australian Student Environment Network

The Natural Edge Project

South East Water Conservation Group

South East Ranges Trust