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**Comments from Australia on the Approval by Mail: Zambia: Strengthening
Climate Resilience (PPCR Phase II) Project (IBRD)**

Dear Patricia

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Zambia climate resilience project.

Australia has no objections to the proposal and offer the following comment on project design.

The project documentation would benefit from a clearer outline of the potential links and/or cooperation with project partners.

For example, the project area, the Barotse floodplain, is a sub-basin of the Zambezi and within the ambit of ZAMCOM and the GIZ-led Transboundary Water Management (TWM) in SADC Program. AusAID has provided direct support of \$17.5 million to this project and encourages the World Bank to:

- liaise closely with the relevant donor agencies and Zambian authorities (including the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Water Development and the new Water Resource Management Authority); and
- link this project, where possible, to the SADC transboundary project (GIZ contacts: Thomas Schild, Thomas.Schild@giz.de, Gaborone, Botswana) and ZAMCOM.

Related to this issue of donor/project coordination, page 115 of Annex 9 listing GRZ staff and cooperating partners appears to be missing. We suggest this list include relevant partners, incorporating those mentioned above.

Regards

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