

Water security is at the centre of the NSW Nationals election pitch to regional NSW, with the deputy premier floating a decades-old multi-state inland irrigation plan at the party's campaign launch.

Nationals leader John Barilaro on Sunday confirmed he would write to the prime minister this week to "start the discussion" on reviving the Bradfield scheme.

The government will invest \$25 million to research the merits of the scheme, which would funnel water from Queensland, through NSW and into South Australia.

*NSW govt's water security cash splash*