

# Amended Horticultural Netting Program – trial

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>																	
Parties	Commonwealth Victoria Queensland Western Australia																
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2023.																
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of funds to primary producers of commercial horticulture crops to purchase and install horticultural netting to increase crop productivity.																
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Additional terms	<p>For the purpose of this Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible primary producers for each state can be found at Table 2 Appendix A - Project Eligibility Criteria for the respective state.</li> </ul>																

**Table 2B: VICTORIA - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Outputs	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Delivery of funds to eligible primary producers of commercial apple and pear crops to purchase and install horticultural netting to increase the productivity of those apple and pear orchards.</p> <p>Reports to include</p> <p>Payments to primary producers: number of grants; average grant value; total grant value.</p> <p>Crops: average hectares covered by total grant value; hectares covered by commodity; total hectares covered.</p> <p>Location: region within the State in which grantee farm is located.</p> <p>Progress with purchase and installation of horticultural netting funded through this Program.</p>	Victoria submits a high level implementation approach for the Program	31/03/2021	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from commencement to 31 December 2020	31/05/2021	\$4,000,000
	Execution of funding agreement variation	31/05/2021	\$666,666
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021	31/07/2021	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021	31/01/2022	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022	31/07/2022	Nil
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## Table 2B VICTORIA Appendix A – Project Eligibility Criteria

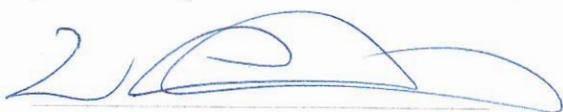
Guidance to the State of Victoria on eligibility for Commonwealth funding under the Horticultural Netting Program.

1. Payments to eligible primary producers will be 50 per cent of the costs incurred by primary producers, up to a maximum of \$300,000, for eligible activities undertaken from 16 December 2019.
  - a) The State of Victoria may choose to lower the maximum amount of payments to eligible primary producers.
2. Eligible applicants must:
  - a) Be registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary production business and have an Australian Business Number;
  - b) Be property owners, share farmers or lease holders in the horticulture industry;
  - c) Purchase and install protective netting over existing commercial apple and pear orchards;
  - d) Earn more than 50 per cent of their total income from primary production.
3. The land on which netting is to be installed must have an established use of apple and pear cropping prior to 16 December 2019.
4. The protective netting must be purchased and installed to increase apple and pear orchard productivity, such as to reduce the impact of adverse weather events or animal predation, and to reduce water usage.
5. Protective netting must be purchased and installed after 16 December 2019.
6. Eligibility for the payment applies to the purchase and installation of permanent and throw-over-protective netting and associated support structures.
7. Grower co-contributions may include funds provided through loans from the Commonwealth Regional Investment Corporation.

8. To ensure the greatest value for the Program, the following activities are ineligible for funding:
- a) Projects that have already received assistance from State or Commonwealth grants to achieve the same objectives;
  - b) Projects where the netting and/or associated support structures have been damaged by the bushfires of 2019-20;
  - c) Projects where insurance has been claimed for damaged netting and/or associated support structures;
  - d) Retrospective funding for purchase or works carried out prior to 16 December 2019;
  - e) Feasibility studies, business cases, reports and development plans;
  - f) Costs associated with preparing applications for funding;
  - g) Operational expenditure, including wages, utilities, self-installation, repairs and maintenance.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

**Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by**



**The Honourable David Littleproud MP**  
Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management

9 / 16 / 2021

**Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by**



**The Honourable Mary-Anne Thomas MP**  
Minister for Agriculture

2 / 6 / 2021

**Table 2C: QUEENSLAND - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Outputs	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Delivery of funds to eligible primary producers of commercial apple and pear crops to purchase and install horticultural netting to increase the productivity of those apple and pear orchards.</p> <p>Each performance milestone report is to contain a description of activity in that reporting period, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payments to primary producers: number of grants; average grant value; total grant value.</li> <li>• Crops: average hectares covered by total grant value; hectares covered by commodity; total hectares covered.</li> <li>• Location: region within the State in which grantee farm is located.</li> <li>• Progress with purchase and installation of horticultural netting funded through this Program.</li> </ul>	Queensland submits a high level implementation approach for the Program	15/12/2020	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from commencement to 31 December 2020	31/01/2021	\$1,500,000
	Execution of funding agreement variation	31/05/2021	\$666,667
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021	31/07/2021	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021	31/01/2022	Nil
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	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022	31/01/2023	Nil
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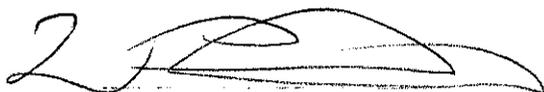
Guidance to the State of Queensland on eligibility for Commonwealth funding under the Horticultural Netting Program.

1. Payments to eligible primary producers will be 50 per cent of the costs incurred by primary producers, up to a maximum of \$300,000 for eligible activities undertaken from 16 December 2019.
  - a. The State of Queensland may choose to lower the maximum amount of payments to eligible primary producers.
2. Eligible applicants must:
  - a. Be registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary production business and have an Australian Business Number;
  - b. Be property owners, share farmers or lease holders in the horticulture industry;
  - c. Purchase and install protective netting over existing commercial apple and pear orchards;
  - d. Earn more than 50 percent of their total income from primary production.
3. The land to be covered must have an established use of apple and pear cropping prior to 16 December 2019.
4. The protective netting must be purchased and installed to increase apple and pear orchard productivity, such as to reduce the impact of adverse weather events or animal predation, and to reduce water usage.
5. Protective netting must be purchased and installed after 16 December 2019.
6. Eligibility for the payment applies to the purchase and installation of permanent and throw-over-protective netting and associated support structures.
7. To ensure the greatest value for the Program, the following activities are ineligible for funding:
  - a. Projects that have already received assistance from State or Commonwealth grants to achieve the same objectives;
  - b. Projects where the netting and/or associated support structures have been damaged by the bushfires of 2019-20;

- c. Projects where insurance has been claimed for damaged netting and/or associated support structures;
- d. Retrospective funding for purchase or works carried out prior to 16 December 2019;
- e. Feasibility studies, business cases, reports and development plans;
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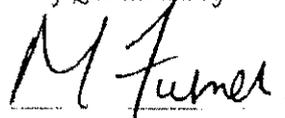
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31/5/2021

**Table 2D: WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Outputs	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Delivery of funds to eligible primary producers of commercial apple and pear crops to purchase and install horticultural netting to increase the productivity of those apple and pear orchards.</p> <p>Reports to include</p> <p>Payments to primary producers: number of grants; average grant value; total grant value.</p> <p>Crops: average hectares covered by total grant value; hectares covered by commodity; total hectares covered.</p> <p>Location: region within the State in which grantee farm is located.</p> <p>Progress with purchase and installation of horticultural netting funded through this Program.</p>	Western Australia submits a high level implementation approach for the Program	15/01/2021	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from commencement to 31 December 2020	28/02/2021	\$1,500,000
	Execution of funding agreement variation	31/05/2021	\$666,667
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021	31/07/2021	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021	31/01/2022	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022	31/07/2022	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022	31/01/2023	Nil
	Report detailing all aspects of delivery from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023	31/07/2023	Nil

## Table 2D – WESTERN AUSTRALIA Appendix A – Project Eligibility Criteria

Guidance to the State of Western Australia on eligibility for Commonwealth funding under the Horticultural Netting Program.

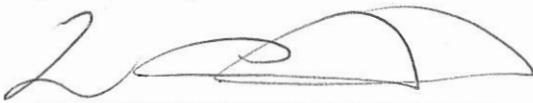
1. The State of Western Australia will make available a total pool of \$1.45 million for payments to eligible primary producers.
2. The State of Western Australia will retain \$50,000 from the State's \$1.5 million allocation for its cost of administering the funding.
3. Payments to eligible primary producers will be 50 per cent of the costs incurred by primary producers, up to a maximum of \$300,000, for eligible activities undertaken from 16 December 2019.
  - a) The State of Western Australia may choose to lower the maximum amount of payments to eligible primary producers.
4. Eligible applicants must:
  - a) Be registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary production business and for GST, and have an Australian Business Number;
  - b) Be property owners, share farmers or lease holders in the horticulture industry;
  - c) Purchase and install protective netting over existing commercial apple and pear orchards;
  - d) Earn more than 50 per cent of their total income from primary production.
5. The land on which netting is to be installed must have an established use of apple and pear cropping prior to 16 December 2019.
6. The protective netting must be purchased and installed to increase apple and pear orchard productivity, such as to reduce the impact of adverse weather events or animal predation, and to reduce water usage.
7. Protective netting must be purchased and installed after 16 December 2019.
8. Eligibility for the payment applies to the purchase and installation of permanent netting and associated support structures.
9. Grower co-contributions may include funds provided through loans from the Commonwealth Regional Investment Corporation.

10. To ensure the greatest value for the Program, the following activities are ineligible for funding:

- a) Projects that have already received assistance from State or Commonwealth grants to achieve the same objectives;
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