

# PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE NATIONAL PERINATAL DEPRESSION INITIATIVE

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Australian  
Governments

An agreement between

n the Commonwealth of Australia and  
n the States and Territories, being:

- t New South Wales
- t Victoria
- t Queensland
- t Western Australia
- t South Australia
- t Tasmania
- t the Australian Capital Territory
- t the Northern Territory

The output of this project will be improved prevention and early detection of antenatal and postnatal depression and better support and treatment for expectant and new mothers experiencing depression.

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## INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS

### PRELIMINARIES

1. This Project Agreement (the Agreement) is created subject to the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement and its Schedules, which provide information in relation to performance reporting and payment arrangements under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.
2. This Agreement will support the delivery of a National Perinatal Depression Initiative (NPDI), which aims to improve prevention and early detection of antenatal and postnatal depression and provide better support and treatment for expectant and new mothers experiencing depression. The Commonwealth and the States and Territories will work together with key stakeholders, including through the use of *beyondblue* and *beyondblue* resources, to implement a nationally consistent and collaborative initiative.
3. This Agreement also provides funding further to the Commonwealth commitment to fund its share of the wage increases arising from Fair Work Australia's decision on 1 February 2012 to grant an Equal Remuneration Order in the Social and Community Services (SACS) sector. The Commonwealth's commitment includes providing funding for its share of the wage increases for in-scope programs. This funding will contribute to assisting the SACS sector with increased wage costs arising from recent Pay Equity Orders.
4. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement for this project.

### PART 1 – FORMALITIES

#### Parties to this Agreement

5. This Agreement is between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the States and Territories (the States).

#### Term of the Agreement

6. This Agreement will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party signs the Agreement and will expire on 30 June 2014 or on completion of the project, including acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

## PART 2 – PROJECT OUTPUTS

### Outputs

7. The outputs of this Agreement will be:
  - (a) provision and uptake of routine and universal screening for perinatal depression;
  - (b) follow up support and care for women assessed as being at risk of or experiencing perinatal depression;
  - (c) workforce training and development for health professionals;
  - (d) research and data collection;
  - (e) community awareness activities relating to the importance of detection, treatment and management of perinatal depression; and
  - (f) provision of wage supplementation to Eligible Service Providers impacted by the Pay Equity Orders.

## PART 3 – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY

### Role of the Commonwealth

8. The Commonwealth will be responsible for:
  - (a) monitoring and assessing achievement against milestones in the delivery of the NPDI under this Agreement to ensure that outputs are delivered within the agreed timeframe; and
  - (b) providing a consequent financial contribution to the States to support the implementation of this Agreement.

### Role of the States and Territories

9. The States will be responsible for:
  - (a) providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution to support the implementation of this Agreement;
  - (b) all aspects of delivering on the project outputs set out in this Agreement and in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council Clinical Practice Guidelines for Depression and Related Disorders in the Perinatal Period;
  - (c) reporting on the delivery of outputs as set out in Part 4 – Project Milestones, Reporting and Payments; and
  - (d) ensuring that supplementation for the Social and Community Services sector is distributed only to Eligible Service Providers as defined in the National Partnership on Pay Equity for the Social and Community Services Sector, through a clear and fair process that is consistent with the principles of procedural fairness as set out in Schedule B of that National Partnership.

## PART 4 – PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

10. The following table summarises the milestones for the project and relevant reporting dates.

**Table 1: Milestones and reporting summary**

Milestones	Due date	Milestone weighting
1. State acceptance of the Commonwealth offer.	N/A	50 per cent, in recognition of the continuation of NPDI activities by States through 2013-14
2. Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report (covering period 1 July to 15 April 2014) demonstrating maintenance of 2012-13 performance levels as described in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) provision and uptake of screening;</li> <li>(b) provision and uptake of support and care for women;</li> <li>(c) provision and uptake of workforce training and development for health professionals;</li> <li>(d) research and data collection;</li> <li>(e) Improvement or maintenance of effort in the delivery of community awareness activities; and</li> <li>(f) provision of wage supplementation to Eligible Service Providers impacted by the Pay Equity Orders.</li> </ul>	15 May 2014	50 per cent

### Reporting arrangements

11. The States will provide a performance report (covering the period from 1 July 2013 to 15 April 2014) in accordance with Table 1 during the operation of the Agreement containing a description of actual performance of the States against the project milestones. The report will be due to the Commonwealth on 15 May 2014.
12. Remaining service data for the period 16 April 2014 to 30 June 2014 will be provided by States in a table format by 1 September 2014, to ensure completeness of national data sets. A report will not be required.

## PART 5 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

13. The Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to the States of \$8.2550m in respect of this Agreement. All payments are GST exclusive.

14. The Commonwealth's funding contribution will not be reduced where the States secure funding from other activity partners through innovative and collaborative partnerships.
15. The Commonwealth's and the States' estimated financial contribution to the operation of this Agreement, including through National Partnership payments to the States paid in accordance with *Schedule D — Payment Arrangements* of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations, are shown in Table 2.
16. Payments will be made in accordance with the Commonwealth's acceptance of deliverables as shown in Table 3.

**Table 2: Estimated financial contributions 2013-14 (\$m)**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	TOTAL
Total Commonwealth Payment to States	2.3500	1.9570	1.6320	1.0200	0.5580	0.2540	0.2190	0.2650	8.2550
Social and Community Services Supplementation <sup>(b)</sup>	0.0120	0.0220	0.0000	0.0120	0.0000	0.0000	0.0060	0.0030	0.0550
National Partnership Payment <sup>(c)</sup>	2.3380	1.9350	1.6320	1.0080	0.5580	0.2540	0.2130	0.2620	8.2000
State financial and/or in-kind contribution	2.3380	1.9350	1.6320	1.0080	0.5580	0.2540	0.2130	0.2620	8.2000
Estimated Total Value of Agreement	4.6880	3.8920	3.2640	2.0280	1.1160	0.5080	0.4320	0.5270	16.4550

(a) Figures in this table may be subject to rounding and where payments are made under this Agreement, they will be in accordance with approved estimates.

(b) Social and community services supplementation is not payable to Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania. Non-Commonwealth contributions are not required to include social and community services supplementation

(c) 2013-14 National Partnership Payments do not include the final payments for 2012-13 (\$2.6m in total) paid in 2013-14 under the National Partnership Agreement on Health Services NPDI Implementation Plan (2010-11 to 2012-13).

17. Having regard to the agreed estimated costs of projects specified in a Project Agreement, the States will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, the States bear all risk should the costs of a project exceed the agreed estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the States to deliver projects cost effectively and efficiently.
18. The Commonwealth's estimated financial contribution to the operation of this Agreement will be payable in accordance with Table 3.

**Table 3: State and Territory payment schedule (\$m)**

	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
50% payment upon signing <sup>(a)</sup>	1.1690	0.9675	0.8160	0.5040	0.2790	0.1270	0.1065	0.1310	<b>4.1000</b>
50% payment on final performance report	1.1690	0.9675	0.8160	0.5040	0.2790	0.1270	0.1065	0.1310	<b>4.1000</b>
SACS Supplementation	0.0120	0.0220	0.0000	0.0120	0.0000	0.0000	0.0060	0.0030	<b>0.0550</b>
Total	2.3500	1.9570	1.6320	1.0200	0.5580	0.2540	0.2190	0.2650	<b>8.2550</b>

(a) Payment in recognition of continuation of NPDI activities by States through 2013-14.

(b) Figures in this table reflect National Partnership Payments and social and community services supplementation (if applicable), and may be subject to rounding. Payments will be made in accordance with approved estimates.



## **PART 6 – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Enforceability of the Agreement**

19. The Parties do not intend any of the provisions of this Agreement to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Agreement.

### **Variation of the Agreement**

20. The Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by all the Parties.
21. A Party to the Agreement may terminate their participation in the Agreement at any time by notifying all the other Parties in writing.

### **Delegations**

22. The Commonwealth Minister may delegate the assessment of performance against milestones and the authorisation of related project payments to senior Commonwealth officials, having regard to the financial and policy risks associated with those payments.

### **Dispute resolution**

23. Any Party may give notice to other Parties of a dispute under this Agreement.
24. Officials of relevant Parties will attempt to resolve any dispute in the first instance.
25. If a dispute cannot be resolved by officials, it may be escalated to the relevant portfolio ministers and if necessary, the relevant Ministerial Council.

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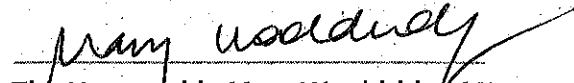
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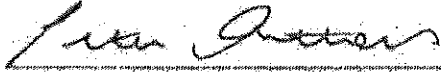
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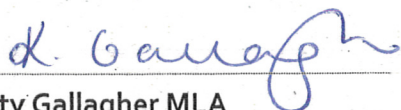
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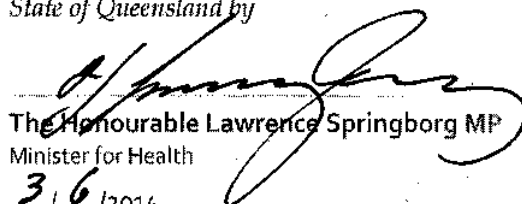
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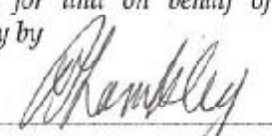
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