Schedule

2022 Floods in New South Wales and Queensland – Additional Legal Assistance

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – Affordable Housing, Community Services and Other

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| **Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule** | |
| Parties | Commonwealth  New South Wales  Queensland |
| Duration | This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 September 2023. |
| Purpose | This Schedule will support the delivery of efficient and effective legal assistance services to support relief and recovery in communities affected by the floods in New South Wales and Queensland in February and March 2022.  This Schedule will provide funding for existing legal assistance services operating in affected communities: legal aid commissions, community legal centres, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services.  The availability of these legal assistance services will assist individuals, small businesses, and primary producers to navigate through the legal issues that arise in the aftermath of the floods. |
| Estimated financial contributions | The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of $5.449m in respect of this Schedule.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Table 1**  **($ million)** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **Total** | | **Estimated total budget** | **1.362** | **4.087** | **5.449** | | * New South Wales | 0.821 | 2.465 | 3.286 | | * Queensland | 0.541 | 1.622 | 2.163 | |
| Additional terms | 1. The Parties will meet biannually on a bilateral basis to discuss the operation of this Schedule. This can take place in conjunction with existing bilateral meetings under the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25. 2. The Parties note that some legal assistance services delivered through funding provided under this Schedule may extend beyond the expiration of this Schedule. 3. The States will ensure legal assistance service data is collected and reported consistent with the *National Legal Assistance Data Standards Manual*. 4. The States will ensure that funding delivered under this Schedule is not claimed as eligible expenditure under the *Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements*. |

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| **Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary** | | | |
| **Output** | **Performance milestones** | **Report due** | **Payment** |
| Delivery of efficient and effective legal assistance services to individuals, small businesses, and primary producers impacted by floods in February and March 2022 | Identification of Local Government Areas impacted by the floods in which increased legal assistance services may be required | Immediately following execution of this Schedule | $1.362m |
| Allocation on allocation or proposed allocation of funding to individual legal assistance providers | 15/08/2022 | $4.087m |
| Collation of the following information relating to services delivered with funding under this Schedule from 1 March 2022 to 30 June 2023:   * the number of legal assistance services delivered, disaggregated by service type, primary law type, and problem type (where collected); * an outline of any collaborative activities undertaken by legal assistance providers to assist flood relief and recovery, within the legal assistance sector and with other support sectors; and * a de-identified case study that demonstrates the outcomes achieved by one or more legal assistance providers in supporting flood relief and recovery for an individual, small business, or primary producer. | 15/08/2023 | Nil |

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

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| Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by    Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash  Attorney-General  [Day] [Month] [Year] |  |  |
| Signed for and on behalf of the  State of New South Wales by    The Honourable Mark Speakman SC MP  Attorney General of New South Wales  [Day] [Month] [Year] |  | Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by    **The Honourable** Shannon Fentiman **MP**  Attorney-General of Queensland  [Day] [Month] [Year] |