The Provision of COVID-19 Quarantine Arrangements at the Northern Territory Centre for National Resilience for Organised National Repatriation of Australians

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

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| **Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule** |
| Parties | Commonwealth of AustraliaNorthern Territory (NT) Government  |
| Duration | This Schedule will expire on 30 June 2023. |
| Purpose | This Schedule is an addendum to the Federal Funding Agreement schedule for the *National Partnership Agreement for The Provision of COVID-19 Quarantine Arrangements at the Northern Territory Centre for National Resilience for Organised National Repatriation of Australians* and provides maintenance funding for the Centre for National Resilience at Howard Springs (the Centre) and ensures continued priority access to the Centre for Commonwealth Government use, if requested, until 30 June 2023.  |
| Scope | During the specified period (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023) in an emergency, the Centre will be prioritised for Commonwealth use for any resilience purpose, which may be broader than COVID-19 related quarantine. Given the size of the Howard Springs facility concurrent use for multiple purposes can be accommodated, exclusive Commonwealth use is not required.  |
| Stand up time  | While dependent on the purpose and scale of the emergency, best efforts will be made to stand the facility up quickly. Parties will work towards having up to 500 beds available within 72 hours of a formal Commonwealth request and up to 2,000 beds within 10 days – dependent on the facility use case and broader factors such as availability of workforce and suppliers.  |
| Estimated financial contributions | The Commonwealth will provide the NT $5 million on execution of this Schedule to maintain the facility for the 2022-23 financial year. Disbursement of this maintenance funding will be at the NT’s discretion. |
| Arrangements for facility use | If emergency use of the Centre is required, the Commonwealth will make a formal request to the NT to activate the Centre, following which a new bilateral agreement outlining operational arrangements will be negotiated.  |

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| Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by The Honourable Mark Butler MPMinister for Health and Aged Care 2022 |  | Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by The Honourable Natasha Fyles MLAChief Minister  2022 |
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