

Northern Territory

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

- A1 This Schedule has been developed in accordance with clause 15 of the National Partnership Agreement on Recycling Infrastructure and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement.
- A2 This Schedule will commence as soon as it is signed by the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory, and will expire on 30 June 2024, or on completion of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, whichever is later.

PART 2: DELIVERY OF PROJECTS IN NORTHERN TERRITORY

- A3 Under this Schedule, the Northern Territory agrees to facilitate achievement of the outcomes of the Agreement through:
- a) an expression of interest, tender or similar process for delivery of a new materials recovery facility servicing currently un-serviced regions in the Northern Territory
 - b) a competitive grants program open to private sector, non-government organisations and local government applicants for projects that enhance recycling and re-use capacity and capability in regional Northern Territory.
- A4 Projects under this Schedule will be co-funded by the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory without third party contributions, with the Northern Territory to at least match the Commonwealth's financial contribution (including in-kind contributions) to each project.
- a) In-kind contributions from the Northern Territory include land, facilities or equipment to support the delivery of the new material recovery facility or other projects that enhance recycling and re-use capacity and capability in regional Northern Territory. The Commonwealth may, at its discretion, agree other types of contributions as in-kind contributions for the purposes of this Agreement.
 - b) In-kind contributions of land from the Northern Territory must be independently valued and the Commonwealth must be satisfied that the provision of land to project components directly supports the project under this Agreement.
- A5 Officials from the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments will jointly agree grant assessment criteria in accordance with the eligibility criteria in the appendix to this Agreement. Northern Territory agrees that all pending decisions on successful grants will be provided to the Commonwealth before a final decision is announced, and that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to projects awarded by states under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.

PART 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A6 The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of \$5,707,800 to the Northern Territory. All payments are GST exclusive. Of this \$5,707,800:
- a) Up to \$2,107,800 will be provided for the competitive grants funding program (paragraph A3a and Part 2A of this Schedule) including (but not limited to) to the Roper Gulf Recycling Centre.
 - b) Up to \$3,600,000 will be provided for the expression of interest, tender or similar process for delivery of a new materials recovery facility servicing currently un-serviced regions in the Northern Territory (paragraph A3b and Part 2A of this Schedule).

- A7 The estimated financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Estimated financial contributions

(\$ million)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Estimated total budget	1.3625	6.2628	2.347	1.443	11.42
Less estimated National Partnership payments	0.300	3.408	1.500	0.500	5.708
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	1.0625	2.855	0.847	0.943	5.708

Note: Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions includes contributions from the Northern Territory including in-kind contributions to at least match the Commonwealth's contribution but does not include contributions from third parties such as local governments and other non-government organisations.

PART 4: PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

- A8 **Error! Reference source not found.**a, 2b, and 2c summarise the project milestones, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to the Northern Territory demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been met.
- A9 Under the Northern Territory's grants program, if the maximum Commonwealth payments are not made in the nominated financial year (e.g. due to lack of acceptable project proposals) the Commonwealth may move funds into a later year at its discretion. The Commonwealth makes no guarantee that unspent funding (if any) will be carried into later years.

Table 2a: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

Output	Milestones	Report due	Commonwealth Payment
New materials recovery facility servicing currently unserved regions in the Northern Territory (MRF).	<p><u>Milestone A1</u></p> <p>Release of the Request for Tender for a scoping study to identify the parameters for the materials recovery facility servicing currently un-served regions (industries and communities) of the Northern Territory.</p>	1 March 2022 (completed)	\$300,000
	<p><u>Milestone A2</u></p> <p>Delivery of the scoping study and release of Tender for the feasibility study for the materials recovery facility in regional Northern Territory.</p>	31 January 2023	\$200,000
	<p><u>Milestone A3</u></p> <p>Delivery of the feasibility study and agreement to a Project Plan outlining all milestones to be completed to deliver the new materials recovery facility servicing currently un-served regions in the Territory, including their timing, cost, design, equipment selected and sorting solution.</p>	30 April 2023	\$1,100,000
	<p><u>Milestone A4</u></p> <p>Purchase of equipment for new materials recovery facility.</p>	30 April 2024	\$1,500,000
	<p><u>Milestone A5</u></p> <p>Completed delivery and installation of equipment for new materials recovery facility servicing currently un-served regions in the Northern Territory</p>	30 October 2024	\$500,000

Table 2b: Milestones, reporting and payment summary - Competitive grants projects

Output	Milestones	Report due	Commonwealth Payment
Projects consistent with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A to the Agreement delivered through a competitive grants process (Grants)	<p><u>Milestone B1</u></p> <p>Payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2023.</p>	30 April 2023	<p>Equal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commonwealth's co-contributions to grant payments made under this Agreement for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2023. <p>up to \$1,900,000.</p>

Table 2c: Milestones, reporting and payment summary - Roper Gulf Recycling Centre

Output	Milestones	Report due	Commonwealth Payment
Purchase and construction of new shed for Borroloola Recycling Centre	<p><u>Milestone C1</u></p> <p>Executed contract between Roper Gulf Regional Council and licenced builder for construction of the Borroloola Recycling Depot.</p>	30 November 2022	\$125,067
	<p><u>Milestone C2</u></p> <p>Erection of shed and signoff NT Government Occupancy Permit providing confirmation the Borroloola Recycling Depot is built to code and may commence operations.</p>	28 April 2023	\$82,733

SIGN OFF

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water

Date: 13.12.22

Signed for and on behalf of Northern Territory by



The Honourable Lauren Moss MLA
Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water Security

Date: 4th January 2023