

Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience)

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales																														
Duration	This Schedule will commence as soon as both Parties sign it and will expire on completion of all projects and performance milestones under the Schedule. Expected date of completion for projects is 30 June 2026 or otherwise agreed between parties.																														
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of projects relating to emergency management and disaster risk mitigation as agreed to in the October Federal Budget 2022-23 to increase the resilience of communities within New South Wales. Funding provided under this Schedule will contribute to the delivery of the projects listed at Attachment A .																														
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Additional terms	<p>Administration costs</p> <p>(1) Up to \$407,500 (GST exclusive) may be used by New South Wales for program administration processes.</p> <p>Allocation of funds</p> <p>(2) The Parties understand that this Schedule is made in good faith and that funding will be apportioned to projects as shown at Attachment A.</p> <p>Implementation Plan</p> <p>(3) Project management plans for each project will be finalised after the commencement of this Schedule, as part of an Implementation Plan encompassing all projects. NSW is to undertake a due diligence process to ensure projects address eligibility and merit</p>																														

criteria for the Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience) Program. This includes development Guidelines and Methodology consistent with the Commonwealth's Tranche 1 process.

- a. The requirements of the Implementation Plan are set out in the Assurance and Reporting Framework for the Program, as issued by the Commonwealth and amended from time to time and to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Schedule.
- (4) The Implementation Plan will be developed by New South Wales and provided to the Commonwealth for endorsement as soon as possible, but no later than three months after the commencement of this Schedule unless otherwise agreed by the Commonwealth.
 - (5) New South Wales and the Commonwealth may mutually agree to vary or substitute projects that align with the program objectives or compliment the original commitment.

Performance monitoring and reporting

- (6) The Parties acknowledge that payments under this agreement will be tied to the performance milestones at Table 2 Performance requirements and payment summary.
- (7) The frequency and timing of reporting under this Schedule is set out at Table 2: Performance requirements and payment summary.
- (8) The content requirements of reporting under this Schedule are set out in the Assurance and Reporting Framework for the Program, as issued by the Commonwealth and amended from time to time and to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Schedule.

Reporting

- (9) Throughout the project period, the Commonwealth may ask New South Wales for ad-hoc reports, including but not limited to interim reports, details of media events, information requests from the Commonwealth Minister and meetings to discuss the project implementation.
- (10) The Commonwealth may request financial declarations, requesting New South Wales to provide a declaration that the funding was spent in accordance with the funding agreement and to report on any underspend of the funding.

Third parties

- (11) New South Wales may engage third parties to support the delivery of projects under this Schedule.
- (12) While third parties are not signatories to this Schedule, New South Wales is responsible for ensuring third party compliance with the terms and conditions of this Schedule.

Table 2: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Due date	Payment
As detailed in the Implementation Plan	New South Wales enters into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth.	Upon signing of this Schedule by both Parties.	\$2.14m (25 per cent of total)
	Commonwealth endorsement of an Implementation Plan, submitted by New South Wales, encompassing all projects under this Schedule.	Implementation Plan submitted to the Commonwealth for endorsement within three months of the commencement of this Schedule.	\$2.14m (25 per cent of total)
	New South Wales submits first Quarterly Report to Commonwealth, encompassing all projects under this Schedule.	Three months from the date the Implementation Plan was endorsed.	N/A
	New South Wales submits ongoing Quarterly Reports to Commonwealth, encompassing all projects under this Schedule.	Due after end of each quarter (Mar/June/Sept/Dec) as detailed in the Assurance and Reporting Framework until all projects under this Schedule are complete.	Up to \$3.42m (in arrears) as requested in Quarterly reports (40 per cent of total)
	New South Wales submits a Final Report to Commonwealth, encompassing all projects under this Schedule.	No later than three months from the end of the financial year in which all projects were completed.	\$0.85m (10 per cent of total)

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Murray Watt MP
Minister for Emergency Management

[Day] [Month] [Year]

13/12/23

Signed for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by



The Honourable Paul Scully
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

[Day] [Month] [Year]

22/1/24

Details of New South Wales Funded Projects

Project Ref Number	Project Name	Project Description	Location	Commonwealth funding	Non-Commonwealth contributions ¹
3	Fire trails for Snowy Valleys	Support the Snowy Valley Region by maintaining a number of fire trails to improve the regions bushfire preparedness.	Snowy Valley	\$200,000	\$0
5	Camden and Wollondilly Disaster Management Plan	Development of a disaster management plan to manage water to reduce overflow in Camden and fire risk in Wollondilly and the Southern Highlands.	Wollondilly / Wingecarribee / Camden	\$500,000	\$0
6	North Richmond Emergency Evacuation Point	Redevelop and upgrade the North Richmond Community Centre to allow it to operate as a first response emergency evacuation point	Hawkesbury	\$2,500,000	\$0
31	Macquarie Emergency Services	Funding to support emergency services in Macquarie. \$1.1 million each to Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury State Emergency Services, 300,000 for each Fire Control; and \$50,000 for every Rural Fire Service brigade.	Hawkesbury & Blue Mountains	\$4,950,000	\$0
		Total funding		\$8,150,000	

¹ Includes the value of all financial and in kind contributions to be provided by New South Wales and third party delivery partners identified in each project application (if applicable).