

Strategic Indigenous Tourism Projects

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of strategic Indigenous tourism projects to increase the supply of Indigenous tourism experiences and/or create supply chain opportunities for Indigenous tourism businesses within the Australian tourism industry.</p> <p>Strategic co-investment will be delivered in partnership with the Queensland Government, recognising each jurisdiction's unique Indigenous tourism opportunities and investment needs.</p> <p>Suitable projects will be identified and implemented in line with the statement of strategic intent and investment principles set out in Appendix A to this Schedule.</p>
Strategic Alignment	<p>This Schedule is framed to align with the priority reform areas and socio-economic outcomes set out in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</p> <p>In entering into this Schedule, the Commonwealth and Queensland Government recognise their mutual commitment to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the need to work together to achieve those outcomes.</p>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Queensland Government of \$3.0 million from 2023-24 to 2024-25 in respect of this Schedule.</p> <p>The Queensland Government will provide a minimum financial co-contribution of 50% matched funding to support the delivery of projects identified in this Schedule. Total project costs may be met with funding sourced from the public or private sector, or a combination of both.</p> <p>Further details on the Commonwealth and Queensland estimated financial contributions for the implementation of this Schedule are set in the table below.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>(\$ million)</th> <th>2023-24</th> <th>2024-25</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>3.0m</td> <td>3.0m</td> <td>6.0m</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Commonwealth 50% co-investment</i></td> <td>1.5675m</td> <td>1.4325m</td> <td>3.0m</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</i></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Queensland</td> <td>2.0m</td> <td>1.0m</td> <td>3.0m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	(\$ million)	2023-24	2024-25	Total	Estimated total budget	3.0m	3.0m	6.0m	<i>Commonwealth 50% co-investment</i>	1.5675m	1.4325m	3.0m	<i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</i>				- Queensland	2.0m	1.0m	3.0m
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p><i>In addition to the requirements set out in clause 19 of the Federation Funding Agreement – Affordable Housing, Community Services and Other, the Commonwealth agrees to conduct a post-implementation evaluation of the strategic partnership. The Queensland Government and other project partners will be responsible for participating in this evaluation.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the requirements set out in clause 20, the Queensland Government will be responsible for leading stakeholder engagement and project selection processes, and bringing forward proposals for Commonwealth co-investment consideration.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the requirements set out in clause 21, the Queensland Government agrees to:</i></p> <p><i>a. provide reasonable opportunity for the Commonwealth to contribute to developing communications strategies for all projects with a Commonwealth funding contribution;</i></p> <p><i>b. provide the Commonwealth with equal access to products and materials developed for promotional use (including but not limited to project data, footage and images); and</i></p>																				

	c. <i>the joint announcement of all projects under this Schedule, unless otherwise agreed by the Commonwealth.</i>
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Table 2: QLD – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Outcome	Performance milestones and outputs	Milestone due	Payments
Project initiation, contractor engagements and reporting.	<p>Regional First Nations Tourism Action Plans (RFNTAP): Deliver a project outline (scope, objectives, resources, timing, risks) for the development of RFNTAP, including roles for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups in the process.</p> <p>The Best Practice Guide and Toolkit (BPGT) for Working with First Nations Tourism in Queensland: Confirmation of the entity contracted to develop and deliver the BPGT.</p> <p>The First Nations Tourism Plan (FNTP) 2020-2025: Confirmation of the entity contracted to undertake the consultation workshops and one-on-one meetings with First Nations tourism operators from Queensland to inform the FNTP.</p> <p>The Indigenous Tourism Development Roadmap (ITDR): Confirmation of the entity contracted to support the implementation and monitoring of the ITDR.</p> <p>Targeted support through Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ): Provide evidence of the commitment of funds to TEQ and project outlines (scope, objectives, resources, timing, risks) for the development of a Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Events Strategy, a Best Practice guide for Cultural Inclusion and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Festivals and Events Fund.</p> <p>Discovery and Business Demand Essential (DBDE) workshops: Provide a project outline (scope, objectives, resources, timing, risks) for the DBDE workshops.</p> <p>Engagement with new National advisory committee for First Nations Visitor Economy Partnership (FNVEP): Report on the entity contracted to support the FNVEP and associated collaborative arrangements.</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tourism operators supported to participate in an Export Ready Program (ERP): Records of the EOI process for participation of 10 to 12 First Nations tourism operators with representation from across the regions.</p> <p>Best of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Experiences (BOQE) Program: Provide evidence of commitment of funds to TEQ to develop and deliver the BOQE Program. Provide a project outline (scope, objectives, resources, timing, risks) for the program. Confirm program participate numbers if available.</p>	31/04/2024	RFNTAP: \$0.3125m BPGT: \$0.040m FNTP: \$0.120m ITDR: \$0.045m TEQ: \$0.200m DBDE: \$0.090m FNVEP: \$0.040m ERP: \$0.100m BOQE: \$0.040m (Total: \$0.9875m)
Project initiation and reporting.	<p>Extend the Our Country Advisory Service (OCAS) to additional destinations, including Cape York and the Torres Strait: Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and employment outcomes, issues or concerns) on the OCAS program up until June 2024.</p>	30/06/2024	OCAS: \$0.500m TTRP: \$0.080m (Total: \$0.580m)

	<p>The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism Trade Ready Program (TTRP): Provide evidence of commitment of funds to TEQ to develop and deliver the TTRP. Provide a project outline (scope, objectives, resources, timing, risks) for the program. Confirm program participation numbers if available.</p>		
<p>Reporting and contractor engagements.</p>	<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tourism operators supported to participate in the Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference (AITC), 2024 - Records of expression of interest (EOI) process for participation by 4 to 6 Queensland First Nations tourism businesses with representation from different regions.</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism operators supported to participate in the World Indigenous Tourism Summit (WITS), 2024 - Records of EOI process for participation by 4 to 6 Queensland First Nations tourism businesses with representation from different regions.</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism operators supported to participate in the Destination IQ and Destination Q Forum Brisbane (DIQ), November 2024 -Records of EOI process for participation by 10 to 12 Queensland First Nations tourism businesses with representation from different regions.</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism operators supported to participate in the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE), Melbourne 19 – 23 May 2024 - Records of EOI process for participation by 10 to 12 Queensland First Nations tourism businesses with representation from different regions.</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism operators supported to participate in the Queensland and Australian Tourism Awards (QATA), Brisbane 15 November 2024 - Records of EOI process for participation by 10 to 12 Queensland First Nations tourism businesses with representation from different regions.</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Business Familiarisation (Famils) programs: Records of EOI process for participation of 8-10 businesses per Famil with representation from different regions.</p> <p>Engagement with new National advisory committee for First Nations Visitor Economy Partnership (FNVEP): Confirmation of the entity contracted to develop and deliver the regional tourism industry events to feed into the annual Destination IQ event.</p> <p>Native Goods Distribution Project (NGDP): Confirmation of the entity contracted to develop and deliver the NGDP. Provide a project outline (scope, objectives, resources, timing, risks) for this activity.</p> <p>Emerging Field School Program (EFSP): Records of EOI process for participation of up to 60 Queensland First Nations tourism businesses with representation from different regions. Confirmation of the entity contracted to support the EFSP. Provide a project outline (scope, objectives, resources, timing, risks) for the program.</p>	<p>16/08/2024</p>	<p>AITC: \$0.0325m WITS: \$0.050m DIQ: \$0.045m ATE: \$0.030m QATA: \$0.020m Famils: \$0.045m FNVEP: \$0.090m NGDP: \$0.0225m EFSP: \$0.100m (Total: \$0.435m)</p>

<p>Implementation and progress reporting</p>	<p>Regional First Nations Tourism Action Plans (RFNTAP): Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) on development of the RFNTAP.</p> <p>The Best Practice Guide and Toolkit for Working with First Nations Tourism in Queensland (BPGT): Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) on development and delivery of the BPGT and associated training and events.</p> <p>The First Nations Tourism Plan (FNTP) 2020-2025: Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) on the FNTP.</p> <p>The Indigenous Tourism Development Roadmap (ITDR) Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) on the ITDR.</p> <p>Targeted support through Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ): Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) on the activities supported through the TEQ including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Events Strategy - Best Practice Guide for Cultural Inclusion at Events - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Festivals and Events Fund - Findings the First Nations Social Impact Research. <p>National and International conferences and events (NICE): Deliver a report on the five events (AITC, WITS, DIQ, ATE, QATA) including attendance numbers and outcomes for the participants.</p> <p>Business Familiarisation (Famils) programs Deliver a report on the four Famils including attendance numbers and outcomes for the participants.</p> <p>Discovery and Business Demand Essential (DBDE) workshops Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) for the DBDE workshops.</p> <p>Engagement with new National advisory committee for First Nations Visitor Economy Partnership (FNVEP-1): Deliver a report outlining Queensland’s engagement with the FNVEP.</p> <p>(FNVEP -2) Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) on the regional tourism industry events.</p> <p>Design and deliver Destination IQ forum (DIQ): Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) on the Destination IQ forum.</p> <p>Extend the Our Country Advisory Service (OCAS): Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and employment outcomes, issues or concerns) on the OCAS program.</p> <p>Native Goods Distribution Project (NGDP): Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and employment outcomes, issues or concerns) on the NGDP.</p> <p>Tourism Trade Ready Program (TTRP): Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date,</p>	<p>16/05/2025</p>	<p>RFNTAP: \$0.100m BPGT: \$0.020m FNTP: \$0.045m ITDR: \$0.015m TEQ: \$0.075m NICE: \$0.055m Famils: \$0.015m DBDE: \$0.035m FNVEP-1: \$0.020m FNVEP-2: \$0.030m DIQ: \$0.030m OCAS: \$0.335m NGDP: \$0.0075m TTRP: \$0.045m BOQE: \$0.020m MENP: \$0.030m EFSP: \$0.035m ERP: \$0.035m ILP: \$0.050m (Total: \$0.9975m)</p>
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	<p>key updates and employment outcomes, issues or concerns) on the TTRP.</p> <p>Best of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Experiences (BOQE): Program Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) for the BOQE program. .</p> <p>Building the capacity of First Nations businesses facilitated through existing and new mentoring programs (MENP): Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and employment outcomes, issues or concerns). Also outline outcomes achieved to assist First Nations tourism businesses enhance the quality of their products and experiences. Confirm program participant numbers.</p> <p>Emerging Field School Program (EFSP) Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) for the EFSP.</p> <p>Export Ready Program (ERP) Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) for the ERP.</p> <p>Indigenous Languages Project (ILP) Deliver a progress report (summary of work to date, key updates and outcomes, issues or concerns) for the ILP.</p>		
	Total		\$3,000,000

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



Hon Linda Burney MP
Minister for Indigenous Australians
23 April 2024

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Queensland by



Hon Michael Healy MP
Minister for Tourism and Sport
13 June 2024

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Statement of Strategic Intent

This statement takes into account the priority reforms, socio-economic targets and outcomes set out in the [National Agreement on Closing the Gap](#):

Strategic Indigenous Tourism Projects funding will stimulate and strengthen the economic participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in the Visitor Economy (the Australian tourism industry).

Strategic co-investments will be delivered in partnership with State and Territory governments targeting projects which increase the supply of Indigenous tourism experiences and/or create supply chain opportunities for Indigenous tourism businesses and organisations, and which will deliver long-term economic benefits to the Indigenous tourism sector in each state and territory.

The selection of projects (for co-investment) will be directly informed by the Indigenous tourism sector (i.e. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) with governments taking a place-based approach that recognises each jurisdiction's unique Indigenous tourism opportunities and investment needs.

Ministerial approval is required for co-investment of selected projects.

Investment Principles	
The purpose of the <i>Strategic Indigenous Tourism Projects</i> funding is to stimulate investment in strategic projects that contribute to building a tourism ecosystem, and that will deliver long-term benefits to the Indigenous tourism sector in each State and Territory. Eligible projects will be identified in line with the following investment principles:	
1	States and Territories must work in partnership with the local community and traditional owners to identify strategic projects for funding under this measure.
2	States and Territories must demonstrate how identified projects align with relevant State or Territory strategies for the development of Indigenous tourism.
3	States or Territories must match or exceed the Australian Government funding contribution.
4	Projects must generate tourism business development, supply chain opportunities or economic participation outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and communities.
5	Projects must have a plan for sustainability after Commonwealth funding ceases, either as self-sustainable or through a commitment of ongoing State or Territory funding.
6	Commonwealth funding is intended to complement (not displace) State or Territory funding for Indigenous tourism projects. Funding must not be used for marketing, promotion or other overhead expenditures that would normally be incurred by the funding parties.
7	Projects must demonstrate a sound business case for investment, and evidence of demand (or identified need) for the tourism product, service or experience.
8	Projects must demonstrate value-for-money, and a positive return on the Commonwealth's investment.