

# Assistance for North Queensland Regions to Support Disaster Recovery and Resilience

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>																													
Parties	Commonwealth of Australia State of Queensland																												
Duration	This Schedule will expire on 31 December 2027 or otherwise agreed between parties.																												
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of long-term recovery and resilience initiatives for regions impacted by the <i>North and Far North Monsoon Trough 25 January – 14 February 2019</i> and the <i>Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding 20 December 2022 – 30 April 2023</i> events.																												
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The total funding available for this agreement is \$228.5 million. In April 2019, the Commonwealth provided \$300 million total financial contribution to Queensland to provide assistance to primary producers impacted by the 2019 Monsoon Trough flood event, of which only \$136.7 million was spent.</p> <p>Of the remaining funding, the Parties agree that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$91.8 million be allocated for further recovery and resilience initiatives in the region (this Schedule).</li> <li>\$71.5 million be reallocated to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Category C and D package for 2022-23 Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding event.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Table 1</b> (\$ million)</th> <th><b>2018-19</b></th> <th><b>2019-23</b></th> <th><b>2023-24</b></th> <th><b>2024-25</b></th> <th><b>2025-26</b></th> <th><b>Total</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td><b>300.0</b></td> <td><b>0.0</b></td> <td><b>-71.5</b></td> <td><b>0.0</b></td> <td><b>0.0</b></td> <td><b>228.5</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>300.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>-71.5</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>228.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Table 1</b> (\$ million)	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-71.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>228.5</b>	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	300.0	0.0	-71.5	0.0	0.0	228.5	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Additional terms	This agreement supersedes the preceding <i>National Partnership on grants assistance to primary producers impacted by the north Queensland floods</i> (signed in April 2019) as varied by Schedule 1 (signed in October 2020).																												

### **Appendices**

- (1) Appendices 1, 2 and 3 outline the new funding programs, with Appendices 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 detailing the ongoing requirements for the existing programs.

### **Review of the Schedule and funding programs**

- (2) Reviews will be conducted to assess the degree to which the agreed objectives and outcomes and/or outputs of the Schedule and funding programs have been achieved, and to inform decisions regarding future programs.
- (3) A review, led by Queensland, in relation to the programs listed in Appendices 4-9 will be scheduled to be completed by December 2024.
- (4) A review, as detailed in the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, in relation to the programs listed in Appendices 1-3 will be scheduled to be completed by December 2027.
- (5) Funding for both reviews will be derived from the total funding amount provided to Queensland under this Schedule, with up to \$250,000 allocated for the first review and up to \$500,000 allocated for the second review.

### **Underspends**

- (6) Any further underspends identified from programs listed in Appendices 4-9 may be reallocated to programs listed in Appendices 1-3.
- (7) Efficiencies realised on completion of projects or identified unspent funds in programs listed in Appendices 1-3 may be allocated within these programs to utilise funding.
- (8) Agreement must be sought from the Commonwealth prior to reallocation of funding.

### **Repayment of amounts to the Commonwealth**

- (9) The Commonwealth will invoice Queensland for any funds not spent as detailed in the final report by the end of the 2027-28 financial year.
- (10) The Commonwealth reserves the right to recover an amount provided under this Schedule, where:
  - a. a project cannot be delivered in line with the relevant proposal and the project cannot be appropriately scaled or varied,
  - b. the Commonwealth and Queensland cannot reach an agreement on how to reallocate the funds, or
  - c. another condition of this Schedule is not met.

The Commonwealth will determine on a reasonable basis whether an amount should be repaid, and if so, how much should be repaid, with regard to the circumstances of each matter.

**Table 2: Queensland – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Project	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Signed funding agreement	Queensland enters into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth.	Upon signing of this Schedule by both Parties.	Nil (£300m paid in April 2019)
Restocking and On-Farm Infrastructure Grants program – Extension (Appendix 1)	Queensland develops and provides Program guidelines for endorsement by the Commonwealth.	Within 2 months of the commencement of the Schedule.	Nil
	First quarterly report, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the program uptake, progress status and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Within three months from the date the Schedule was endorsed.	Nil
	Ongoing quarterly reports until program ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress status, program uptake and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after end of each quarter as detailed in the Assurance and Reporting Framework until all projects under this program is complete.	Nil
On-Farm Resilience Study (Appendix 2)	Queensland develops and provides Program documentation for endorsement by the Commonwealth.	Within 2 months of the commencement of the Schedule	Nil
	First quarterly report, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress of study and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Within three months from the date the Schedule was endorsed.	Nil
	Ongoing quarterly reports until study ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress of study and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after end of each quarter as detailed in the Assurance and Reporting Framework until study ceases.	Nil
North Queensland Resilience Program (Appendix 3)	Queensland develops and provides Program guidelines for endorsement by the Commonwealth.	Within 2 months of the commencement of the Schedule.	Nil
	First quarterly report, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the program uptake and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Within three months from the date the Schedule was endorsed.	Nil
	Ongoing quarterly reports until program ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress status, program uptake and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after end of each quarter as detailed in the Assurance and Reporting Framework until all projects under this program ceases.	Nil
Primary Producers impacted by the 2019 North	Ongoing quarterly reports until program ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress status and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after each quarter as detailed in the Assurance and Reporting Framework for program 3.	Nil

Project	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Queensland Funds (Appendix 4)			
Economic Diversification program (Appendix 5)	Ongoing quarterly reports until program ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress status and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after each quarter consistent with the Assurance and Reporting Framework for Program 3.	Nil
Telecommunications and Energy Improvement (Appendix 6)	Ongoing quarterly reports until program ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress status and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after each quarter consistent with the Assurance and Reporting Framework for Program 3.	Nil
Resilient Kids (Appendix 7)	Ongoing quarterly reports until program ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress status and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after each quarter consistent with the Assurance and Reporting Framework for Program 3.	Nil
Managing Disaster Risk (Appendix 8)	Ongoing quarterly reports until program ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress status and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after each quarter consistent with the Assurance and Reporting Framework for Program 3.	Nil
Recovery and Resilience Grants (Appendix 9)	Ongoing quarterly reports until program ceases, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress status and expenditure incurred.</li> </ul>	Due after each quarter consistent with the Assurance and Reporting Framework for Program 3.	Nil

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

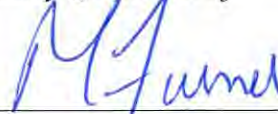
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Murray Watt MP  
Minister for Emergency Management

27/3/2024

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



The Honourable Mark Furner MP  
Minister for Agriculture Industry Development and Fisheries

27/06/2024