

# Implementation of the Australian Fire Danger Rating System - NSW

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>																			
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales (NSW)																		
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 December 2024.																		
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the implementation of the Australian Fire Danger Rating System. The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System will improve public safety and reduce the impacts of bushfires by improving decision making enabled by more accurate scientific information. Nationally consistent fire danger rating information will be available to the public, reducing confusion about how to react to a warning.</p> <p>The funding NSW receives through this agreement (on behalf of all states and territories) will assist in addressing recommendation 13.1 of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.</p>																		
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to NSW of \$2.3m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"><b>Table 1</b></th> </tr> <tr> <th><b>(\$ million)</b></th> <th><b>2022-23</b></th> <th><b>Total</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Total budget</b></td> <td><b>2.3</b></td> <td><b>2.3</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>2.3</td> <td>2.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- NSW</td> <td>2.3</td> <td>2.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Table 1</b>			<b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total budget</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<i>Less National Partnership Payments</i>	2.3	2.3	- NSW	2.3	2.3	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0
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Additional terms	<p>NSW will be responsible for arranging financial and/or in-kind contribution to support the implementation of this Schedule.</p> <p>To assist with ongoing implementation requirements of the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, NSW will be eligible for this payment once the Commonwealth and NSW have signed this schedule.</p> <p>This is a one-off payment for the Fire Ignition, Suppression and Impact Indices project.</p> <p>It is a condition of funding that NSW is required to deliver the outputs specified in their reporting table below.</p>
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**Table 2: New South Wales – Performance requirements and reporting summary**

Output	Reporting requirements	Report due
Operational Implementation and web development of the FISI Indices at several scales	Evidence of development and delivery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• training and communication material</li> <li>• design guidelines</li> <li>• framework for continuous improvement</li> <li>• identification and justification of relevant research elements</li> <li>• identification of assets on common operating picture</li> <li>• exposure index</li> </ul>	Via updates at AFDRS Board Meetings
Delivery of products developed to jurisdictions		
Research stream to inform elements that were previously not feasible or within scope		
A framework for continuous improvement and advancements		
Development of training and communication material		
Inclusion of assets on common operating picture		
Design guidelines for products		
Development of an Exposure Index to include social and vulnerability data		

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

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*



Senator, the Hon Murray Watt

Minister for Emergency Management

[Day] [Month] [Year] 23/5/23

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



The Hon Jihad Dib, MP

Minister for Emergency Services

[Day] [Month] [Year] 19/06/2023