

## Community Solar Banks – Northern Territory

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory (NT)
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026 or on completion of projects, including final reports, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule delivers the Commonwealth’s Community Solar Banks funding commitment to the NT and will support the implementation of two shared solar schemes being managed by the NT Government:</p> <p>1) Solar for Multi-Dwellings Grant Scheme: targeting approximately 300 households by offering grants to dwelling owners in apartment buildings and unit complexes, through their Body Corporate or other suitable management entity, to support the costs of installation of shared rooftop solar systems.</p> <p>2) Community Solar Share Scheme: targeting approximately 700 households per year over 10 years by providing energy bill relief, through an electricity retailer, to vulnerable households that cannot directly access solar. This would involve new solar installations on NT Government buildings which would earn a Feed-in-Tariff and be used to support selected vulnerable households.</p> <p>Given these are demand-driven schemes, the final number of households supported will depend on final scheme design and the number of valid applications over the period of the schemes.</p>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide a financial contribution of up to \$4.7 million to the NT Government.</p> <p>This funding is from the Commonwealth’s Community Solar Banks Program and can be allocated flexibly between the two schemes.</p> <p>The NT Government is providing the management and administration for both schemes.</p> <hr/> <table border="1" data-bbox="454 548 1396 907"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="454 548 901 627">Table 1.1: Solar on Multi-Unit Dwellings Scheme (\$million)</th> <th data-bbox="901 548 1013 627">2024/25</th> <th data-bbox="1013 548 1125 627">2025/26</th> <th data-bbox="1125 548 1396 627">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="454 638 901 694"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="901 638 1013 694">2.35</td> <td data-bbox="1013 638 1125 694">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1125 638 1396 694">2.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="454 694 901 772">Less estimated National Partnership payments</td> <td data-bbox="901 694 1013 772">2.35</td> <td data-bbox="1013 694 1125 772">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1125 694 1396 772">2.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="454 772 901 851">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="901 772 1013 851">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1013 772 1125 851">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1125 772 1396 851">0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/> <table border="1" data-bbox="454 907 1396 1220"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="454 907 901 985">Table 1.2: Community Solar Share Scheme (\$million)</th> <th data-bbox="901 907 1013 985">2024/25</th> <th data-bbox="1013 907 1125 985">2025/26</th> <th data-bbox="1125 907 1396 985">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="454 996 901 1052"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="901 996 1013 1052">2.35</td> <td data-bbox="1013 996 1125 1052">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1125 996 1396 1052">2.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="454 1052 901 1131">Less estimated National Partnership payments</td> <td data-bbox="901 1052 1013 1131">2.35</td> <td data-bbox="1013 1052 1125 1131">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1125 1052 1396 1131">2.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="454 1131 901 1220">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="901 1131 1013 1220">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1013 1131 1125 1220">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1125 1131 1396 1220">0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1.1: Solar on Multi-Unit Dwellings Scheme (\$million)	2024/25	2025/26	Total	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	2.35	0.0	2.35	Less estimated National Partnership payments	2.35	0.0	2.35	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	Table 1.2: Community Solar Share Scheme (\$million)	2024/25	2025/26	Total	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	2.35	0.0	2.35	Less estimated National Partnership payments	2.35	0.0	2.35	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.00
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<p>Use of Commonwealth Funds</p>	<p>Commonwealth funding will only be used for the deployment of the shared solar schemes listed above.</p>																																

**Table 2.1: Solar for Multi-Dwellings Grant Scheme performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Provide apartment dwellers access to the benefits of solar through a grant program to support the installation of shared rooftop solar.	<p>Milestone 1</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of:</p> <p>Project Plan containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the scheme, implementation details, timelines, milestones and risks</li> <li>• Communications Plan targeting specific participants (apartment dwellers, Body Corporates)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Including providing the Commonwealth with any relevant media opportunities and recognition/co-branding on any related material</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation framework, which would include the collection of relevant data to perform an Evaluation outlined in Milestone 4.</li> </ul> <p>Solar for Multi-Unit Dwellings Grant Scheme Guidelines/Terms and Conditions containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives and outcomes</li> <li>• Eligibility and merit criteria</li> <li>• Application and assessment process</li> <li>• Timelines.</li> </ul>	10/09/2024	\$1.0m
	<p>Milestone 2</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress towards the output, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expense Report to date containing summary details of applications, number and value of grant commitments and payments, Body Corporate co-contributions and scheme/administration expenses</li> <li>• Scheme Summary Report to date containing summary details of the number, size and location of shared solar systems approved to be installed, number of</li> </ul>	10/04/2025	Up to \$1.35m based on the scheme's commitments and expenses to date (with any unspent funds moved to <b>Community Solar Share Scheme</b> ).

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	<p>households/dwellings participating in the Scheme (including subset number of target groups where possible), estimated household energy savings to be achieved and further relevant Scheme information where recorded.</p>		
	<p>Milestone 3 Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress towards the output, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expense Report to date containing summary details of applications, number and value of grant commitments and payments, Body Corporate co-contributions and program/administration expenses</li> <li>• Scheme Summary Report to date containing summary details of the number, size and location of shared solar systems approved to be installed, number of households/dwellings participating in the Scheme (including subset number of target groups where possible), estimated household energy savings to be achieved and further relevant Scheme information where recorded.</li> </ul>	<p>10/12/2025</p>	
	<p>Milestone 4 Commonwealth acceptance of a Final Report on the Solar for Multi-Unit Dwellings Grant Scheme including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expense Report to date containing summary details of applications, number and value of grant commitments and payments, Body Corporate co-contributions and scheme/administration expenses</li> <li>• Scheme Summary Report to date containing summary details of the number, size and location of shared solar systems approved to be installed, number of households/dwellings participating in the Scheme (including subset number of target groups where possible), estimated household energy savings to be achieved and further relevant Scheme information where recorded</li> <li>• Final evaluation report.</li> </ul>	<p>10/04/2026</p>	<p>\$0</p>

**Table 2.2: Community Solar Share Scheme performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Provide vulnerable households energy bill relief, through solar PV being installed on NT Government buildings.	<p>Milestone 1</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of:</p> <p>Project Plan containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the scheme, implementation details, project partners, budgets, timelines and milestones</li> <li>• Scheme objectives and outcomes</li> <li>• Communications Plan targeting specific participants</li> <li>• Evaluation framework.</li> </ul> <p>Scheme Expense and Outcome Report to date containing details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial commitments and payments, including scheme/administration expenses</li> <li>• Details of any solar installations procured as part of the Scheme, including costs, capacity, region or location and estimated install dates</li> <li>• Summary details of bill relief provided, including number of participating households, amount of relief and timelines.</li> </ul>	10/11/2024	Up to \$1.0m based on the scheme's commitments and expenses to date.
	<p>Milestone 2</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress towards the output, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial commitments and payments, including scheme/administration expenses</li> <li>• Details of any solar installations procured as part of the Scheme, including costs, capacity, region or location and install dates</li> <li>• Summary details of bill relief provided, including number of participating households, amount of relief and timelines.</li> </ul>	28/05/2025	Up to a scheme total of \$2.35m based on the commitments and expenses to date (minus Milestone 1 payment). Plus any unspent funds from <b>Solar on Multi-Unit Dwellings</b> scheme).

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	<p>Milestone 3</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress towards the output, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial commitments and payments, including scheme/administration expenses</li> <li>• Details of any solar installations procured as part of the Scheme, including costs, capacity, region or location and install dates</li> <li>• Summary details of bill relief provided, including number of participating households, amount of relief and timelines.</li> </ul>	26/11/2025	
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



**The Honourable Chris Bowen MP**  
Minister for Climate Change and Energy

[Day] [Month] 2024

13 Jul

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory Government by



**The Honourable Kate Worden MLA**  
Minister for Renewables and Energy.

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