

Community Solar Banks – New South Wales

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales (NSW)
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026 or on completion of projects, including final evaluation reports, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support funding to target up to 10,000 households through two state-wide shared solar programs as well as providing a community clean energy program in the far south coast of NSW.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Solar Gardens/Farms: to provide households the ability to benefit from solar energy from off-site solar gardens/farms.2) Shared Rooftop Solar on Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs): to provide apartment dwellers access to the benefits of solar through the installation of shared rooftop solar.3) Community clean energy program: to establish a grants program to deploy clean energy projects in the NSW far south coast region. <p>Given these are demand-driven programs, the final number of households serviced will depend on the number of applications received over the period of the programs.</p>



Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution of up to \$31m to the NSW Government towards the installation of shared solar and clean energy technologies.</p> <p>This funding is from the Commonwealth’s Community Solar Banks Program, with \$5m directed to the Solar Gardens/Farms program, \$25m to the Shared Rooftop Solar for MUDs program and \$1m to the community clean energy program in the NSW far south coast.</p> <p>The NSW Government is providing the program management and administration for all three programs as their contribution, as indicated below.</p> <p>If there are any unspent Commonwealth funds remaining in 2024-25, a movement of funds will be requested by the Commonwealth to move funding into 2025-26.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 772 1412 1131"> <thead> <tr> <th>Table 1.1: Solar Gardens/Farms (\$million)</th> <th>2024/25</th> <th>2025/26</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>5.2</td> <td>0.2</td> <td>5.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less estimated National Partnership payments</td> <td>5.0</td> <td>-</td> <td>5.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.2</td> <td>0.2</td> <td>0.4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1142 1412 1500"> <thead> <tr> <th>Table 1.2: Shared Rooftop Solar for MUDs (\$million)</th> <th>2024/25</th> <th>2025/26</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>26.0</td> <td>1.0</td> <td>27.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less estimated National Partnership payments</td> <td>25.0</td> <td>-</td> <td>25.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>1.0</td> <td>1.0</td> <td>2.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1523 1412 1825"> <thead> <tr> <th>Table 1.3 NSW Far South Coast project (\$million)</th> <th>2024/25</th> <th>2025/26</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>1.04</td> <td>0.04</td> <td>1.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less estimated National Partnership payments</td> <td>1.0</td> <td>-</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.04</td> <td>0.04</td> <td>0.08</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1.1: Solar Gardens/Farms (\$million)	2024/25	2025/26	Total	Estimated total budget	5.2	0.2	5.4	Less estimated National Partnership payments	5.0	-	5.0	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.2	0.2	0.4	Table 1.2: Shared Rooftop Solar for MUDs (\$million)	2024/25	2025/26	Total	Estimated total budget	26.0	1.0	27.0	Less estimated National Partnership payments	25.0	-	25.0	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	1.0	1.0	2.0	Table 1.3 NSW Far South Coast project (\$million)	2024/25	2025/26	Total	Estimated total budget	1.04	0.04	1.08	Less estimated National Partnership payments	1.0	-	1.0	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.04	0.04	0.08
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Use of Commonwealth Funds	Commonwealth funding will be used for the deployment of shared solar and clean energy projects and will not be used for any NSW Government program administration.																																																

Table 2.1: Solar Gardens/Farms performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Provide a program to support households with the ability to benefit from solar energy from off-site solar gardens/farms.</p>	<p>Milestone 1</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of:</p> <p>Project Plan containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the program, implementation details, timelines, milestones and risk register. • Communications Plan targeting specific participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Including providing the Commonwealth with any relevant media opportunities and recognition/co-branding on any related material • Stakeholder engagement plan including evidence of arrangements with key program stakeholders where applicable e.g. Solar garden owners, developers and retailers • Monitoring and evaluation framework which would include the collection of relevant data to perform an Evaluation outlined in Milestone 4. <p>Draft Solar Garden/Solar Farm Program Guidelines containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program objectives to provide households the ability to own solar garden/farm plots and receive bill credits/dividends. • Assessment criteria for the program including a criterion for value for money. • Application process. • Timelines. 	10/11/2024	\$0
	<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"> • A report containing a list and summary details of the Solar Garden/Farm applications received including: • Capacity of Solar Gardens/Farm, number and size of plots. • Number of households to be serviced and the benefit/savings estimated. • Assessment details for each application including value for money 	10/05/2025	Up to \$5m based on the value of approved funding applications (with any remaining unspent funds moved to the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis showing if Solar Gardens/Farm applications are viable or not and therefore request for remaining funding to be transferred to the Shared Rooftop Solar on Multi-Unit Dwellings stream. 		Shared Rooftop Solar on Multi-Unit Dwellings program).
	<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"> Evidence of satisfactory progress for approved Solar Garden/Farm projects The number of households participating in the Program including subset number of target groups e.g. low-income households, renters, apartments, others) Household savings to date including overall as well as per-household average e.g. benefit/energy bill savings (real or estimated). Size and generation of renewable energy from solar gardens/farms to date including overall as well as per-plot energy generated and estimated emissions savings. Program Expense Report including total costs relating to the program, such as, grant payments/commitments, other contributions, administration expenses and other costs. 	10/12/2025	\$0
	<p>Milestone 4</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of an End of Project Report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of satisfactory progress for approved Solar Garden/Farm projects The number of households participating in the Program including subset number of target groups e.g. low-income households, renters, apartments, others) Household savings to date including overall as well as per-household average e.g. benefit/energy bill savings (real or estimated). Size and generation of renewable energy from solar gardens/farms to date including overall as well as per-plot energy generated and estimated emissions savings. Program Expense Report including total costs relating to the program, such as, grant payments/commitments, other contributions, administration expenses and other costs. <p>Evaluation report on the Program including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives and outcomes, energy and emission savings, number of households (and target groups) serviced. 	10/06/2026	\$0

Table 2.2: Shared Rooftop Solar on Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Provide apartment dwellers access to the benefits of solar through a 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"> • Description of the program, implementation details, timelines, milestones and risk register. • Communications Plan targeting specific participants (apartment dwellers, Body Corporates). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including providing the Commonwealth with any relevant media opportunities and recognition/co-branding on any related material. • Stakeholder engagement plan including evidence of arrangements with key program stakeholders where applicable e.g. Body Corporates • Monitoring and evaluation framework, which would include the collection of relevant data to perform an evaluation outlined in Milestone 5. <p>Draft Shared Rooftop Solar on MUD Program Guidelines containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program objectives including to provide apartment dwellers access to the benefits of solar through the installation of shared rooftop solar. • Assessment criteria for the program including a criterion for value for money. • Application process. • Timelines. 	10/10/2024	\$2.5m
	<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"> • List and details of the Shared Rooftop Solar applications including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of households proposed to be serviced. ○ Capacity of proposed installs. ○ Cost of proposed installs. 	10/12/2024	\$2.5m

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Estimated household savings. ○ Details of target groups such as, low-income households and renters. ○ Program Expense Report containing grant payments and commitments, Owners Corporation contributions and administration expenses. ● Projections of expected funding agreements for completion by end of delivery stage May 2026. 		
	<p>Milestone 3 Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress towards to the output, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● List and details of the Shared Rooftop Solar applications (as per Milestone 2) ● List and details of the executed funding agreements under the Shared Rooftop Solar program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planned/actual number of shared solar systems with total and average size/capacity installed (kW). ○ Number of households participating (total as well as subset number of target groups e.g., renters, low-income households, other). ○ Household savings to date including overall as well as per-household average e.g. energy bills savings (real or estimated). ○ Program Expense Report containing total grant payments and commitments, Owners Corporation contributions and administration expenses. ● Projection of expected new funding agreements for completion by end of delivery stage May 2026. 	10/05/2025	<p>Up to \$20m based on the value of executed funding agreements. Plus any unspent funds from Solar Gardens/Farms program.</p>
	<p>Milestone 4 Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing evidence of satisfactory progress towards the output, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● List and details of the Shared Rooftop Solar applications (as per Milestone 2) ● List and details of the executed funding agreements under the Shared Rooftop Solar program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planned and actual number of shared solar systems with total and average size/capacity installed (kW) ○ Number of apartments/households participating (total as well as subset number of target groups e.g., renters, low-income households, other) 	10/11/2025	To be decided

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Household savings to date including overall as well as per-household average e.g. energy bills savings (real or estimated). ○ Program Expense Report containing total funding payments and commitments, Owners Corporation contributions and administration expenses. • Projection of expected new funding agreements for completion by end of delivery stage May 2026. 		
	<p>Milestone 5</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of an End of Project Report containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List and details of the executed funding agreements under the Shared Rooftop Solar program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actual number of shared solar systems with total and average size/capacity installed (kW) ○ Number of apartments/households participating (total as well as subset number of target groups e.g., renters, low-income households, other) ○ Household savings to date including overall as well as per-household average e.g. energy bills savings (real or estimated). ○ Program Expense Report containing total funding commitments and payments, Owners Corporation contributions and administration expenses. <p>Evaluation report on the Shared Rooftop Solar for MUDs program including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives and outcomes, total energy and emission savings, number of households serviced and savings (by target groups). 	10/06/2026	To be decided

Table 2.3: Far South Coast of NSW – Clean energy technologies performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>To establish a funding program to deploy clean energy projects in the NSW far south coast region</p>	<p>Milestone 1</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of:</p> <p>Project Plan containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the program, implementation details, timelines, milestones and risk register. • Communications Plan targeting specific grant recipients, such as, households and community groups in the far south coast of NSW. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Including providing the Commonwealth with any relevant media opportunities and recognition/co-branding on any related material • Stakeholder engagement plan including evidence of arrangements with key program stakeholders where applicable, such as, community groups and clean energy organisations in the south coast of NSW. • Monitoring and evaluation framework, which would include the collection of relevant data to perform an Evaluation outlined in Milestone 4. <p>Draft Program Guidelines containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives, including to support community clean energy projects in the far south coast of NSW • Eligibility and merit criteria • Application and assessment process • Timelines 	10/09/2024	\$500,000
	<p>Milestone 2</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory progress against project objectives and outcomes including clean energy technologies installed and community benefits from a sustainability and resilience aspect. • Program Expense Report containing total funding payments and commitments, contributions and other expenses. 	10/04/2025	Up to \$500,000 (totaling \$1m in 2024/25) based on the total value of executed funding agreements.
	<p>Milestone 3</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Progress Report containing:</p>	10/12/2025	\$0

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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

23 August 2024

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



The Honourable Penny Sharpe MP
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