

# Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative – Western Australia

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth Western Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery by Western Australia of a detailed feasibility study for a common user minerals processing facility to enhance Australia’s capacity to process critical minerals and strategic materials, and strengthen Australia’s sovereign capability and economic resilience.</p> <p>The feasibility study will be a Project Definition Plan (PDP) for a common user Critical Minerals Advanced Processing (CMAP) facility. The CMAP facility will be based in WA to support upstream and midstream activities for advanced metal purification and sophisticated materials manufacturing in Australia.</p>
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Western Australia of \$1.5m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <p>Western Australia will be required to match the Commonwealth’s funding contribution.</p>

<b>Table 1</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	1.5	1.5
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	1.5	1.5

Additional terms

Work undertaken to deliver the PDP will be in accordance with the Mineral Research Institute of Western Australia Critical Minerals Advanced Processing Facility – Project Definition Plan – Project Brief (the Project Brief) submitted by Western Australia as part of their proposal for funding under the Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary		
Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<b>Milestone 1 – Execution of Agreement and project plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreement and signature of the Schedule</li> <li>An overarching project plan to deliver the feasibility study (the CMAP Project Definition Plan) that sets out the expected outcomes and products, delivery times, stakeholders and any access requirements, and how WA will manage the funding and project activities.</li> </ul>	Upon signature of the Schedule	\$150,000
<b>Milestone 2 – Progress report on CMAP Project Definition Plan</b> The progress report must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of all activities undertaken to date, including the results of stakeholder engagement on the proposed use of the CMAP facility, and project risks.</li> <li>Analysis of the gap the CMAP facility is intending to address.</li> <li>Preliminary views on the expected cost, equipment and usage of the facility, and time to commission it.</li> </ul>	30 April 2025	\$1,000,000
<b>Milestone 3 – Final report</b> The final report must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The final CMAP Project Definition Plan, including the concept plan, operations/management model, costs, equipment, indicative timeline and procurement strategy, and delivery strategy as specified in the Project Brief.</li> <li>The Financial report, which outlines the cost of delivering the Schedule’s outputs. Western Australia will provide additional data regarding costs requested by the Commonwealth in writing.</li> </ul>	30 May 2025	\$350,000

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



**The Honourable Madeleine King MP**  
 Minister for Resources; Minister for Northern Australia

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia by



**The Honourable David Michael MLA**  
 Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport

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