

Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program Pilot Programs- Tranche 2

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule																															
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania Northern Territory																														
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028 or on completion of the projects including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones.																														
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of pilot programs funded from the Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program, which will fund new or upgrade existing infrastructure on regional highways and major roads to deliver improved mobile telecommunications coverage, with a preference for multi-carrier coverage.																														
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$50.0 million in respect of this Schedule (Tranche 1 and 2).</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>(\$ million)</th> <th>2024-25</th> <th>2025-26</th> <th>2026-27</th> <th>2027-28</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>TBC</td> <td>TBC</td> <td>TBC</td> <td>TBC</td> <td>TBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>22.45</td> <td>25.1</td> <td>1.35</td> <td>1.1</td> <td>50.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- New South Wales(note)</td> <td>2.45</td> <td>7.1</td> <td>0.45</td> <td></td> <td>10.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Victoria</td> <td>3.0</td> <td>4.6</td> <td>0.1</td> <td>0.3</td> <td>8.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	(\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	Estimated total budget	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	22.45	25.1	1.35	1.1	50.0	- New South Wales(note)	2.45	7.1	0.45		10.0	- Victoria	3.0	4.6	0.1	0.3	8.0
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	- Queensland	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
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	- South Australia	2.5	2.25	0.25		5.0
	- Tasmania	2.5	2.25	0.25		5.0
	- Northern Territory	4.0	1.7		0.3	6.0
Notes: Payment to NSW includes \$1.0 million of NSW Telco Authority Pilot Program that has been published in FFA Tranche 1 schedule.						
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions (\$ million)						
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Total					
	New South Wales	3.788	0	15.152	15.152	3.788
	Victoria	0	0	0	0	0
	Queensland	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Western Australia	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	South Australia	0	0	0	0	0
	Tasmania	0	0	0	0	0
	Northern Territory	0	0	0	0	0
Notes: NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development funding contribution of \$37.88 million comprises:						
- up to \$17.88 million co-funding for multi-carrier solutions and						
- up to \$20.0 million additional funding from the NSW Government, subject to market response, to facilitate active sharing integration between suppliers.						
Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria are providing in-kind contributions.						
TBC values will be addressed in future Tranches.						
Additional terms	<p>The following principles set out the requirements for Pilot Programs, and are expected to inform the design and development of the program by each State.</p> <p>Principle 1</p> <p>Funding must be provided to a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Network Operator, • Mobile Network Infrastructure Provider, and/or • Network Management Providers that are contracted by a Mobile Network Operator to assist with the management and maintenance of its network <p>to deliver improved mobile coverage on defined highways and major roads located in Inner Regional Australia, Outer Regional Australia, Remote</p>					

Australia or Very Remote Australia.

Principle 2

Pilot programs must strongly encourage or incentivise multi-carrier outcomes, with a preference for at least two Mobile Network Operators, other commercial or not-for-profit organisations utilising funded infrastructure.

Principle 3

The Pilot Program must deliver value-for-money, with funded infrastructure and services expected to operate for at least 10 years.

Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Pilot Program</p> <p>Delivery of multi-carrier mobile coverage outcomes from Four Use Cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New coverage at up to 6 roadside rest stops using either micro-cell or cell on wheels solutions 2. New coverage on roads accessing Discrete Aboriginal Communities (Coodooga Reserve to Brewarrina) 3. Infill coverage on roads where there are large blackspot coverage gaps (>4okm) (Ivanhoe to Deniliquin) 4. Address mosaic coverage on a key tourist route (Bathurst to Mudgee). 	<p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Project plan detailing the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • objectives and expected outcomes of the pilot program; • design features and delivery arrangements; • funding requirements; and • alignment with the program principles. 	1/03/2025	\$2,000,000
	<p>Contract signed with industry partners and program commenced.</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a report containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the agreed scope; • identification of customer use cases and selected locations; • project resources; and • detailed schedule/timeline of work. 	1/09/2025	\$3,500,000
	<p>Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the progress of successful proposals and changes to the agreed scope; and • project resources and project timelines. <p>The report should also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – lessons learnt during the program to date; – challenges faced to achieve program objectives; and – strategies to mitigate these challenges. 	15/05/2026	\$3,050,000
	<p>Commonwealth acceptance of a project learnings report detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • program outcomes; • lessons learnt that could be applied to the RRAMP national program; and • how the project has delivered on the proposed benefits as detailed in the project plan. 	31/03/2027	\$450,000

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

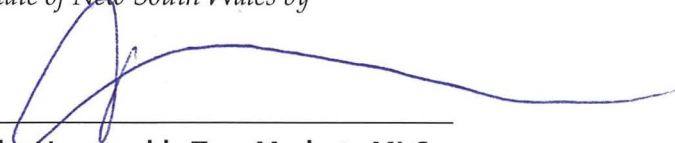
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
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Minister for Minister for Communications

07/03/2025

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



The Honourable Tara Moriarty MLC
Minister for Agriculture
Minister for Regional New South Wales
Minister for Western New South Wales

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Table 2E: Northern Territory – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Northern Territory RRAMP Pilot Program will pilot new approaches to deliver of new mobile telecommunications coverage, or the expansion of existing mobile infrastructure, on regional highways and major roads in the Northern Territory aligned with the principles of the Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program.	Commonwealth acceptance of a Project plan detailing the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> objectives and expected outcomes of the pilot program; design features and delivery arrangements; funding; and alignment with the program principles. 	01/04/2025	\$4,000,000
	Contract signed with industry partners. Provision of a report to the Commonwealth covering the agreed scope, identification of use cases and selected locations, project update and high-level schedule/timeline of work.	31/10/2025	\$1,700,000
	Provision of a project report detailing program outcomes, lessons learnt that could be applied to the RRAMP national program and how the project has delivered on the proposed benefits as detailed in the project plan.	01/08/2027	\$300,000

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