

Yass Maternity Care Centre

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 July 2028, or on completion of the initiative, including acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the establishment of a Women’s and Family Maternity Care Centre at Yass and the enhancement of midwifery-led maternity support services in the Yass Valley.</p> <p>The Women’s and Family Maternity Care Centre will be delivered through upgrades to the Eric Bell Centre in Yass to include clinical rooms, space for group classes, mother’s groups and community meetings, and a kitchenette for use by women and their families. The Centre will integrate outreach antenatal and postnatal services with other maternity services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • culturally safe antenatal and postnatal care for Aboriginal families, via establishment of an Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Service and Building Strong Foundations service. • onsite face to face and virtual childbirth and parenting education including perinatal education resources to support classes. • a lactation consultant service, breastfeeding and infant feeding with virtual care capability to support rural women across the District. • a trauma informed postnatal debrief service, for women who have questions or concerns following their birth (or postnatal period), or who may have experienced physical and/or psychological birth trauma. • Women’s and babies’ physiotherapy services. • a virtual care hub, with midwifery support, 7 days a week. <p>The enhancement of midwifery-led maternity support services under this Schedule will include establishment of a Midwifery Group Practice model at Goulburn and Queanbeyan hospitals that will prioritise pregnant women in the Yass community and provide a choice of birthing at either hospital with a known midwife to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for women, their partners and families.</p>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to New South Wales of \$4.7m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="405 322 794 353">(\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="802 322 911 353">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="919 322 1027 353">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1035 322 1144 353">2026-27</th> <th data-bbox="1152 322 1260 353">2027-28</th> <th data-bbox="1268 322 1414 353">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="405 365 794 396">Estimated total budget¹</td> <td data-bbox="802 365 911 396">2.9</td> <td data-bbox="919 365 1027 396">0.6</td> <td data-bbox="1035 365 1144 396">0.6</td> <td data-bbox="1152 365 1260 396">0.6</td> <td data-bbox="1268 365 1414 396">4.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="405 407 794 483"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="802 407 911 439">2.9</td> <td data-bbox="919 407 1027 439">0.6</td> <td data-bbox="1035 407 1144 439">0.6</td> <td data-bbox="1152 407 1260 439">0.6</td> <td data-bbox="1268 407 1414 439">4.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="405 495 794 571">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions¹</td> <td data-bbox="802 495 911 526">-</td> <td data-bbox="919 495 1027 526">-</td> <td data-bbox="1035 495 1144 526">-</td> <td data-bbox="1152 495 1260 526">-</td> <td data-bbox="1268 495 1414 526">-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>¹Note: New South Wales is contributing funding to this initiative, but the specific amount is unknown.</p>	(\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	Estimated total budget¹	2.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.7	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	2.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.7	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions ¹	-	-	-	-	-
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>New South Wales will provide a project status update on 31 January of each year from January 2026 until all performance milestones (see Table 2) are complete. Project status updates will provide a summary overview of activities undertaken since the prior performance milestone and identify any risks (and mitigations) as relevant to the next performance milestone (see Table 2). Project status updates will be provided in writing and are not intended to replicate performance milestone reports (which require the provision of quantifying data).</p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that the National Health Reform Agreement recognises New South Wales as the system manager of the public hospital system in the state; and that New South Wales will determine the ongoing suitability of the services established under this Schedule beyond the term of the Schedule, following review of their impact and sustainability.</p> <p>The National Health Reform Agreement provides that the Commonwealth will not fund a service where the same service, or any part of the same service, is otherwise funded by the Commonwealth. New South Wales will ensure that any claim for funding under the National Health Reform Agreement is not funding services, or any part of a service, provided for under this agreement and will maintain appropriate records.</p>																								

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Establishment of a Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre at Yass and the enhancement of midwifery-led maternity support services in the Yass Valley</p>	<p>Provision of a report evidencing the completion of design of the Midwifery Group Practice Model; including a detailed delivery schedule for all components outlined in the 'Purpose' through to completion and the commencement of services; and outlining the evaluation methodology to assess the impact of the initiative, including success measures.</p>	<p>30 March 2025</p>	<p>\$2.9m</p>
	<p>Provision of a report demonstrating the commencement of enhanced maternity care services under the Midwifery Group Practice Model at Goulburn and Queanbeyan Hospitals (including quantifying data as available to demonstrate service access and experience); the completion of the design for the upgrades to the Eric Bell Centre to support the establishment of the Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre, including stakeholder consultation; and providing a progress update (including any risks and mitigations) on the implementation of all components outlined in the 'Purpose'.</p>	<p>31 July 2025</p>	<p>\$0.6m</p>
	<p>Provision of a report demonstrating completion and opening of the Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre (evidence through a certificate of practical completion or occupancy, photographic evidence and other appropriate evidence); and providing quantifying data to demonstrate service utilisation and experience for the Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre (across all services supported at the Centre) and the Midwifery Group Practice Model at Goulburn and Queanbeyan Hospitals.</p>	<p>31 July 2026</p>	<p>\$0.6m</p>
	<p>Provision of a report addressing the operation of the Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre and the Midwifery Group Practice Model, including quantifying data to demonstrate service utilisation and experience (across all supported services).</p>	<p>31 July 2027</p>	<p>\$0.6m</p>
	<p>Provision of a final report addressing the operation of the Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre and the Midwifery Group Practice Model, including quantifying data to demonstrate service utilisation and experience (across all supported services); and including an evaluation of the impacts of the Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre and the Midwifery Group Practice Model to access and satisfaction with maternity services in the Yass Valley, suitable to inform decision making about the sustainability and utility of the service delivery model.</p>	<p>31 July 2028</p>	<p>\$0.0m</p>

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

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



The Honourable Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care

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03 Feb 2015

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



The Honourable Ryan Park MP
Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health
Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast

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20 Feb 2015