

New South Wales – Emergency Response Fund Recovery and Resilience 2021-22 Program – March 2022 Flood Event – Recovery Grant

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

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Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of funding under the \$150 million recovery component of the <i>Emergency Response Fund Act 2019 (ERF Act)</i> to assist New South Wales to respond to and recover from the 2022 floods.</p> <p>Funding provided under this Schedule may be used by New South Wales to fund the carrying out of a project, or the adoption of technology that is directed towards achieving recovery from the floods.</p> <p>This grant is provided for the purpose of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> activities related to the recovery of a Local Government Area that experienced significant damage and/or destruction to infrastructure as a result of the February-March 2022 flood event. <p>In accordance with the requirements of the ERF Act, this grant must be directed toward measures in relation to recovery from the natural disaster in an affected area. Recovery measures are focused on returning an area affected by the natural disaster to before the natural disaster circumstances. The recovery measures must therefore have a connection between what is being funded and the consequences of the natural disaster.</p> <p>Projects to be funded under the grant must be submitted by New South Wales via an Implementation Plan and agreed by the Commonwealth prior to project commencement.</p> <p>Further detail on the eligible activities that the grant can be used for are outlined in the Emergency Response Fund Recovery and Resilience 2021-22 Program Guidelines, and all grant activities must comply with these Guidelines.</p>

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4. Performance monitoring and reporting

- a. The parties acknowledge that payments under these agreements would usually be tied to the performance milestones at Table 2 **below**. In lieu of milestone based payments under this Schedule, states commit to honouring these reporting obligations required by this Schedule.
- b. The frequency and timing of reporting under this Schedule is set out at Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary.
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5. Third parties

- a. States may engage a third party to support the delivery of a project, service or adoption of technology in accordance with the ERF Act and under this Schedule.
- b. While third parties are not signatories to this Schedule, States are solely responsible for ensuring third party compliance with the *Emergency Response Fund Act 2019* (Cth) and the Emergency Response Fund Guidelines and the conditions of this Schedule.

6. Efficiencies

- a. Any efficiencies (underspends) realised from the delivery of projects under this grant should be directed towards projects under the Resilience Grant component of the Recovery and Post Disaster Resilience 2021-22 Program.

- b. The grant amount may be varied during the grant period through written agreement to vary the Schedule between the State Government and the Commonwealth.

7. Repayment of amounts to the Commonwealth

- a. In accordance with subsection 21(4) of the ERF Act, the Commonwealth reserves the right to recover an amount provided under this Schedule, where:
- i. a project cannot be delivered according to the specifications in the relevant implementation plan and the project cannot be appropriately scaled; and
 - ii. the Commonwealth and New South Wales cannot reach an agreement on how to reallocate the funds; or
 - iii. another condition of this Schedule is not met.
- b. The Commonwealth will determine whether an amount should be repaid, and if so, how much should be repaid, with regard to the circumstances of each matter.

8. Terms and Conditions

- a. The terms and conditions for this Grant are outlined in the *Emergency Response Fund Recovery and Resilience 2021-22 Program Guidelines*.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Activities supporting the recovery of an area that experienced significant damage and/or destruction to infrastructure as a result of the February – March 2022 flood event	New South Wales agrees and signs the Schedule	Upon signature of Schedule	\$1 million
	New South Wales provides the approved Implementation Plan to the Commonwealth identifying what the Commonwealth’s contribution will be used to achieve as well as the implementation timeframes	Within three months of the commencement of this Schedule, unless otherwise agreed by the Commonwealth	N/A
	New South Wales submits a Final Report no later than three months from the date that the project was completed, which identifies achievements against the implementation plan and demonstrates how funding has supported recovery.	Within three months from the date that all projects under this Schedule are complete	N/A
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	New South Wales submits an Audit Report completed by the state appointed auditor	No later than nine months from the end of the financial year in which the project was completed	N/A

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

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



Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie
Minister for Emergency Management and National
Recovery and Resilience

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The Honourable Stephanie Cooke, MP
Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience

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Attachment A

Funding Details

Measure	Description	Commonwealth funding
Recovery component	Fund activities that support recovery in an area that experienced significant damage and/or destruction to infrastructure as a result of the February-March 2022 flood event. Grant activities must comply with the Terms and Conditions outlined in the Emergency Response Fund Recovery and Resilience 2021-22 Program Guidelines.	\$1,000,000
Total Commonwealth Funding		\$1,000,000

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Attachment A

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Total Commonwealth Funding		\$74,000,000