

# Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program Pilot Programs – Tranche 1

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE

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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	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$50.0 million in respect of this Schedule.																																															
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	Notes: NSW Telco Authority funding contribution of \$1.2 million comprises cash and in-kind contributions, and is included in Tranche 2. 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 and Territory.</p> <p>Principle 1</p> <p>Funding must be provided to a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile Network Operator,</li> <li>• Mobile Network Infrastructure Provider, and/or</li> <li>• Network Management Providers that are contracted by a Mobile Network Operator to assist with the management and maintenance of its network</li> </ul> <p>to deliver improved mobile coverage on defined highways and major roads located in Inner Regional Australia, Outer Regional Australia, Remote Australia or Very Remote Australia.</p> <p>Principle 2</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Principle 3</p> <p>The Pilot Program must deliver value-for-money, with funded infrastructure and services expected to operate for at least 10 years.</p>

Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p><b>NSW Telco Authority Pilot Program</b> – NSW Telco Authority will engage with industry partners to assess and develop innovative connectivity solutions that leverage emerging technologies and different commercial models to provide connectivity on regional highways. This approach will define key customer use cases in selected locations and draw on learnings from the delivery of other innovative programs. This provides the opportunity to experiment with new technical solutions and lead to greater insight into market capability. The results gathered through this process will ensure more targeted investment decisions, uncover new industry capabilities and viable partnership models.</p> <p>NSW Telco Authority will be working in collaboration with DPIRD's first work package - <b>Delivery of multi-carrier mobile coverage outcomes for new coverage at roadside rest stops using either micro-cell or cell on wheels solutions.</b></p>	<p>Commonwealth acceptance of a Project plan detailing the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>objectives and expected outcomes of the pilot program;</li> <li>design features and delivery arrangements;</li> <li>funding requested, including proposed State or Territory Government contribution; and</li> <li>alignment with the principles.</li> </ul>	01/04/2025	\$450,000
	<p>Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the progress of successful proposals and changes to the agreed scope; and</li> <li>project resources and project timelines.</li> </ul> <p>The report should also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lessons learnt during the program to date;</li> <li>challenges faced to achieve program objectives; and</li> <li>strategies to mitigate these challenges.</li> </ul>	01/02/2026	\$50,000
	<p>Commonwealth acceptance of a project conclusion report detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>program outcomes,</li> <li>lessons learnt that could be applied to the RRAMP national program and</li> <li>how the project has delivered on the proposed benefits as detailed in the project plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improved road safety, as all locations have high hazard risk and road accident history</li> <li>learnings from the application of new technologies that will inform future investment in regional roads</li> <li>enhanced connectivity for people travelling between and through regional population centres.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	25/05/2026	\$500,000

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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



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**The Honourable Michelle Rowland MP**

Minister for Minister for Communications

07/03/2025

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



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**The Honourable Jihad Dib MP**

Minister for Customer Service and Digital  
Government

Minister for Emergency Services

Minister for Youth Justice

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