

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	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).					
	Table 1					
	(\$ 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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	<div> <div> <div>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions (\$ million)</div> <div>2024-25</div> <div>2025-26</div> <div>2026-27</div> <div>2027-28</div> <div>2028-29</div> <div>Total</div> </div> <div> <div>New South Wales</div> <div>3.788</div> <div>0</div> <div>15.152</div> <div>15.152</div> <div>3.788</div> <div>37.88</div> </div> <div> <div>Victoria</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>Queensland</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> </div> <div> <div>Western Australia</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> <div>TBC</div> </div> <div> <div>South Australia</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>Tasmania</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>Northern Territory</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> </div> </div> <div> <p>Notes: NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development funding contribution of \$37.88 million comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria are providing in-kind contributions.</p> <p>TBC values will be addressed in future Tranches.</p> </div>
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>

	<p>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>
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Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Pilot Program Delivery of multi-carrier mobile coverage outcomes from Four Use Cases : 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 (>40km) (Ivanhoe to Deniliquin) 4. Address mosaic coverage on a key tourist route (Bathurst to Mudgee).	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 requirements; and alignment with the program principles. 	1/03/2025	\$2,000,000
	Contract signed with industry partners and program commenced. Commonwealth acceptance of a report containing: <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
	Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the progress of successful proposals and changes to the agreed scope; and project resources and project timelines. The report should also include: <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
	Commonwealth acceptance of a project learnings report detailing: <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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of Australia by



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Minister for Minister for Communications

07/03/2025

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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 2C: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
South Australia RRAMP Pilot Program will be addressing current connectivity gaps along regional roads is critical, as this is a safety concern for residents and tourists alike, and better connectivity is required to improve social connection and economic growth. Under the Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program, the Government of South Australia intends to deliver new or upgraded infrastructure to increase mobile telecommunications connectivity on regional highways and major roads. The pilot will approach the market to seek Requests for Proposals for innovative technology solutions, with multi-carrier solutions highly preferred, to enable the Government of South Australia to improve traveler safety and enhance connectivity between regional towns.	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 requested, including proposed State or Territory Government contribution; and alignment with the program principles. 	01/04/2025	\$2,500,000
	Execution of funding agreements between the Government of South Australia and mobile network operator(s) and / or mobile network infrastructure provider(s) to deliver the mobile coverage solutions. Commonwealth acceptance of a report containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the agreed scope; details of the successful request for proposals; project resources; and detailed schedule/timeline of work. 	15/07/2025	\$2,150,000
	Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the progress of successful proposals and changes to the agreed scope; project resources and project timelines; the report should also include: <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	\$100,000
	Commonwealth acceptance of a project conclusion report detailing:	15/05/2027	\$250,000

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	<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 including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– delivering new or upgraded infrastructure to increase mobile telecommunications connectivity;– testing the priority regions where an uplift in connectivity would have the greatest relative value;– demonstrating the viability of a multi-carrier approach to connectivity along regional highways; and– addressing known blackspot areas, such as sections of Eyre Highway, Augusta Highway, Sturt Highway, and Karoonda Highway.		
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Minister for Primary Industries and Regional
Development
Minister for Forest Industries

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Table 2D: Tasmania – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Tasmanian RRAMP Pilot Program will seek to deliver new or improved mobile coverage on regionally important Tasmanian roads, favouring solutions that deliver multi-carrier outcomes.</p> <p>The program will seek solutions that target any identified Priority Road, including the Murchison, Zeehan, and Lyell Highways, as well as Bridport Road (Bridport to George Town), Norfolk Road (to Corinna), Tarkine Loop roads, and Blessington Road (White Hills to Mathinna). These roads have significant coverage gaps, are relatively remote, and provide important linkages between communities. They may also be important tourism trails or be impacted by comparatively high numbers of road vehicle accidents.</p> <p>However, while the Pilot will preference solutions that offer multicarrier outcomes and/or target Priority Roads, single-provider solutions, or solutions for</p>	<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 requested, including proposed State or Territory Government contribution; and alignment with the program principles. 	01/04/2025	\$2,500,000
	<p>Commonwealth receipt of the draft guidelines and acceptance of a report containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the agreed scope; project resources; and detailed schedule/timeline of work. 	15/07/2025	\$2,150,000
	<p>Execution of funding agreements between the State of Tasmania and mobile network operator(s) and / or mobile network infrastructure provider(s) to deliver the mobile coverage solutions.</p> <p>Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the progress of successful proposals; and any changes to the agreed scope, 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	\$100,000
	<p>Commonwealth acceptance of a project conclusion report detailing:</p>	15/05/2027	\$250,000

alternative roads, will not be excluded.	<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.		
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24/03/2025

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by



The Honourable Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Innovation, Science, and the Digital Economy
Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation
Minister for the Environment
Minister for the Arts and Heritage

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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Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment
Minister for Water Resources

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