

## Digital Connectivity – Mobile connectivity services in the Northern Territory

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

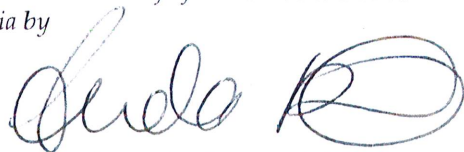
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Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory																										
Duration	This Schedule will commence on execution by both Parties and is expected to expire on 30 August 2026.																										
Purpose	The purpose of this Schedule is to support the delivery of digital connectivity uplift in the most suitable format. This will be undertaken by the provision of new services or enhancement of existing services and by way of any other appropriate method necessary to deliver mobile connectivity to regional and remote communities of the Northern Territory through a one-off payment.																										
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**Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Delivery/Uplift of mobile connectivity to regional and remote communities in the Northern Territory.	Executed Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) between the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory (NT) Government.	June 2024	\$2.7m
	The NT Government and the Commonwealth, as represented by the Department of Social Services, agree to a quarterly operational and governance meeting, or at other times as agreed by the parties. The first meeting is to be held within one month of the execution of the FFA.	July/August 2024	N/A
	The NT Government to provide the Commonwealth with a preliminary update on the project delivery of mobile connectivity to remote and regional communities of the Northern Territory, including but not limited to affirming that a Licensed Telecommunications carrier has been engaged to assist the NT Government to undertake the Purpose.	September/Oct. 2024	N/A
	The NT Government to provide a high-level installation schedule, or forward working plan, for the nominated regional and remote communities.	December 2024	N/A
	The NT Government to provide the Commonwealth with a biannual status report which sets out the NT Government's proposed delivery method for each regional and remote community, and where applicable, the NT Government's recommendations on delivery.	Six monthly from July 2024	N/A
	The NT Government to submit a final report to the Commonwealth that identifies how the outcomes have been achieved. The report will detail the successful implementation of mobile connectivity solutions for each relevant community and total expenditure.	30/08/2026	N/A

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

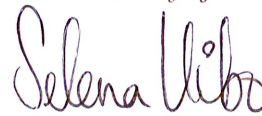
**Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by**



**The Honourable Amanda Rishworth MP**  
Minister for Social Services

18/5/2024

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Minister for Corporate and Digital Development

31/05/2024