

Victoria

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

- A1 This Schedule has been developed in accordance with clause 15 of the National Partnership Agreement on Recycling Infrastructure and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement.
- A2 This Schedule will commence as soon as it is signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria and will expire on 30 June 2027 or on completion of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, whichever is later.

PART 2: DELIVERY OF PROJECTS IN VICTORIA

- A3 Under this Schedule, Victoria agrees to facilitate achievement of the outcomes of the Agreement:
- a) through a competitive grants program open to private sector, non-government organisations and local government applicants for projects that enhance recycling and re-use capacity and capability in Victoria (Part 2A of this Schedule refers);
 - b) if agreed by the Commonwealth, through a non-competitive grants program or by identifying individual projects that enhance recycling and re-use capacity and capability in Victoria; and
 - c) through delivery of new drum pulper technology at Visy Industries Australia's Coolaroo Paper Mill by 30 June 2024, to boost Victoria's capacity to reprocess and remanufacture paper and cardboard by 95 kilo tonnes per annum (Part 2B of this Schedule refers).
- A4 Projects delivered by Victoria under A3 of this Schedule will require at least a matching contribution of funding from proponents consistent with clause 19 of the Agreement.
- a) For the purposes of subclause 19(a) of the Agreement, the Commonwealth agrees to recognise funding announced in February 2020 as part of the Recycling Victoria Infrastructure Fund, but not yet spent, to meet any co-funding contribution under this agreement.

PART 2A: DELIVERY OF GRANTS PROGRAMS

- A5 Victoria agrees officials from the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments will jointly agree grant assessment criteria in accordance with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A to this Agreement. Victoria agrees that all pending decisions on successful grants will be provided to the Commonwealth before a final decision is announced, and that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to projects awarded by states under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.

PART 2B: DELIVERY OF DRUM PULPER TECHNOLOGY

- A6 Victoria will deliver the drum pulper technology by 30 June 2024 in accordance with the proposal submitted to the Commonwealth, at a total project cost of at least \$37,200,000.
- A7 Victoria agrees to provide its final business case to the Commonwealth for information before any payments can be made under this agreement.

PART 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A8 The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of \$35,937,688 to Victoria. All payments are GST exclusive.
- a) Up to \$23,937,688 will be provided for the grants program outlined in Part 2A of this Schedule; and
 - b) Up to \$12,000,000 for the installation of drum pulper technology at Visy Industries Australia's Coolaroo Paper Mill as outlined in Part 2B of this Schedule.
- A9 The estimated financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Estimated financial contributions

(\$ million)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
Estimated total budget	13.631	26.892	16.876	7.000	7.475	0.00	71.875
Less estimated National Partnership payments	6.816	13.446	8.438	3.500	3.738	0.00	35.938
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	6.816	13.446	8.438	3.500	3.738	0.00	35.938

Note: Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions includes contributions from Victoria to at least match the Commonwealth's contribution but does not include contributions from third parties such as local governments and other non-government organisations. Individual values may not sum up to the published total due to rounding.

PART 4: PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

- A10 Table 2A and 2B summarises the project milestones, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to Victoria demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been met. Multiple payments may be made against each milestone in a financial year, provided the payment does not exceed the total Commonwealth contribution for the financial year.
- A11 If the maximum Commonwealth payments are not made in a given financial year (e.g. due to lack of acceptable project proposals) the Commonwealth may move funds into a later year at its discretion. The Commonwealth makes no guarantee that unspent funding (if any) will be carried into later years.
- A12 If applicable, Victoria and the Commonwealth will work together on the appropriate utilisation of any funds recovered through a liquidation process that considers past payments and future commitments under this Schedule.

Table 2: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
Projects consistent with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A to the Agreement delivered through a funding program.	<u>Milestone 1</u> Payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 April 2021.	28 February 2022 (completed)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commonwealth's co-contributions to payments made under this Agreement for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 April 2021. No Commonwealth payment made.
	<u>Milestone 2a</u> Payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 May 2021 to 31 December 2021.	28 February 2022 (completed)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commonwealth's co-contributions to payments made under this Agreement for the period 1 May 2021 to 31 December 2021. plus any remaining amount that Victoria would have been eligible to receive under milestone 1 had the maximum Commonwealth contributions not been reached. up to \$216,480.50 or as per clause A11.
	<u>Milestone 2b</u> Payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 January 2022 to 30 April 2022.	30 April 2022 (completed)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commonwealth's co-contributions to payments made under this Agreement for the period 1 January 2022 to 30 April 2022. plus any remaining amount that Victoria would have been eligible to receive under milestones 1 and 2a had the maximum Commonwealth contributions not been reached. up to \$7,527,526.66 or as per clause A11

Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
	<u>Milestone 3</u> Payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023.	30 April 2023 (completed)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commonwealth's co-contributions to payments made under this Agreement for the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023. • plus any remaining amount that Victoria would have been eligible to receive under milestones 1 to 2b had the maximum Commonwealth contributions not been reached. up to \$5,853,025.01 or as per clause A11.
	<u>Milestone 4a</u> Payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024.	30 April 2024 (completed)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commonwealth's co-contributions to payments made under this Agreement for the period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024. • plus any remaining amount that Victoria would have been eligible to receive under milestones 1 to 3 had the maximum Commonwealth contributions not been reached. up to \$3,103,000 or as per clause A11.
	<u>Milestone 4b</u> Acceptable evidence of payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 May 2024 to 31 March 2025	1 May 2025	Up to \$3,500,000.00 plus any additional funds as per clause A11
	<u>Milestone 4c</u> Acceptable evidence of payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026	1 May 2026	Up to \$3,737,655.83 plus any additional funds as per clause A11

Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
	<p>Milestone 4d</p> <p>Acceptable evidence of payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2027</p>	30 June 2027	Any additional funds as per clause A11
Installation and operation of drum pulper technology	<p><u>Milestone 5 - Project initiation and equipment procurement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed contract between Victorian Government and Visy Industries Australia Signed contracts between Visy Industries Australia and suppliers for the procurement of recycling equipment 	<p>28 February 2022</p> <p>(completed)</p>	\$3 million
	<p><u>Milestone 6 – Project engineering</u></p> <p>Evidence that Visy Industries Australia has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> completed project engineering design ordered construction materials for civil works and support structures 	<p>31 December 2022</p> <p>(completed)</p>	\$2 million
	<p><u>Milestone 7 - civil works and construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence that Visy Industries Australia has commenced process of securing necessary planning 	<p>30 April 2023</p> <p>(completed)</p>	\$3 million

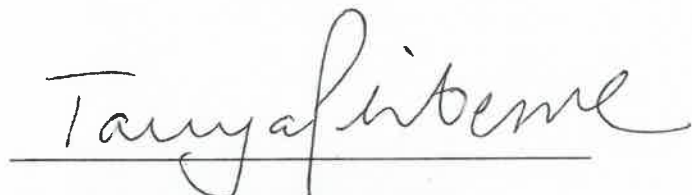
Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
	and building approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from site inspection outlining progress of civil and engineering works 		
	<u>Milestone 8 – Project complete</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence that Visy Industries Australia has installed all infrastructure Copy of Visy Industries Australia's commissioning report Report from Visy Industries Australia on project completion 	30 April 2024 (completed)	\$4 million

Note: If acceptable evidence of a milestone is submitted after 1 May (but no later than 30 June) in any given financial year, this may result in the Commonwealth accruing the expense (rather than making the payment that year), meaning that the Commonwealth payment is made in the subsequent financial year.

SIGN OFF

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

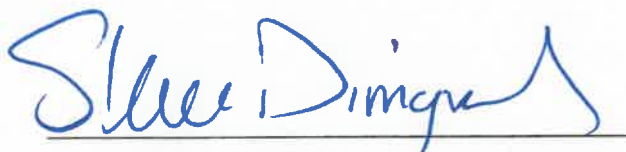
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

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The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water

Date: 3.3.2025

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steve Dimopoulos", written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Steve Dimopoulos MP
Minister for Environment

Date: 18/4/25