

# Queensland

## 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 Queensland, 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 2A: DELIVERY OF GRANT PROGRAM IN QUEENSLAND

- A3 Under this Schedule, Queensland agrees to facilitate achievement of the outcomes of the Agreement:
- a) by competitive grant funding programs open to private sector, non-government organisations and local government applicants.
  - 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 Queensland.
- A4 Queensland agrees officials from the Queensland and Commonwealth governments will jointly agree grant assessment criteria in accordance with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A to this Agreement.
- A5 There are two grant programs.
- a) Under the Queensland Recycling Modernisation Fund (QRMF), Queensland agrees that decisions on successful grants will be provided to the Commonwealth before announcement, and that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to projects awarded by Queensland under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.
  - b) Under the Regional and Remote Recycling Modernisation Fund (RRRMF), Queensland will recommend applications to the Commonwealth who will make the final decision. Both governments agree that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to projects awarded by either the state or the Commonwealth under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.
- A6 For purposes of clause 19 of the Agreement, under RRRMF:
- a) Where agreed, the Commonwealth will contribute up to one-half of the cost of each project and Queensland will at least match, with newly announced funding, the Commonwealth's contribution for each project; and

- b) Queensland will ensure third parties, including local governments and other non-government organisations, provide remaining funding for each project.
- A7 The two grant programs will be co-funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland with third party contributions as set out in clause 19 of the Agreement.
- a) For the purposes of subclause 19(a) of the Agreement, the Commonwealth agrees Queensland will contribute \$21.114 million to recycling infrastructure projects and this will form Queensland's co funding contribution for QRMF and RRRMF.

## PART 2B: DELIVERY OF THE AUSTRALIAN RECYCLED PULP AND PAPER PROJECT

- A8 The Commonwealth and Queensland agree to invest up to \$20 million each to support the delivery of a new paper recycling project in Queensland. The total funding of up to \$40 million is agreed on the basis of a final business case provided by Queensland to the Commonwealth that details a processing capacity of 220,000 Tonnes Per Annum, an estimated capital cost of \$137 million and expected commencement of operations in July 2026.

## PART 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A9 The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of up to \$41,114,000 to Queensland. All payments are GST exclusive.
- a) The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of up to \$21,114,000 to Queensland for delivery of grant programs in Queensland outlined in Part 2A of this Schedule.
- b) The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of up to \$20,000,000 to Queensland for delivery of the Australian Recycled Pulp and Paper Project outlined in Part 2B of this Schedule.
- A10 The estimated financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth is outlined in Tables 1a and 1b.

**Table 1a: Estimated financial contributions – Delivery of grant programs in Queensland**

(\$ million)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
<b>Estimated maximum total budget</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.685</b>	<b>6.913</b>	<b>28.742</b>	<b>5.888</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>42.228</b>
<i>Less estimated maximum National Partnership payments</i>	0.000	0.000	0.343	3.456	14.371	2.944	0.000	21.114
<i>Balance of maximum non-Commonwealth contributions</i>	0.000	0.000	0.343	3.456	14.371	2.944	0.000	21.114

Note: Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions includes cash and in-kind contributions from Queensland to at least match the Commonwealth's contribution but does not include contributions from third parties such as local



governments and other nongovernment organisations. Note: Individual values may not sum up to the published total due to rounding

**Table 1b: Estimated financial contributions – Delivery of the Australian Recycled Pulp and Paper Project**

(\$ million)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
<b>Estimated maximum total budget</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>23.500</b>	<b>16.500</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>40.0</b>
Less estimated maximum National Partnership payments	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	11.750	8.250	0.000	20.0
Balance of maximum non-Commonwealth contributions	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	11.750	8.250	0.000	20.0

Note: Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions includes contributions from Queensland to at least match the Commonwealth's contribution but does not include contributions from third parties such as the Australian Recycled Pulp and Paper Project entity. Note: Individual values may not sum up to the published total due to rounding.

## PART 4: PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

- A11 Tables 2a and 2b summarise 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 Queensland demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been met. Multiple payments may be made against each milestone in a financial year, provided payments do not exceed the total Commonwealth contribution for that financial year.
- A12 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.
- A13 If applicable, Queensland 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 2a: Milestones, reporting and payment summary – Delivery of grant programs in Queensland

Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
Projects consistent with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A to the Agreement delivered through a grants process.	<u>Milestone A1</u> Payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023.	30 April 2023  (complete)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commonwealth's co-contributions to grant payments made under this Agreement for the period 1 July 2022 to 29 April 2023.</li> </ul> up to \$342,595.50 or as per clause A12.
	<u>Milestone A2</u> Payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024.	30 April 2024  (complete)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commonwealth's co-contributions to grant payments made under this Agreement for the period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024.</li> <li>plus any remaining amount that Queensland would have been eligible to receive under milestone 1 had the maximum Commonwealth contributions not been reached.</li> </ul> up to \$3,456,487.40 or as per clause A12.
	<u>Milestone A3</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 \$14,370,917.10 plus any additional funds as per clause A12
	<u>Milestone A4</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 \$2,944,000 plus any additional funds as per clause A12



	<u>Milestone A5</u>  Acceptable evidence of payments made to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2027	30 June 2027	Any additional funds as per clause A12
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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.

**Table 2b: Milestones, reporting and payment summary - Delivery of the Australian Recycled Pulp and Paper Project**

Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
A Project consistent with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A to the Agreement delivered with regard to the agreed terms noted in Part 2B of this Schedule.	<p>Milestone B1</p> <p>Delivery of a signed funding agreement between the State of Queensland and the project proponent.</p> <p>The funding agreement must include conditions requiring the proponent to provide the State of Queensland with evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project finances</li> <li>• In principal offtake agreements commensurate with performance requirements</li> <li>• Access to feedstock supply commensurate with performance requirements</li> </ul>	1 May 2025	\$1,750,000

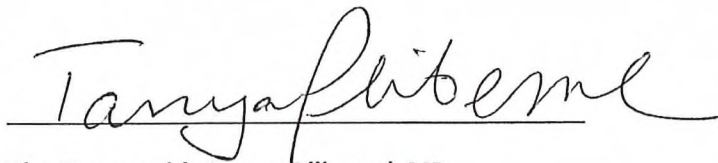
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attainment of Foreign Investment Review Board approval.</li> </ul>		
	<u>Milestone B<sub>2</sub></u> Delivery of the Approvals Plan and evidence of applications made to obtain all the necessary regulatory approvals and licences required to commence construction of the facility	1 May 2025	\$1,750,000
	<u>Milestone B<sub>3</sub></u> Copy of report on obtainment of all regulatory approvals and licenses and approvals required to complete construction	1 May 2025	\$8,250,000
	<u>Milestone B<sub>4</sub></u> Copy of report on acquisition and installation of all Key Plant and Equipment and progressed construction activities to meet clause A.6 of Appendix A to the National Partnership on Recycling Infrastructure regarding commencement of operations	1 May 2026	\$8,250,000

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**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Plibersek', written over a horizontal line.

**The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP**  
Minister for the Environment

Date: 3.3.2025

**Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

**The Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP**  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

Date: 19/3/25

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Date: