

Western Australia

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 Western Australia 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 WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- A3 Under this Schedule, Western Australia agrees to facilitate achievement of the outcomes of the Agreement:
- a) through a competitive grants funding program open to private sector, non-government organisations and local government applicants (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 Western Australia.
 - c) by delivery of a secondary sorting paper and export grade cardboard facility by 30 June 2026, with the capacity to process 40,000 tonnes per annum of kerbside mixed paper and cardboard (Part 2B of this Schedule refers).

PART 2A: DELIVERY OF A GRANTS PROGRAM

- A4 The grants program delivered by Western Australia will fund projects consistent with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A and prioritise the following categories of projects:
- a) Developing plastics processing capacity
 - b) Tyre processing capacity
 - c) Waste paper and cardboard capacity
 - d) Remote and regional sorting and processing capacity.
- A5 Western Australia agrees officials from the Western Australia and Commonwealth governments will jointly agree grant assessment criteria in accordance with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A to this Agreement. Western Australia 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.

- A6 The grants program delivered by Western Australia will require at least a matching contribution of funding from proponents consistent with clause 19 of the Agreement.
- A7 The program will be co-funded by the Commonwealth and Western Australia (including up to \$5 million in industrial land as an in-kind contribution) with third party contributions as set out in clause 19 of the Agreement.
- a) In-kind contributions of land from Western Australia must be independently valued and the Commonwealth must be satisfied that the provision of land to project proponents directly supports projects under this Agreement.

PART 2B: DELIVERY OF PAPER SORTING FACILITY

- A8 Western Australia will deliver a secondary sorting paper and export grade cardboard facility in accordance with the proposal submitted to the Commonwealth in April 2024.

PART 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A9 The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of \$35,000,000 to Western Australia. All payments are GST exclusive. Of this \$35,000,000:
- a) Up to \$30,841,333 will be provided for the grants funding program (refer to paragraph A3a, A3b and Part 2A of this Schedule).
- i. For projects identified in Western Australia's Recycling Modernisation Fund General stream – Round 2, the Commonwealth will contribute up to one-third of the total cost of all projects (rather than each project) and Western Australia will at least match, with newly announced funding or in-kind contributions referred to in A7, the Commonwealth's contribution for all Round 2 projects.
- b) Up to \$4,158,667 will be provided for a secondary sorting paper and export grade cardboard facility (refer to paragraph A3c and Part 2B of this Schedule).
- A10 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	6.552	3.454	2.933	33.066	23.994	0.00	70.0
Less estimated National Partnership payments	3.276	1.727	1.467	16.533	11.997	0.00	35.0
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	3.276	1.727	1.467	16.533	11.997	0.00	35.0

Note: Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions includes estimated contributions from Western Australia 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

- 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 Western Australia demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been met. Multiple payments may be made against each milestone in a financial year, provided payment does 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 project proposals acceptable to Western Australia) 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.

Table 2A: 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 grants process.	<u>Milestone A1</u> Grants funding program - The value of payments approved for payment to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period of 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022	30 March 2022 (completed)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commonwealth's co-contributions to grant payments approved by WA to be made to project proponents for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 up to \$3,276,000 or as per clause A12.
	<u>Milestone A2</u> Grants funding program - The value of payments approved for payment to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	30 April 2023 (completed)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commonwealth's co-contributions to grant payments approved by WA to be made to project proponents for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 up to \$1,727,186 or as per clause A12.
	<u>Milestone A3</u> Grants funding program - The value of payments approved for payment to eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	30 April 2024 (completed)	Equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commonwealth's co-contributions to grant payments approved by WA to be made to project proponents for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 up to \$1,466,747.50 or as per clause A12
	<u>Milestone A4</u> Acceptable evidence of payments made to	1 May 2025	Up to \$16,133,033 plus any additional funds as per clause A12

	eligible project proponents consistent with this Agreement for the period 1 May 2024 to 31 March 2025		
	<u>Milestone A5</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 \$8,238,366.50 plus any additional funds as per clause A12
	<u>Milestone A6</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

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 paper sorting facility

Delivery of paper sorting facility	<u>Milestone B1</u> A progress report submitted by WA to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth that provides evidence including that the project proponent has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed project engineering design. • Ordered construction materials for civil works and support structures. 	1 May 2025	\$400,000
	<u>Milestone B2</u> A progress report submitted by WA to the	1 December 2025	\$2,750,000

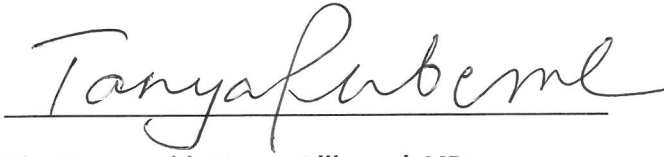
	<p>satisfaction of the Commonwealth that provides evidence including that the project proponent has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commenced a process of securing necessary planning and building approvals. • Has made satisfactory progress on civil and engineering works. 		
	<p><u>Milestone B3</u></p> <p>A final report submitted by WA to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth that provides evidence including that the project proponent has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed all infrastructure. • Provided a copy of the commissioning report to WA. • Successfully commenced operation of the facility. 	1 June 2026	\$1,008,667

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, reading 'Tanya Plibersek', written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water

Date: 3. 3. 2025

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia by

The Honourable Reece Whitby MLA
Minister for Environment; Climate Action

Date:

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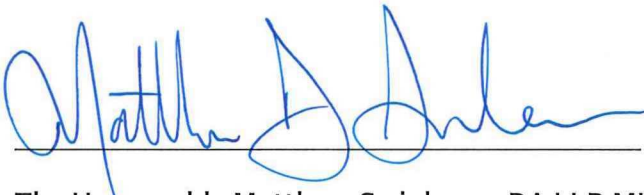
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The Honourable Matthew Swinbourn BA LLB MLC
Minister for the Environment; Community Services; Homelessness

Date: 26 June 2025