

# The Commonwealth Accessible Australia initiative – Tranche One

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING,  
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 April 2028
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the nine (9) accessible amenities listed at <b>Attachment A</b>, with a total of \$1,031,604.58 (GST exclusive) being provided to New South Wales in 2025-26. The agreed accessible amenities are comprised of:</p> <p>The following accessible infrastructure, eligible for up to 50% build cost contribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed-place Changing Places in nine (9) LGAs at \$1,837,929.55.</li> </ul> <p>Accessible infrastructure is an essential service that enables people with high support needs to actively participate in their community and will enhance community accessibility.</p> <p>The New South Wales Government has committed to a cumulative 5 accessible amenities in financial year 2023-24. This commitment meets the minimum threshold required to qualify for the Commonwealth's Project Coordination Fund. As such, the Commonwealth agrees to provide the Government of New South Wales a one-off payment to support resourcing as part of the Project Coordination Fund. This will be offered as part of this Federation Funding Agreement and aligns with the first eligible financial year in which the minimum facility requirement was met.</p> <p>This supplement will support the New South Wales Government resourcing to manage the construction of funded accessible amenities and support the delivery of the Commonwealth's Accessible Australia initiative.</p> <p>The first 5 eligible projects that enable the New South Wales Government to satisfy the Project Coordination Fund threshold are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location 1: FY2023-24, Camden, Camden Council, Changing Places facility, commenced January 2022, completed September 2024.</li> <li>Location 2: FY2023-24, Clarence Valley, Clarence Valley Council, Changing Places facility, commenced January 2024, completed May 2025.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Location 3: FY2023-24, Hay Shire, Hay Shire Council, Changing Places facility, commenced March 2025, completed April 2025.</li><li>Location 4: FY2023-24, Leeton Shire, Leeton Shire Council, Changing Places facility, commenced September 2024, completed November 2024.</li><li>Location 5: FY2023-24, Waverly, Waverly Council, Changing Places facility, building due to commence June 2025, due for completion December 2026.</li></ul>																								
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to New South Wales of \$1,031,604.58 (GST exclusive) in respect of this Schedule as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Table 1</th><th>2025-26 (GST exclusive)</th><th>Total (GST exclusive)</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated Total Budget</td><td>\$1,031,604.58</td><td>\$1,031,604.58</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Commonwealth contribution:</td></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9 builds of fixed-place Changing Places</li></ul></td><td>\$918,964.78</td><td>\$918,964.78</td></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One-off payment to support resourcing through the Project Coordination Fund</li></ul></td><td>\$112,639.80</td><td>\$112,639.80</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions toward accessible infrastructure:</td></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State/territory</li></ul></td><td>\$0</td><td>\$0</td></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>LGA/Other Funding Partner (Optional)</li></ul></td><td>\$1,537,865.30</td><td>\$1,537,865.30</td></tr></table>	Table 1	2025-26 (GST exclusive)	Total (GST exclusive)	Estimated Total Budget	\$1,031,604.58	\$1,031,604.58	Commonwealth contribution:			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9 builds of fixed-place Changing Places</li></ul>	\$918,964.78	\$918,964.78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One-off payment to support resourcing through the Project Coordination Fund</li></ul>	\$112,639.80	\$112,639.80	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions toward accessible infrastructure:			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State/territory</li></ul>	\$0	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>LGA/Other Funding Partner (Optional)</li></ul>	\$1,537,865.30	\$1,537,865.30
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Additional terms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>To support an increase in jurisdictions' uptake of the Accessible Australia initiative, New South Wales is eligible for the amount in Table 1 once the Commonwealth and New South Wales have signed this schedule and the Commonwealth has accepted the completed milestones for payment as detailed in Table 2.</li><li>The build commencement of each proposed amenity must occur within 12 months of receiving Commonwealth funding for that amenity. The final date for commencement of construction may be no later than 12 months from initial Commonwealth payment. Final dates for commencement of construction are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Locations 1 to 9: 8 September 2026.</li></ul></li><li>Projects must be completed within 18 months of build commencement. Any anticipated delays or slippages to build completion must be reported to the Commonwealth.</li><li>Should one or all project/s funded in this agreement be unable to achieve the deliverables and/or requirements of this agreement within the agreed timeframe, New South Wales agrees to work with the Department of Health.</li></ol>																								

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	<p>Disability and Ageing to find an alternative project within New South Wales to reallocate received Commonwealth funding for alternative accessible infrastructure. Should this be unachievable New South Wales will be asked to return Commonwealth funds for the affected amenity to the Commonwealth, on request from the Commonwealth.</p> <p>5. The Commonwealth Government is providing up to 100% of the funding required to build and/or purchase each agreed accessible infrastructure amenity as per the funding commitment (Commonwealth contribution amounts stated at Attachment A).</p> <p>6. New South Wales will be responsible for coordinating all remaining funding, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any subsequent increase in costs associated with builds/purchase;</li> <li>• Supporting infrastructure outside of build specifications;</li> <li>• Ongoing and maintenance costs of each accessible amenity build under this agreement;</li> <li>• Installation of security for each accessible amenity built under this agreement (where deemed necessary by the relevant jurisdiction).</li> </ul> <p>7. New South Wales will also be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring build has commence within 12 months of receiving the first instalment of Commonwealth funding;</li> <li>• Project/s are completed within 18 months of build commencement.</li> <li>• Ensuring all accessible amenities are listed on the relevant mapping tool within 60 days of build/purchase completion.</li> </ul> <p>8. For Changing Places facilities, both fixed-place and portable, New South Wales will also be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of accreditation by a Changing Places assessor;</li> <li>• The cost of training of Changing Places assessors (if needed);</li> <li>• Ensuring Changing Places assessors are engaged prior to the construction of a Changing Places facility to assess project documentation and ensure correct design specifications are in place including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Schematic design review</li> <li>○ Construction documentation review</li> <li>○ As-built final review.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensuring each facility is accredited by a Changing Places assessor to ensure builds meet the performance requirements detailed in the <i>Changing Places Design Specifications 2020</i> and comply with the National Construction Code requirements for Accessible Adult Change Facilities; and</li> <li>• Ensuring all Changing Places facilities are registered on the National Public Toilet Map within 60 days of build completion.</li> </ul>
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Due Date	Payment
Commonwealth approval of the project plan for each Accessible Australia amenity at Attachment A	<p>New South Wales will provide the Commonwealth with one project plan per Accessible Australia amenity, outlining how New South Wales will expend funding for each individual amenity to be built. Each plan must be provided by the due date requested by the Commonwealth, and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of each amenity;</li> <li>• Estimated costs;</li> <li>• Sub-contract arrangements;</li> <li>• Timeline, including commencement date, completion date and all other relevant implementation milestones;</li> <li>• When building Changing Places facilities, engagement details of Changing Places assessors and;</li> <li>• Any further details as deemed necessary by the Commonwealth.</li> </ul> <p>Each project plan will specify the total build costs and financial contribution committed to each individual amenity.</p> <p>This milestone will be considered complete on a per amenity basis, subject to Commonwealth agreement to the relevant project plan.</p>	8 August 2025 – due date for Commonwealth approval of each project plan. *If this milestone is met in advance of the due date, the Commonwealth may make the associated payment earlier than scheduled provided it falls within the same financial year as the original milestone date	<p>50% of Commonwealth contribution of each estimated build cost to be released on a per amenity basis, upon receipt and approval of project plan for each amenity up to the <b>cumulative total of \$459,482.39</b></p> <p>(Commonwealth contribution amounts stated in <b>Attachment A</b>).</p>
Construction of Accessible Australia amenities at Attachment A	<p>As outlined in Additional Terms, the purchase/construction commencement for each amenity will commence within 12 months of receiving Commonwealth funding for the relevant amenity.</p> <p>New South Wales will provide the Commonwealth with evidence of construction commencement/proof of purchase for each amenity, within 12</p>	Within 12 months of receipt of first Commonwealth funding instalment for the relevant amenity.	50% of Commonwealth contribution to estimated build/purchase cost to be released on a per facility basis, upon receipt



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	<p>months of initial payment. For fixed Changing Places and accessible paths evidence should consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A written statement that construction has commenced;</li> <li>• Photographic evidence of construction commencement.</li> </ul> <p>For all other amenities, evidence should consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A written statement that the amenity has been purchased/ordered;</li> <li>• Proof of purchase;</li> </ul> <p>This milestone will be considered complete on a per facility basis, subject to Commonwealth receipt and approval of satisfactory evidence.</p>		<p>and approval of construction commencement evidence and/or confirmation of purchase <b>up to the cumulative total of \$459,482.39</b></p>
	<p>As outlined in Additional Terms, the project must be complete within 18 months of build commencement.</p>	<p>Within 18 months of commencement of the physical construction of the build.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>New South Wales will provide a 6-monthly progress report until completion of the project. This report will include information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key milestones</li> <li>• Build progress</li> <li>• Costings</li> <li>• Successes/Challenges</li> </ul> <p>New South Wales will inform the Commonwealth in writing as soon as practicably possible of any issues related to the compliance with this agreement, including delays with agreed milestones.</p> <p>New South Wales will provide a final report on the successful completion and accreditation of the Accessible Australia amenities built and ready for community access within 60 days of completion of the build.</p>	<p>15 February &amp; 15 August of each year until the completion of the project.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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	<p>New South Wales will seek Commonwealth approval of all announcements of Accessible Australia amenities and all related communications and media products prior to circulation. New South Wales will also provide the Commonwealth with advanced notice of any proposed opening events for Accessible Australia amenities.</p> <p>For Changing Places facilities, New South Wales will provide the Commonwealth with a copy of the certificate of compliance upon completion.</p> <p>For Changing Places facilities, New South Wales will notify the Commonwealth in writing once the Changing Places facilities have been listed on the National Public Toilet Map.</p>		
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

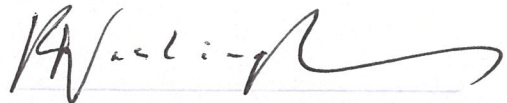
**Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by**



**The Honourable Jenny McAllister**  
Minister for the National Disability Insurance  
Scheme

16 / 7 / 2025

**Signed for and on behalf of  
New South Wales by**



**The Honourable Kate Washington MP**  
Minister for Disability Inclusion

7 / 8 / 2025

**Attachment A**

**For up to 50% Commonwealth contribution to build cost:**

The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 1: Botany Aquatic Centre**

Proposed Address: Myrtle Street and Jasmine Street, Botany, NSW

Relevant LGA: Bayside City Council

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$196,479.00 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$98,239.50 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions \$98,240.00 (GST exclusive)

The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 2: Broken Hill CBD**

Proposed Address: 27-29 Chloride Street, Broken Hill, NSW

Relevant LGA: The City of Broken Hill

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$185,000.00 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$92,500.00 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions \$107,500.00 (GST exclusive)

The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 3: Guildford Swim Centre**

Proposed Address: 1 Tamplin Road, Guildford, NSW

Relevant LGA: Cumberland City Council

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$213,813.00 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$106,906.50 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions: \$106,906.50 (GST exclusive)

The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 4: Yeo Park, Ashfield**

Proposed Address: Victoria Street and Canterbury Road, Ashfield, NSW

Relevant LGA: Inner West Council

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$108,788.00 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$54,394.00 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions: \$54,394.00 (GST exclusive)

The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 5: Blacksmiths Beach**

Proposed Address: Ungala Road, Blacksmiths, NSW

Relevant LGA: Lake Macquarie City Council

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$241,933.00 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$120,966.50 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions : \$120,966.50 (GST exclusive)

The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 6: Lawson Park, Mudgee**

Proposed Address: 2 Short Street, Mudgee, NSW

Relevant LGA: Mid-Western Regional Council

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$223,681.60 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$111,840.80 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions : \$111,840.80 (GST exclusive)

The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 7: Simpson Park**

Proposed Address: Market Street, Muswellbrook, NSW

Relevant LGA: Muswellbrook Shire Council

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$280,000.00 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$140,000.00 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions: \$403,871.00 (GST exclusive)



The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 8: Rose Point Park**

Proposed Address: Rose Point Road, Singleton, NSW

Relevant LGA: Singleton Council

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$219,655.95 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$109,827.98 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions: \$203,069.00 (GST exclusive)

The following **fixed-place Changing Places** will be constructed per this agreement:

- **Location 9: Helensburgh Pool**

Proposed Address: Walker Street, Helensburgh, NSW

Relevant LGA: City of Wollongong

Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%

Total Eligible Build Cost: A total of \$168,579.00 (GST exclusive)

Commonwealth Contribution: \$84,289.50 (GST exclusive)

State/territory Contribution: \$0.00 (GST exclusive)

Other Contributions: \$331,077.50 (GST exclusive)