

Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative – Tasmania

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Tasmania															
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026.															
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery by Tasmania of a pre-feasibility study for the potential location(s) of a critical mineral or strategic materials common user facility to enhance Australia’s capacity to process critical minerals and strategic materials, and strengthen Australia’s sovereign capability and economic resilience. The pre-feasibility study will determine the most suitable locations of Northern Tasmania for a tungsten and tin common user facility through a combination of high-level mapping analysis and extensive stakeholder engagement with industry. Stakeholder feedback on the facility design and operating model will also be harnessed for the study outcomes.															
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Tasmania of \$170,000 in respect of this Schedule. Tasmania will be required to match the Commonwealth’s funding contribution. <table><tr><th colspan="3">Table 1</th></tr><tr><th>(\$)</th><th>2025-26</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>340,000</td><td>340,000</td></tr><tr><td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td><td>170,000</td><td>170,000</td></tr><tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td><td>170,000</td><td>170,000</td></tr></table>	Table 1			(\$)	2025-26	Total	Estimated total budget	340,000	340,000	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	170,000	170,000	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	170,000	170,000
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Additional terms	The pre-feasibility study will be in accordance with work as described in the proposal submitted by Tasmania for funding under the Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative and additional information required that supported the proposal requested by the Commonwealth.															

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Milestone 1 – Execution of Agreement and project plan • Agreement and signature of the Schedule: • Acceptance by the Commonwealth of an overarching project plan to deliver the pre-feasibility study that sets out the expected outcomes and products, delivery times, stakeholders, procurement process and how Tasmania will manage the funding and project activities.	Upon signature of the Schedule	\$51,000
Milestone 2 – Progress report Acceptance by the Commonwealth of a progress report which provides details of all activities to date, that should include: • Details of stakeholder engagement undertaken • The outcomes of the desktop mapping process to identify potential locations of the facility or facilities. • Preliminary views on potential location and facility type. • Preliminary concepts on the facilities design, operating model and required infrastructure (electricity, gas, water, transport and ports).	17 March 2026	\$59,500
Milestone 3 – Final report Acceptance by the Commonwealth of: • the final pre-feasibility study, that must include: • Identification of suitable locations for common user processing facilities. • Statement on prospectivity of such a facility or facilities • Finalised reporting from stakeholder consultation, indicating demand for the facility • Final recommendation on site location, required infrastructure, proposed governance arrangements, scale of operation, timelines and ownership and outputs identified in the project plan. • Views on funding source for CAPEX and OPEX. • Available GIS layers and maps that can be made available to all current and future stakeholders • A financial report which outlines the cost of delivering the Schedule's outputs.	15 May 2026	\$59,500

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

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Madeleine King MP
Minister for Resources; Minister for
Northern Australia

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Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Tasmania by



The Honourable Felix Ellis MP,
Minister for Business, Industry and
Resources, Minister for Business, Industry
and Resources; Minister for Skills and Jobs;
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency
Management
24/9/2025