

Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Program (BCRRP)

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth of Australia (Commonwealth) The State of Victoria												
Duration	This Schedule will commence as soon as both Parties sign it and will expire on completion of the project and performance milestones under the Schedule. The expected date of completion of all projects in the program is on or before 31 December 2026 (the program end date) with all reporting and administrative requirements completed by 30 June 2027. The Agreement may be terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.												
Purpose	This Schedule supports the delivery of projects under the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Program (BCRRP). The program supports the completion of projects led by communities impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires.												
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the State of Victoria of \$9,779,870.15 (GST exclusive) in respect of this Schedule. <table><tr><th colspan="3">Table 1</th></tr><tr><th>(\$ million)</th><th>2025-26</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>9.780</td><td>9.780</td></tr><tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr></table>	Table 1			(\$ million)	2025-26	Total	Estimated total budget	9.780	9.780	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	-	-
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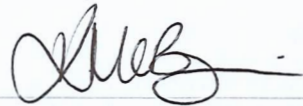
Additional terms	Administration costs 1) Up to \$99,627.15 (GST exclusive) may be used by the State of Victoria for program administration processes. This arrangement and the basis for these costs are specific to the BCRRP. Allocation of funds 2) The Parties understand that this Schedule is made in good faith and that there is an expectation that funding will be apportioned to the project as detailed at <u>Attachment A</u>. Implementation Plan 3) An Implementation Plan for the project will be submitted to NEMA prior to commencement of this Schedule, for decision on whether funding will be granted. a. The requirements of the Implementation Plan are set out in the Audit and Reporting Framework for the Program, as issued by the Commonwealth and amended from time to time and to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Schedule. 4) The project's Implementation Plan will be submitted by the State of Victoria to the Commonwealth. The State of Victoria will work with the Project Lead to develop the Implementation Plan. 5) A project cannot formally commence under the BCRRP until this Schedule has been co-signed and a funding agreement has been entered into between the State of Victoria and the Project Lead. 6) During project delivery the State of Victoria has the authority to amend project scope and project timeframes where the matter/s have no financial impacts and project activities remain within the program end date. Otherwise, the NEMA Program Delegate must approve the change. There will be no increase to the Commonwealth's financial contribution to the project or administration costs to the State of Victoria. Performance monitoring and reporting 7) The Project Lead will undertake the project activity as agreed with the State of Victoria. The State of Victoria will monitor progress and make payments when project requirements are met. 8) The frequency and timing of reporting under this Schedule is set out at <u>Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary</u>. 9) The content requirements of reports under this Schedule are set out in the Audit and Reporting Framework for the Program, as issued by the Commonwealth and amended from time to time
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	and to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Schedule. 10) Throughout the project period, the Commonwealth may ask the State of Victoria for ad-hoc reports, including but not limited to interim reports, details of media events, information requests from the Commonwealth Minister and meetings to discuss project implementation. Third Party 11) The State of Victoria may engage third parties to support the delivery of the project under this Schedule. 12) While third parties are not signatories to this Schedule, the State of Victoria is responsible for ensuring third party compliance with the terms and conditions of this Schedule. Repayments of amounts to the Commonwealth 13) In the event that efficiencies or underspends are identified in a project, or, the State of Victoria does not meet a condition of the Schedule, the Commonwealth may seek to recover the funds as determined by the circumstances of each individual matter.
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Implementation Plan	Submitted to the Commonwealth for assessment.	No later than 4 August 2025	N/A
Co-signed FFA Schedule	Victoria enters into an agreement with the Commonwealth.	Upon signing of this schedule.	\$9,779,870.15
Quarterly performance reporting	Victoria submits ongoing quarterly Performance Reports to the Commonwealth, for the project under this Schedule.	Performance Reports submitted quarterly, in line with due dates advised by the Commonwealth, until the completion of the project under the Schedule.	N/A
Project completed	Victoria provides the project's Final Report and Independent Audit Report that has been already approved by them.	Within six months after the project's completion date.	N/A

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Kristy McBain MP
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Minister for Emergency Management

[Day] [Month] [Year]

4/9/25

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by



The Honourable Vicki Ward MP
Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery, Minister for Equality

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21/10/2025

Attachment A

Victorian project

Project Ref Number	Organisation	Project Title	Project Amount	Administration Funding
BCRRP-10005	East Gippsland Shire Council	Bairnsdale Airport Runway Upgrade	\$9,680,243.00	\$99,627.15