

# Australian Capital Territory

## 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 the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) 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 THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

- A3. Under this Schedule, the ACT agrees to facilitate achievement of the Agreement by procuring the development and operation of a new materials recovery facility on the same site as its previous materials recovery facility in Hume.
- A4. The ACT will develop a project plan. The project plan and any variations to this schedule will need to be agreed by the Commonwealth before payments under this Schedule will be made. The project plan may be agreed and amended by Commonwealth and the ACT senior officials.
- A5. The project under this Schedule will be co-funded by the Commonwealth up to the completion of earthworks. The ACT will also provide contributions, along with third party (Contractor) contributions, as set out in clause 19 of the Agreement. The ACT will at least match the Commonwealth's contribution to the project (subject to clause A7).

### PART 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A6. The Commonwealth will provide a maximum estimated financial contribution of up to \$10,500,000 to the ACT. All payments are GST exclusive. The estimated financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth is outlined in Table 1.
- A7. Having regard to the agreed estimated costs of projects or reforms under this Agreement, the ACT will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost is less than the agreed estimated cost. Similarly, the ACT bears all risk should the costs exceed the agreed estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for ACT to deliver projects and reforms cost effectively and efficiently.
- A8. ACT may make its matching contribution at any stage during the delivery phase, provided the contribution is made no later than the commencement of operations of the facility, and provided that:
  - a. The Commonwealth's contribution does not exceed one-third of the total estimated cost of the project; and
  - b. ACT provides a written commitment and evidence that it has set aside at least \$10.5 million towards the project to match the Commonwealth's contribution.

**Table 1: Estimated financial contributions**

(\$ million)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	4.500	0.000	1.000	0.000	0.470	10.910	9.120	26.000
Less estimated National Partnership payments	4.500	0.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	2.000	3.000	10.500
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.470	8.910	6.120	15.500

Note: Table 1 represents contributions from the Commonwealth (\$10.500 million) and co-contribution from the ACT Government (\$15.500 million). The table does **not** reflect contributions from the Contractor.

## PART 4: PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

- A9. Table 2 summarises the project milestones, their relationship to the outputs, expected reporting dates and expected payments to be made. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to the ACT demonstrating that the relevant milestone has been met.
- A10. If the maximum Commonwealth payments are not made in a given financial year (e.g. due to delays in project delivery) 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.
- A11. If applicable, ACT 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 2: Milestones, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Milestones	Report due	Commonwealth Payment
A new materials recovery facility, consistent with the eligibility criteria in Appendix A to the National Partnership Agreement on Recycling Infrastructure	<b>Milestone 1: Project Plan Development</b>  Development of a project plan, outlining all milestones to be completed to deliver the outputs of this agreement, including their timing and cost.  Commonwealth agreement to the project plan.	September 2020	\$1,000,000  (Completed and paid)
	<b>Milestone 2: Design and Procurement Initiation</b>  Establishment of Project Management and Contract Administration arrangements  Initiation of design and procurement for improved and additional sorting solution to achieve waste export ban on paper and plastics.  Initiation of design for data management system.	January 2021	\$3,500,000  (Completed and paid)
	<b>Milestone 3: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)</b>  Commencement of the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) application process under the Planning and Development Act 2007 (ACT) including preparation and submission of relevant EIS scoping documentation and any associated information such as survey data (if applicable).	31 October 2022	\$1,000,000  (Completed and paid)



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	<b>Milestone 4: Final Design &amp; Development Approval</b>  Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report, which demonstrates satisfactory progress against the relevant milestones in the Contract between ACT and the Contractor, and includes evidence that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Design for an improved and additional sorting solution to utilise a range of advanced systems including automatic recognition equipment, screening for paper separation, laser optical identification with air jets for plastics, and magnetic extraction systems for metals has been complete and procurement activities related to these services have commenced.</li> <li>- Development Approval for the project has been obtained.</li> <li>- Payments have been made from ACT to the Contractor, consistent with the Contract.</li> </ul>	1 May 2026	\$2,000,000
	<b>Milestone 5: Building Approval &amp; Groundbreaking</b>  Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report, which demonstrates satisfactory progress against the relevant milestones in the Contract between ACT and the Contractor, and includes evidence that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Building Approval has been issued.</li> <li>- On-site construction works have commenced.</li> <li>- Payments have been made from ACT to the Contractor, consistent with the Contract.</li> </ul>	31 August 2026	\$2,000,000
	<b>Milestone 6: Completion of Earthworks</b>  Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report, which demonstrates satisfactory progress against the relevant milestones in the Contract between ACT and the Contractor, and includes evidence that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All earthworks required for site preparation are completed, including excavation, grading and compaction</li> </ul>	31 December 2026	\$1,000,000

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	(as applicable). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Payments have been made from ACT to the Contractor, consistent with the Contract.</li> </ul>		
	<b>Milestone 7</b> Six monthly progress report (and final acquittal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The six monthly report should provide a brief progress update on the status of the project over the previous six months. It should also include information on all expenditure in respect of the project and be signed off as a true and accurate record by either the Territory Representative from Infrastructure Canberra, or another authorised senior officer. The report must be provided within 2 months of the end of the six monthly period.</li> <li>- The final such report – to be provided following completion of the materials recovery facility – will constitute final acquittal of Commonwealth and ACT funding.</li> </ul>	6-monthly from 1 January 2027 until the materials recovery facility is operational	Nil

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*



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**Senator the Honourable Murray Watt**  
Minister for the Environment and Water

Date:

15/12/25

*Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by*



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**Tara Cheyne MLA**  
Minister for City and Government Services

Date:

12/1/26