

Encouraging More Clinical Trials in Australia (EMCTIA)

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2029, or on completion of the initiative, including acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payment
Purpose	<p>EMCTIA supports a once-in-a-generation reform initiative designed to support the national reform agenda and activities of the enduring Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG) for health and medical research. It aims to ensure confidence and long-term investment across jurisdictions in national initiatives (such as the National One Stop Shop [NOSS]) through a sustained partnership, while enabling IGPRG to develop new reform initiatives and adapt its work program over time.</p> <p>This Schedule will encourage more clinical trials in Australia by supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued operation and support for central jurisdictional health & medical research coordination units • Endorsement of a workplan to develop the NOSS, and continued commitment to deliver the enduring IGPRG work plan and outcomes associated with the national reform agenda Long-term partnership, including local and timely contribution of input from subject matter experts and transition from state-based legacy systems • Co-design and agree a national NOSS Data Migration and Transition Plan • Actively engage with IGPRG to strengthen mutual acceptance of ethical review and develop an accreditation scheme for Human Research Ethics Committees (HRECs) • Implementation and review of data collection and reporting, including agreement of national metrics to support evaluation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed research as core health system business and drive national consistency by implementation of the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework (NCTGF) and updated National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials (National SOPs), and active engagement with IGPRG, the Commonwealth, and the ACSQHC • Development of nationally agreed and coordinated training, education, change management and communications activities - develop and implement national communication, education, change and training strategies • Ongoing evaluations - active collaboration and contributions to enable ongoing evaluation of IGPRG reforms • Other reform initiatives that may be agreed by IGPRG over time 																																																																								
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Table 2E: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output (delete if the schedule has one output only)	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
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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 Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

~~January 2026~~
or February 2026

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



The Honourable Chris Picton MP
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

~~January 2026~~
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