

## Elimination of Trachoma in Indigenous Communities

### FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland Western Australia South Australia Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 September 2026, or on completion of the initiative, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trachoma control (<i>elimination</i>) services including activities to improve the identification, screening, treatment, management and prevention of trachoma and trichiasis for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, for the purpose of eliminating trachoma as a public health issue in First Nations communities.</li> <li>trachoma control (<i>monitoring and management</i>) services required to facilitate the transition to a post-elimination environment, including screening and treatment where required, and other activities to sustain trachoma prevalence rates in remote Indigenous communities below World Health Organization thresholds for elimination as a public health problem.</li> </ul> <p>This Agreement aligns with commitments undertaken by the Commonwealth and state/territory governments under the 2020 National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</p> <p>State/territory Parties will <b>work in partnership with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health (ACCH) sector</b>, and with local First Nations stakeholders at the community level to plan, co-design, and implement activities under this Schedule.</p>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$24.032 million in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="464 376 719 450">Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="719 376 815 405">2021-22</th> <th data-bbox="815 376 911 405">2022-23</th> <th data-bbox="911 376 1007 405">2023-24</th> <th data-bbox="1007 376 1102 405">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="1102 376 1198 405">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1198 376 1390 405">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 461 719 490"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="759 461 815 490"><b>4.661</b></td> <td data-bbox="863 461 919 490"><b>4.745</b></td> <td data-bbox="967 461 1023 490"><b>4.830</b></td> <td data-bbox="1078 461 1134 490"><b>4.898</b></td> <td data-bbox="1190 461 1246 490"><b>4.898</b></td> <td data-bbox="1302 461 1374 490"><b>24.032</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 506 719 602"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="759 506 815 535">4.661</td> <td data-bbox="863 506 919 535">4.745</td> <td data-bbox="967 506 1023 535">4.830</td> <td data-bbox="1078 506 1134 535">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1190 506 1246 535">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1302 506 1374 535">24.032</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 618 719 647">Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="759 618 815 647">0.253</td> <td data-bbox="863 618 919 647">0.259</td> <td data-bbox="967 618 1023 647">0.263</td> <td data-bbox="1078 618 1134 647">0.266</td> <td data-bbox="1190 618 1246 647">0.266</td> <td data-bbox="1302 618 1374 647">1.307</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 651 719 680">Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="759 651 815 680">1.516</td> <td data-bbox="863 651 919 680">1.543</td> <td data-bbox="967 651 1023 680">1.571</td> <td data-bbox="1078 651 1134 680">1.593</td> <td data-bbox="1190 651 1246 680">1.593</td> <td data-bbox="1302 651 1374 680">7.816</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 685 719 714">South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="759 685 815 714">1.219</td> <td data-bbox="863 685 919 714">1.241</td> <td data-bbox="967 685 1023 714">1.263</td> <td data-bbox="1078 685 1134 714">1.281</td> <td data-bbox="1190 685 1246 714">1.281</td> <td data-bbox="1302 685 1374 714">6.285</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 719 719 748">Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="759 719 815 748">1.673</td> <td data-bbox="863 719 919 748">1.702</td> <td data-bbox="967 719 1023 748">1.733</td> <td data-bbox="1078 719 1134 748">1.758</td> <td data-bbox="1190 719 1246 748">1.758</td> <td data-bbox="1302 719 1374 748">8.624</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 763 719 860"><i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</i></td> <td data-bbox="759 763 815 792">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="863 763 919 792">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="967 763 1023 792">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1078 763 1134 792">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1190 763 1246 792">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1302 763 1374 792">0.000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>4.661</b>	<b>4.745</b>	<b>4.830</b>	<b>4.898</b>	<b>4.898</b>	<b>24.032</b>	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	4.661	4.745	4.830	4.898	4.898	24.032	Queensland	0.253	0.259	0.263	0.266	0.266	1.307	Western Australia	1.516	1.543	1.571	1.593	1.593	7.816	South Australia	1.219	1.241	1.263	1.281	1.281	6.285	Northern Territory	1.673	1.702	1.733	1.758	1.758	8.624	<i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</i>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>The state/territory Parties agree to provide a <b>Final Report</b> for the overall delivery of this Schedule (2021-22 to 2025-26). The Final Report will include information on Trachoma implementation activities under the entire Schedule such as outcomes achieved over time, lessons learnt, future challenges and changes.</p>																																																								

<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
Trachoma Control (Elimination)	<p>The state/territory parties will submit annual <b>Project Plans</b> – for consideration by the Commonwealth – for the period 1 January to 31 December of the relevant calendar year. These will set out the strategy for delivering a comprehensive and systematic trachoma and trichiasis screening and treatment program in communities at risk of trachoma and where trachoma and/or trichiasis is prevalent including, where possible, communities affected by cross-border population mobility, and conducted in accordance with the current Guidelines for the Public Health Management of Trachoma (Communicable Disease Network of Australia).</p> <p>Project Plans will also include detail about how each jurisdiction will work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, in accord with jurisdictional commitments under the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>. In particular, in relation to Priority Reform One: Formal Partnerships and Shared Decision Making.</p> <p>Project plans will be flexible documents that may be varied to accommodate changed circumstances.</p>	<p><b>2021 (calendar year)</b></p> <p>Within two months of execution of this Agreement</p> <p><b>2022 to 2025</b></p> <p>31 January annually</p>	Nil
	<p>State/territory parties will submit <b>Performance Reports</b> demonstrating progress against the agreed Project Plans from 1 January to 31 December of the relevant calendar year and including information on how each jurisdiction has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) undertaken health hygiene promotion, including facial cleanliness;</li> <li>b) undertaken environmental health improvements to living conditions in at-risk communities by addressing the factors that contribute to the spread of trachoma;</li> <li>c) undertaken activities to integrate/embed trachoma screening and treatment practices within primary health care services; and</li> <li>d) submitted required trachoma program data to the National Trachoma Surveillance and Reporting Unit.</li> </ul>	<p>Annually</p> <p>31 January</p> <p><b>2022 to 2025</b></p>	<p>On acceptance of Performance Reports</p> <p><b>2021-22</b></p> <p>Qld: \$0.253m WA: \$1.516m SA: \$1.219m NT: \$1.673m</p> <p><b>2022-23</b></p> <p>Qld: \$0.259m WA: \$1.543m SA: \$1.241m NT: \$1.702m</p>

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Transition to Post-Elimination and Monitoring	<p>State/territory parties will submit <b>Performance Reports</b> demonstrating progress against the agreed Project Plans from <b>1 January to 31 December 2025</b>.</p> <p>Performance Reports will demonstrate how the jurisdiction has worked in partnership with the sector in 2025-26, including collaborating with local First Nations stakeholders at the community level to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conduct trachoma screening and treatment where required;</li> <li>• undertake activities to integrate/embed trachoma screening and treatment practices within primary health care services;</li> <li>• plan, co-design, and implement environmental health and health hygiene activities, including facial cleanliness;</li> <li>• identify and implement efficiencies in delivery of health promotion and environmental health activities to address factors that contribute to trachoma and other known health conditions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ aligned relevant initiatives and funding within/across the jurisdiction; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• submit required trachoma program data to the NTSRU.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2025-26</b> 31 January 2026</p>	<p>On acceptance of Performance Reports</p> <p><b>2025-26</b> Qld: \$0.266m WA: \$1.593m SA: \$1.281m NT: \$1.758m</p>
Trachoma Control (Monitoring and Management)	<p>The state/territory parties will submit a <b>Project Plan</b> – for consideration by the Commonwealth – for the period <b>1 January to 30 June 2026</b>.</p>	<p><b>2025-26</b> 31 January 2026</p>	<p>Nil</p>

	<p>The Project Plan will be in accord with national guidelines for the Public Health Management of Trachoma (Communicable Disease Network of Australia). The Project Plans will set out each jurisdiction’s strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• engage in the development of efficient, cost-effective methodologies to detect and monitor trachoma recrudescence in peri-elimination context through the National Trachoma Surveillance and Control Reference Group (NTSCRG); including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ participating in processes to validate alternative screening methodologies, where relevant; and</li> <li>○ conduct screening and treatment where required</li> </ul> </li> <li>• engage in activities to support and strengthen trichiasis identification, treatment and management pathways, including awareness raising and engagement with the ACCH sector to improve access to and reliability of trichiasis data (in line with national developments).</li> <li>• work with primary health care providers (government and non-government) to transition trachoma screening and treatment to the PHC sector, in line with national guidance (as per above)</li> <li>• integrate health promotion and facial cleanliness activities with other environmental attributable disease programs to reduce the risk of diseases associated with poor environmental health conditions, including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ work with cross-sectoral organisations—including housing, environmental health, and education agencies—to identify and implement efficiencies in delivery of health promotion and environmental health activities</li> <li>○ health promotion and environmental health activities co-designed and delivered in partnership with the ACCH sector.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Project Plans will also include detail demonstrating how each jurisdiction has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations to develop the Project Plan and how the jurisdictional program will work in partnership with the sector, including with local First Nations stakeholders at the community level, to implement the plan, in accord with jurisdictional commitments under the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>.</p> <p>Project Plans will be considered by the Commonwealth in consultation with the National Trachoma Surveillance and Reporting Unit (NTSRU). Project Plans will be flexible documents that may be varied to accommodate changed circumstances.</p>		
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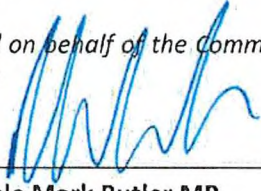
	Provision of a <b>final report</b> describing the overall delivery of the program thus far (2021-22 to 2025-26); including information on Trachoma implementation activities under the entire Schedule such as outcomes achieved over time, lessons learnt, future challenges and changes.	31 August 2026	Nil
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

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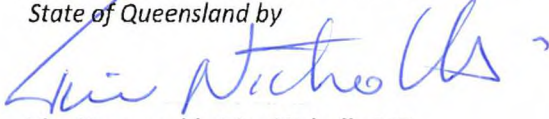


**The Honourable Mark Butler MP**  
Minister for Health, Disability and Ageing

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



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Minister for Health and Ambulance Services

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**The Honourable Steven Edgington MLA**  
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