

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"> • 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. • 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. <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 work in partnership with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health (ACCH) sector, and with local First Nations stakeholders at the community level to plan, co-design, and implement activities under this Schedule.</p>

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<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="453 367 564 434">Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="719 367 810 394">2021-22</th> <th data-bbox="826 367 917 394">2022-23</th> <th data-bbox="933 367 1024 394">2023-24</th> <th data-bbox="1040 367 1131 394">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="1147 367 1238 394">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1305 367 1369 394">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 450 703 477">Estimated total budget</td> <td data-bbox="743 450 810 477">4.661</td> <td data-bbox="847 450 914 477">4.745</td> <td data-bbox="954 450 1021 477">4.830</td> <td data-bbox="1058 450 1125 477">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1165 450 1232 477">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1297 450 1364 477">24.032</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 499 671 589"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="743 499 810 526">4.661</td> <td data-bbox="847 499 914 526">4.745</td> <td data-bbox="954 499 1021 526">4.830</td> <td data-bbox="1058 499 1125 526">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1165 499 1232 526">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1297 499 1364 526">24.032</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 607 592 633">Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="743 607 810 633">0.253</td> <td data-bbox="847 607 914 633">0.259</td> <td data-bbox="954 607 1021 633">0.263</td> <td data-bbox="1058 607 1125 633">0.266</td> <td data-bbox="1165 607 1232 633">0.266</td> <td data-bbox="1297 607 1364 633">1.307</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 640 660 667">Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="743 640 810 667">1.516</td> <td data-bbox="847 640 914 667">1.543</td> <td data-bbox="954 640 1021 667">1.571</td> <td data-bbox="1058 640 1125 667">1.593</td> <td data-bbox="1165 640 1232 667">1.593</td> <td data-bbox="1297 640 1364 667">7.816</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 674 628 701">South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="743 674 810 701">1.219</td> <td data-bbox="847 674 914 701">1.241</td> <td data-bbox="954 674 1021 701">1.263</td> <td data-bbox="1058 674 1125 701">1.281</td> <td data-bbox="1165 674 1232 701">1.281</td> <td data-bbox="1297 674 1364 701">6.285</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 707 663 734">Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="743 707 810 734">1.673</td> <td data-bbox="847 707 914 734">1.702</td> <td data-bbox="954 707 1021 734">1.733</td> <td data-bbox="1058 707 1125 734">1.758</td> <td data-bbox="1165 707 1232 734">1.758</td> <td data-bbox="1297 707 1364 734">8.624</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 757 624 846"><i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</i></td> <td data-bbox="743 757 810 784">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="847 757 914 784">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="954 757 1021 784">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1058 757 1125 784">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1165 757 1232 784">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1297 757 1364 784">0.000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total	Estimated total budget	4.661	4.745	4.830	4.898	4.898	24.032	<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 Final Report 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>																																																								

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Outputs	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Trachoma Control (<i>Elimination</i>)	<p>The state/territory parties will submit annual Project Plans – 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>2021 (calendar year) Within two months of execution of this Agreement</p> <p>2022 to 2025 31 January annually</p>	Nil
	<p>State/territory parties will submit Performance Reports 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> undertaken health hygiene promotion, including facial cleanliness; undertaken environmental health improvements to living conditions in at-risk communities by addressing the factors that contribute to the spread of trachoma; undertaken activities to integrate/embed trachoma screening and treatment practices within primary health care services; and submitted required trachoma program data to the National Trachoma Surveillance and Reporting Unit. 	<p>Annually 31 January 2022 to 2025</p>	<p>On acceptance of Performance Reports</p> <p>2021-22 Qld: \$0.253m WA: \$1.516m SA: \$1.219m NT: \$1.673m</p> <p>2022-23 Qld: \$0.259m WA: \$1.543m SA: \$1.241m NT: \$1.702m</p>

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<p>Transition to Post-Elimination and Monitoring</p>	<p>State/territory parties will submit Performance Reports demonstrating progress against the agreed Project Plans from 1 January to 31 December 2025.</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"> ● conduct trachoma screening and treatment where required; ● undertake activities to integrate/embed trachoma screening and treatment practices within primary health care services; ● plan, co-design, and implement environmental health and health hygiene activities, including facial cleanliness; ● 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"> ○ aligned relevant initiatives and funding within/across the jurisdiction; and ● submit required trachoma program data to the NTSRU. 	<p>2025-26 31 January 2026</p>	<p>On acceptance of Performance Reports</p> <p>2025-26 Qld: \$0.266m WA: \$1.593m SA: \$1.281m NT: \$1.758m</p>
<p>Trachoma Control (Monitoring and Management)</p>	<p>The state/territory parties will submit a Project Plan – for consideration by the Commonwealth – for the period 1 January to 30 June 2026.</p>	<p>2025-26 31 January 2026</p>	<p>Nil</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:

- 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:
 - participating in processes to validate alternative screening methodologies, where relevant; and
 - conduct screening and treatment where required
- 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).
- 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)
- 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:
 - 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
 - health promotion and environmental health activities co-designed and delivered in partnership with the ACCH sector.

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 *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*.

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.

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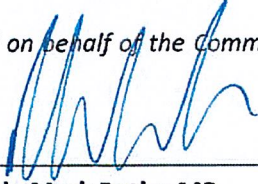
	Provision of a final report describing the overall delivery of the program thus far (2021-22 to 2025-26); including information on Trachoma implementation activities under the entire Schedule such as outcomes achieved over time, lessons learnt, future challenges and changes.	31 August 2026	Nil
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



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

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State of Queensland by

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

The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP
Minister for Health and Ambulance Services

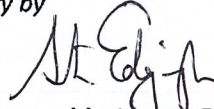
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Signed for and on behalf of the
State of South Australia by

The Honourable Meredith Hammat MLA
Minister for Health and Mental Health

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Signed for and on behalf of the Northern
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The Honourable Steven Edgington MLA
Minister for Health

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