

# 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>

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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="459 376 544 405">Table 1</th> <th data-bbox="727 376 815 405">2021-22</th> <th data-bbox="831 376 919 405">2022-23</th> <th data-bbox="935 376 1023 405">2023-24</th> <th data-bbox="1038 376 1126 405">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="1142 376 1230 405">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1318 376 1374 405">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 416 571 445"><b>(\$ million)</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 456 703 486"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="751 456 807 486">4.661</td> <td data-bbox="847 456 903 486">4.745</td> <td data-bbox="943 456 999 486">4.830</td> <td data-bbox="1038 456 1094 486">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1142 456 1198 486">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1294 456 1366 486">24.032</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 497 671 595"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="751 497 807 526">4.661</td> <td data-bbox="847 497 903 526">4.745</td> <td data-bbox="943 497 999 526">4.830</td> <td data-bbox="1038 497 1094 526">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1142 497 1198 526">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1294 497 1366 526">24.032</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 607 592 636">    Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="751 607 807 636">0.253</td> <td data-bbox="847 607 903 636">0.259</td> <td data-bbox="943 607 999 636">0.263</td> <td data-bbox="1038 607 1094 636">0.266</td> <td data-bbox="1142 607 1198 636">0.266</td> <td data-bbox="1294 607 1366 636">1.307</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 647 663 676">    Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="751 647 807 676">1.516</td> <td data-bbox="847 647 903 676">1.543</td> <td data-bbox="943 647 999 676">1.571</td> <td data-bbox="1038 647 1094 676">1.593</td> <td data-bbox="1142 647 1198 676">1.593</td> <td data-bbox="1294 647 1366 676">7.816</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 687 632 716">    South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="751 687 807 716">1.219</td> <td data-bbox="847 687 903 716">1.241</td> <td data-bbox="943 687 999 716">1.263</td> <td data-bbox="1038 687 1094 716">1.281</td> <td data-bbox="1142 687 1198 716">1.281</td> <td data-bbox="1294 687 1366 716">6.285</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 728 668 757">    Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="751 728 807 757">1.673</td> <td data-bbox="847 728 903 757">1.702</td> <td data-bbox="943 728 999 757">1.733</td> <td data-bbox="1038 728 1094 757">1.758</td> <td data-bbox="1142 728 1198 757">1.758</td> <td data-bbox="1294 728 1366 757">8.624</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 768 624 866"><i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</i></td> <td data-bbox="751 768 807 797">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="847 768 903 797">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="943 768 999 797">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1038 768 1094 797">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1142 768 1198 797">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1294 768 1366 797">0.000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total	<b>(\$ million)</b>							<b>Estimated total budget</b>	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 <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> Within two months of execution of this Agreement</p> <p><b>2022 to 2025</b> 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 31 January <b>2022 to 2025</b></p>	<p>On acceptance of Performance Reports</p> <p><b>2021-22</b> Qld: \$0.253m WA: \$1.516m SA: \$1.219m NT: \$1.673m</p> <p><b>2022-23</b> 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:

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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Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Queensland 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 Chris Picton MP**  
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

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

**The Honourable Steven Edgington MLA**  
Minister for Health

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