

# 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="448 327 719 398">Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="719 327 815 398">2021-22</th> <th data-bbox="815 327 911 398">2022-23</th> <th data-bbox="911 327 1007 398">2023-24</th> <th data-bbox="1007 327 1102 398">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="1102 327 1198 398">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1198 327 1422 398">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 409 719 443"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="719 409 815 443"><b>4.661</b></td> <td data-bbox="815 409 911 443"><b>4.745</b></td> <td data-bbox="911 409 1007 443"><b>4.830</b></td> <td data-bbox="1007 409 1102 443"><b>4.898</b></td> <td data-bbox="1102 409 1198 443"><b>4.898</b></td> <td data-bbox="1198 409 1422 443"><b>24.032</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 454 719 555"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="719 454 815 555">4.661</td> <td data-bbox="815 454 911 555">4.745</td> <td data-bbox="911 454 1007 555">4.830</td> <td data-bbox="1007 454 1102 555">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1102 454 1198 555">4.898</td> <td data-bbox="1198 454 1422 555">24.032</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 566 719 600">    Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="719 566 815 600">0.253</td> <td data-bbox="815 566 911 600">0.259</td> <td data-bbox="911 566 1007 600">0.263</td> <td data-bbox="1007 566 1102 600">0.266</td> <td data-bbox="1102 566 1198 600">0.266</td> <td data-bbox="1198 566 1422 600">1.307</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 611 719 645">    Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="719 611 815 645">1.516</td> <td data-bbox="815 611 911 645">1.543</td> <td data-bbox="911 611 1007 645">1.571</td> <td data-bbox="1007 611 1102 645">1.593</td> <td data-bbox="1102 611 1198 645">1.593</td> <td data-bbox="1198 611 1422 645">7.816</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 656 719 689">    South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="719 656 815 689">1.219</td> <td data-bbox="815 656 911 689">1.241</td> <td data-bbox="911 656 1007 689">1.263</td> <td data-bbox="1007 656 1102 689">1.281</td> <td data-bbox="1102 656 1198 689">1.281</td> <td data-bbox="1198 656 1422 689">6.285</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 701 719 734">    Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="719 701 815 734">1.673</td> <td data-bbox="815 701 911 734">1.702</td> <td data-bbox="911 701 1007 734">1.733</td> <td data-bbox="1007 701 1102 734">1.758</td> <td data-bbox="1102 701 1198 734">1.758</td> <td data-bbox="1198 701 1422 734">8.624</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 745 719 824"><i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</i></td> <td data-bbox="719 745 815 824">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="815 745 911 824">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="911 745 1007 824">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1007 745 1102 824">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1102 745 1198 824">0.000</td> <td data-bbox="1198 745 1422 824">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>																																																								

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 <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</b> (calendar year) Within two months of execution of this Agreement</p> <p><b>2022 to 2025</b> 31 January annually</p>	<p>Nil</p>
	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>undertaken health hygiene promotion, including facial cleanliness;</li> <li>undertaken environmental health improvements to living conditions in at-risk communities by addressing the factors that contribute to the spread of trachoma;</li> <li>undertaken activities to integrate/embed trachoma screening and treatment practices within primary health care services; and</li> <li>submitted required trachoma program data to the National Trachoma Surveillance and Reporting Unit.</li> </ol>	<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>

<p>Transition to Post-Elimination and Monitoring</p>	<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><b>2023-24</b> Qld: \$0.263m WA: \$1.571m SA: \$1.263m NT: \$1.733m</p> <p><b>2024-25</b> Qld: \$0.266m WA: \$1.593m SA: \$1.281m NT: \$1.758m</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>
<p>Trachoma Control (<i>Monitoring and Management</i>)</p>	<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 ( <b>2021-22 to 2025-26</b> ); 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

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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**The Honourable Meredith Hammat MLA**  
Minister for Health and Mental Health

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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 Northern Territory by

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

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