

# Central Coast Maternity Services

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales
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 payments.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support an uplift in public maternity service capacity on the Central Coast through infrastructure and equipment upgrades, and activities to support the attraction and retention of a highly skilled midwifery and medical workforce.</p> <p>The infrastructure and equipment upgrades will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Obstetric Operating Theatre improving birthing capacity at Gosford Hospital.</li> <li>• Establishing an Out of Hours Assessment Zone in the Birthing suite at Gosford Hospital to ensure timely assessment of women.</li> <li>• Enhancements to existing acute clinic and community treatment rooms across the Central Coast Local Health District facilities to support maternity care.</li> <li>• Enhancement and upgrading of equipment across Central Coast Maternity Services designed to improve quality/safety and support training and education initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>The activities to support the attraction and retention of a highly skilled midwifery and medical workforce will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of high-quality training.</li> <li>• Fit for purpose facilities providing access to training equipment, virtual education spaces and contemporary technology.</li> <li>• Scholarships and access to quality clinical supervision and mentoring.</li> </ul>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to New South Wales of \$10.0m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Table 1</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="427 434 544 465">(\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="767 434 858 465">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="890 434 981 465">2026-27</th> <th data-bbox="1013 434 1104 465">2027-28</th> <th data-bbox="1136 434 1227 465">2028-29</th> <th data-bbox="1289 434 1353 465">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 479 687 510"><b>Estimated total budget<sup>1</sup></b></td> <td data-bbox="815 479 858 510"><b>4.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="943 479 986 510"><b>3.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1054 479 1098 510"><b>2.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1182 479 1225 510"><b>1.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1294 479 1353 510"><b>10.0</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 524 687 584"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="815 524 858 555">4.0</td> <td data-bbox="943 524 986 555">3.0</td> <td data-bbox="1054 524 1098 555">2.0</td> <td data-bbox="1182 524 1225 555">1.0</td> <td data-bbox="1294 524 1353 555">10.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 598 603 689">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="847 598 858 629">-</td> <td data-bbox="959 598 970 629">-</td> <td data-bbox="1070 598 1082 629">-</td> <td data-bbox="1182 598 1193 629">-</td> <td data-bbox="1326 598 1337 629">-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><sup>1</sup>Note: New South Wales is contributing funding to this initiative, but the specific amount is unknown.</p>	(\$ million)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total	<b>Estimated total budget<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	10.0	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	-	-	-	-	-
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>New South Wales will advise the Commonwealth as soon as practicable of any significant delays with potential to impact the delivery of the performance milestones described in Table 2. Where necessary New South Wales will provide the Commonwealth with updated delivery information that reflects any significant changes.</p> <p>New South Wales will provide an annual progress report in September of each year from September 2026 until all deliverables are complete. Annual progress reports will address progress towards achieving all elements described in the 'Purpose' of this Schedule in the context of New South Wales' delivery schedule, include photographic evidence of progress, and will outline expected activities within the coming twelve months. Annual reports may be provided in conjunction with reports addressing performance milestones (see Table 2) where their timing is aligned (within one month).</p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that the National Health Reform Agreement recognises New South Wales as the system manager of the public hospital system in the state; and that New South Wales will determine the ongoing suitability of the services and activities established under this Schedule beyond the term of the Schedule, following review of their impact and sustainability.</p> <p>The National Health Reform Agreement provides that the Commonwealth will not fund a service where the same service, or any part of the same service, is otherwise funded by the Commonwealth. New South Wales will ensure that any claim for funding under the National Health Reform Agreement is not funding services, or any part of a service, provided for under this agreement and will maintain appropriate records.</p>																								

**Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Uplift in public maternity service capacity on the Central Coast.	<p>Completion of planning for activities to uplift public maternity service capacity on the Central Coast (as outlined in the 'Purpose') and commencement of the activities, evidenced through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of delivery schedules for all infrastructure and equipment upgrades;</li> <li>• Provision of delivery schedules for all activities to support the attraction and retention of a highly skilled midwifery and medical workforce, and</li> <li>• An outline of the evaluation methodology to assess the impact of the initiatives, including success measures.</li> </ul>	31/05/2026	\$4.0m
	<p>Completion of schematic designs for the fit-out of the Obstetric Operating Theatre at Gosford Hospital and the Gosford Maternity Out of Hours Assessment Zone (evidenced by provision of the design documents); completion of the Out of Hours Assessment Zone in the Gosford Hospital Birthing Suite (evidenced by provision of the certificate of practical completion and photographic evidence); and a progress update demonstrating the progress of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancements to existing acute clinic and community treatment rooms across the Central Coast Local Health District.</li> <li>• Enhancement and upgrading of equipment across Central Coast maternity services; and</li> <li>• Activities to support the attraction and retention of midwifery and medical workforce.</li> </ul>	31/03/2027	\$3.0m
	<p>Completion of the fit-out of the Obstetric Operating Theatre at Gosford Hospital (evidenced by a certificate of practical completion and photographic evidence); completion of schematic designs for the enhancements to existing acute clinic and community treatment rooms across the Central Coast Local Health District facilities (evidenced by provision of the design documents); completion of the enhancements to existing acute clinic and community treatment rooms across the Central Coast Local Health District (evidenced by provision of the certificates of practical completion and photographic evidence); and a progress update demonstrating the progress of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancement and upgrading of equipment across Central Coast maternity services; and</li> <li>• Activities to support the attraction and retention of midwifery and medical workforce.</li> </ul>	31/03/2028	\$2.0m
	<p>Final report confirming the delivery of all elements described in the 'Purpose' section and including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about the dates the infrastructure and equipment upgrades became operational;</li> <li>• Information about activities undertaken to support the support the attraction and retention of a highly skilled midwifery and medical workforce; and</li> <li>• An assessment of the impacts, benefits and outcomes (including lessons learnt) of the activities undertaken under this Schedule, including consideration of how the activities have contributed to uplift in public maternity service capacity on the Central Coast (in the context of the evaluation methodology and success measures identified in the first milestone).</li> </ul>	30/04/2029	\$1.0m

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 Ageing, Minister for  
Disability and the National Disability Insurance  
Scheme

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Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of New South Wales by



**The Honourable Ryan Park MP**

Minister for Health; Minister for Regional Health;  
Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast

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12/5/2026