

The Commonwealth Accessible Australia Initiative – Tranche Two (Northern Territory)

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of Schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028, which is the terminating date for this measure. All performance milestones must be met by this date, including acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments.
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of accessible infrastructure amenities to enhance community accessibility and enable people with high support needs to actively participate in their community. Through the Accessible Australia Initiative (Accessible Australia), the Commonwealth Government is providing up to 100% of the funding required to build and/or purchase each agreed accessible infrastructure amenity. This includes up to 50% for each fixed accessible infrastructure amenity and up to 100% for each portable accessible infrastructure amenity. Further information about Accessible Australia is available on the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing website and can be found by typing 'Accessible Australia' into the search bar. This Schedule will support the delivery of one (1) inclusive play space in the local government area/council (LGA) of City of Darwin.
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Northern Territory of \$262,639.80 in respect of this Schedule. The profile for the total financial contribution is presented in Table 1.

Additional terms	1. Northern Territory will inform the Commonwealth in writing as soon as practicable of any issues related to compliance with this agreement, including any significant deviations from agreed project plans or agreed performance milestones. 2. Northern Territory will provide six-monthly project status reports for each project in February and August each year until completion. Six-monthly status reports will address progress towards achieving the objective of each output in the context of the delivery schedule for each project. 3. Status reports may be provided in conjunction with reports addressing performance milestones (see Table 2) where their timing is aligned (within 1 month). 4. Northern Territory will have the necessary self-insurance arrangements to manage its risks under the Schedule. 5. Northern Territory will be responsible for additional funding requirements for each accessible amenity built under this agreement, including: • Supporting infrastructure outside of build specifications; • Ongoing operation and maintenance costs; • Installation of security (if needed); • Training costs for Changing Places assessors (if needed); and • Accreditation costs incurred by a Changing Places assessor or certified playground safety inspector. 6. For Changing Places facilities, Northern Territory will be responsible for engaging assessors prior to construction, schematic design review, construction documentation review, as-built review, accreditation according to the Changing Places Design Specifications 2020 and National Construction Code requirements, and ensuring all facilities are registered on the National Public Toilet Map within 60 days of completion. 7. For inclusive play space amenities, will be responsible for engaging assessors prior to construction, schematic design review, construction documentation review, as-built review, and certification by a certified playground safety inspector as complying with all relevant Australian Playground Standards.
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Table 1: Financial contributions to the territory			
(\$)	2025-26	2026-27	Total
Estimated total budget	187,639.80	75,000.00	262,639.80
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	187,639.80	75,000.00	262,639.80
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions ¹	-	-	-

¹ Note: Northern Territory will coordinate funding contributions from project proponents for this initiative.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Construction of one inclusive play space in City of Darwin. Address: Malak Oval, 13 Malak Crescent, Malak, NT, 0812. Percentage of the build cost this facility is eligible up to: 50%. Total eligible build cost: \$300,000.00. Total Commonwealth contribution: \$150,000.00 (50%). Total Northern Territory Government contribution: \$0. Total other contributions: \$150,000.00 (50%).	Provision of a project plan outlining how funding will be expended for each individual amenity to be built. Each project plan must include: • Location of each amenity; • Estimated costs; total build costs and financial contribution committed to each individual amenity; • Sub-contract arrangements; and • Timeline, including commencement date, completion date and all other relevant implementation milestones.	19/06/2026	\$75,000.00
	Provision of evidence confirming proof of purchase or commencement of construction within 12 months of receiving Commonwealth funding for that amenity. For inclusive play spaces, evidence should consist of: • A written statement that construction has commenced; and • Photographic evidence of construction commencement.	30/06/2027	\$75,000.00

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	Provision of evidence confirming completion of installation or construction within 12 months of build commencement. For inclusive play spaces, evidence should consist of: • A copy of the certificate of compliance from an accredited playground safety inspector as complying with all relevant Australian Playground Standards. • Photographic evidence of installation or completion; and • Confirmation via email confirming that the amenity is ready for community access.	30/06/2028	\$0
Project Coordination Fund	This supplement will support Northern Territory resourcing to manage the construction of funded accessible amenities and support the delivery of Accessible Australia. Northern Territory has committed to a cumulative 3 eligible accessible amenities from financial years 2022-23 through 2025-26. This commitment meets the minimum threshold required for smaller jurisdictions to qualify for the Commonwealth's Project Coordination Fund, which is a one-off payment to support coordination offered as part of this Schedule which aligns to the first eligible financial year in which the minimum facility requirement was met. This supplement will support the Northern Territory to manage the construction of funded accessible amenities and support the delivery of the Commonwealth's Accessible Australia initiative. The first 3 eligible projects that enable Northern Territory to satisfy the Project Coordination Fund threshold are as follows: • Location 1: 2023-24, fixed Changing Places amenity, City of Darwin, due for completion May 2026, funded under the <i>Commonwealth Changing Places Initiative – Tranche Two</i> Schedule. • Location 2: 2023-24, fixed Changing Places amenity, Darwin Waterfront Precinct, completed, funded under the <i>Commonwealth Changing Places Initiative – Tranche Two</i> Schedule. • Location 3: 2023-24, fixed Changing Places amenity, Katherine Town Council, completed, funded under the <i>Commonwealth Changing Places Initiative – Tranche Two</i> Schedule. Northern Territory will remain eligible for the Project Coordination Fund payment so long as at least 3 eligible projects identified under this Schedule or a previous	30/06/2026	\$112,639.80

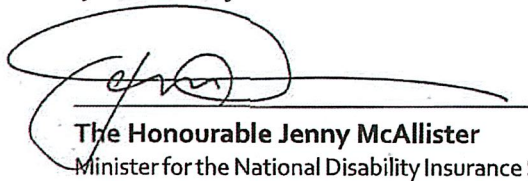
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	Changing Places or Accessible Australia Schedule have satisfied the terms of the applicable Schedule. Payment will be made upon provision of satisfactory evidence to the Commonwealth confirming commencement of construction or purchase for all eligible accessible amenities.		
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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 Jenny McAllister
Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

29 / 5 / 2026

*Signed for and on behalf of the
Government of the Northern Territory by*

for 
The Honourable Jinson Charls
Minister for Disability
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