

Outcomes Fund Projects – New South Wales

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the State of New South Wales (NSW).
Duration	This Schedule will commence as soon as it is signed by the parties. This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028, or upon completion of the project, including final performance reporting, evaluation and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the NSW project <i>Get Back in the Game</i> under the Commonwealth Outcomes Fund (the Fund).</p> <p>Get Back in the Game (GBIG) <i>GBIG</i> supports disengaged young people aged 15 to 21 to engage with employment, education and training through a structured wrap around case management service. The Project is managed by the Department of Education (DoE) in NSW.</p> <p><i>GBIG</i> is available for two cohorts of young people under two different pathways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Back in the Game</i> (school pathway) supports young people aged 15 to 19 at school in need of support to remain engaged at school or transition to employment or training. • <i>Get in the Game</i> (community pathway) supports young people aged 15 to 21 disengaged from all employment, education and training. <p>The program will take a place-based and youth focused delivery approach and will be delivered by service providers that have strong local connections and experience in working with their communities.</p> <p>GBIG will be funded under the \$100 million Commonwealth Outcomes Fund, with total funding matched by NSW over the life of the Project. The Commonwealth and NSW agree the Project will take an outcomes-based approach to contracting. The Commonwealth and NSW agree that service providers will be engaged via outcomes-based payments.</p>

Estimated financial contributions

The Commonwealth and NSW will each provide a total financial contribution of up to \$5m in respect of this Schedule, bringing the joint contribution to up to \$10m.

Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
Estimated total budget	1.25	5	3.75	10
Commonwealth contribution		2.5	2.5	5
NSW contribution	1.25	2.5	1.25	5

Under this Schedule, the Commonwealth and NSW will fund distinct aspects of the Project. The Commonwealth will make payments to NSW for a caseload of 1400 young people in the community pathway (Get in the Game). NSW's financial contribution will fund 1400 young people in the schools pathway (Back in the Game).

The Commonwealth's and NSW funding contribution will not be reduced where the NSW secures funding from other activity partners. Any philanthropic or other investor contributions will go directly to NSW or relevant service provider; however notification will be provided to the Commonwealth in writing prior to the commencement of the philanthropic arrangement.

Definition of Key Terms

Throughout this Schedule, capitalised terms are defined to have the following meaning.

Fixed Payment

Fixed value payment made by the Commonwealth to NSW in accordance with the agreed funding model and payment schedule in respect to the Project.

Outcomes Payment

Variable value payment made by the Commonwealth to NSW in accordance with the agreed Outcomes achieved and any follow up activities post program in agreed financial model by the Project.

The Outcomes Payment to NSW is calculated upon receipt of evidence of Outcomes achieved as agreed by relevant Commonwealth and NSW officials for that reporting period in the payment schedule.

	<p>Reimbursable Expenses</p> <p>Prescribed amount of money available for reimbursement to spend on activities to support participants to achieve education, training or employment outcomes.</p> <p>Service Delivery Period for the Program is 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2027.</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p>The outcomes for the project, which include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased engagement in education, employment or training for 5 days 2. Increased engagement in education, employment or training for 30 days 3. Increased engagement in education, employment or training for 84 days (12 weeks) 4. Increased engagement in education, employment or training for 182 days (26 weeks) <p>The Commonwealth Outcomes Fund</p> <p>The Australian Government committed \$100 million to establish the Commonwealth Outcomes Fund (the Fund), which will operate for up to 10 years. The Fund aims to reduce disadvantage in Australia through innovation. It will improve the evidence base for social policy interventions and will grow social impact investing in Australia. The Fund provides an opportunity for innovation in both program funding and the way services are delivered.</p> <p>The Project</p> <p>Means the <i>Get Back in the Game</i> program as described by the proposal submitted to the Commonwealth under the First Expression of Interest for the Fund and outlined in this Schedule.</p>
<p>Additional terms</p>	<p><i>Joint Working Group membership</i></p> <p>The Commonwealth will be a member of the Project's Joint Working Group that has responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the Project. The Joint Working Group will meet on a quarterly basis.</p> <p><i>Early termination of the Project</i></p> <p>If NSW initiates an early termination of the Project, NSW will notify the Commonwealth in writing at least 30 days after making the decision or before the intended termination date, whichever is earlier.</p>

For avoidance of doubt,

- early termination of Service Providers Agreement/s does not automatically terminate the Project,
- early termination of the Project does not trigger early termination of this Schedule.

Both parties will act in good faith to deliver the performance milestones due up to the termination date, inclusive of any Fixed Payments, Outcome Payments and Reimbursable Expenses owed by the Commonwealth at the termination date.

Both parties will act in good faith to agree to renegotiate a variation to this Schedule, incorporating revised calculations for milestone payments outlined in Table 2 that fall due on the termination date.

Application of Australian Privacy Principles

NSW will ensure that all personal information collected from participants in the course of the Project adheres to Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) established under The Privacy Act 1988.

In the event that an NSW privacy governance arrangement is in place, or an exemption to the Australian Privacy Principles has been granted, NSW will provide the Commonwealth with all relevant information.

Evaluation

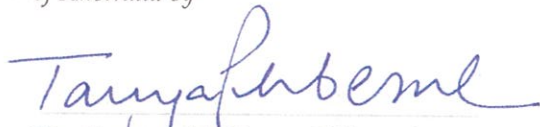
The Commonwealth and NSW agree that information, impact and outcomes of the Project will contribute to the evaluation of the Fund.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output (delete if the schedule has one output only)	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Fixed Payment for operation of service and support for participants in the Project	Fixed Payment on evidence of Project commencement and invoice by 1 July 2025	1 July 2025	\$1,187,000
Fixed Payment for operation of service and support for participants in the Project, Outcome Payment and Reimbursable Expenses	Fixed Payment on submission of invoice by 15 January 2026 Outcome Payment and Reimbursable Expenses on receipt of evidence of Outcomes achieved between 1 July 2025 – 31 December 2025	15 January 2026	Up to \$1,313,000
Fixed Payment for operation of service and support for participants in the Project, Outcome Payment and Reimbursable Expenses	Fixed Payment on submission of invoice by 15 July 2026 Outcome Payment and Reimbursable Expenses on receipt of evidence of Outcomes achieved between 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026	15 July 2026	Up to \$796,000
Fixed Payment for operation of service and support for participants in the Project, Outcome Payment and Reimbursable Expenses	Fixed Payment on submission of invoice by 15 January 2027 Outcome Payment and Reimbursable Expenses on receipt of evidence of Outcomes achieved between 1 July 2025 – 31 December 2026	15 January 2027	Up to \$1,168,000
Outcome Payment and Reimbursable Expenses	Outcome Payment and Reimbursable Expenses on receipt of evidence of Outcomes achieved between 1 July 2025 – 15 May 2027. Additionally, a report must be provided that reconciles cumulative payments to NSW by the Commonwealth, Outcomes achieved, and Reimbursable Expenses paid to service providers.	31 May 2027	Up to \$536,000

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for Social Services

28/5/2026

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



The Honourable Steven Whan MP
Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education

6/6/2026