

## Schedule 2

# Variation to the National Partnership Agreement on Grants Assistance to Primary Producers Impacted by the North Queensland Floods

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS

#### OVERVIEW

- A1. Schedule 2 (this Schedule) varies the *National Partnership Agreement on Grants Assistance to Primary Producers Impacted by the North Queensland Floods* (the Agreement). Variations are specified in this Schedule. In all other respects, the National Partnership Agreement remains unchanged.



#### DESCRIPTION

- A2. This schedule:

Former clause		Varied clause
(a)	<p>Title page.</p> <p>This Agreement will contribute to assist primary producers impacted by the floods and associated weather events of the North and Far North Monsoon Trough 25 January – 14 February 2019 to rebuild their farm enterprises through grants to purchase on-farm infrastructure and to restock and/or replant.</p>	<p>Title page.</p> <p>This agreement will contribute to the long-term recovery of areas impacted by the floods and associated weather events of the North and Far North Monsoon Trough 25 January – 14 February 2019.</p>
(b)	<p>Clause 2.</p> <p>This Agreement will support the delivery and administration of a \$150 million on-farm restocking and replanting grant program and a \$150 million on-farm infrastructure grant program by Queensland to assist primary producers impacted by the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough (25 January to 14 February 2019).</p>	<p>Clause 2.</p> <p>This Agreement will support the delivery and administration of funding to support the recovery of the areas impacted by the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough (25 January to 14 February 2019), including the existing grants for on-farm restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure.</p>

(c)	<p>Clause 5.</p> <p>Queensland will provide five progress reports on acquittal of grant funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2019 and subsequent reports due every 6 months thereafter, with the final report due two months after completion of the program on 30 June 2021.</p>	<p>Clause 5.</p> <p>Queensland will provide six-monthly progress reports on acquittal of funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2019 and subsequent reports due every 6 months thereafter. The final report for the restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure grants will be due two months after completion of the grants program on 30 June 2022, and two months after completion of the support measures on 30 June 2024.</p>
(d)	<p>Clause 8.</p> <p>This Agreement will commence as soon as the Parties both sign the Agreement and will expire on completion of the project on 30 August 2021, including final reporting, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.</p>	<p>Clause 8.</p> <p>This Agreement will commence as soon as the Parties both sign the Agreement and will expire on completion of the Agreement on 30 June 2024, including final reporting, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.</p>
(e)	<p>Clause 9.</p> <p>The objective of this Agreement is to assist primary producers impacted by the floods and associated weather events of the North and Far North Monsoon Trough 25 January – 14 February 2019 to rebuild their farm enterprise(s).</p>	<p>Clause 9.</p> <p>The objective of this Agreement is to assist the regions impacted by the floods and associated weather events of the North and Far North Monsoon Trough 25 January – 14 February 2019 to support ongoing recovery and strengthened resilience.</p>
(f)	<p>Clause 11.</p> <p>The output of this Agreement will be for Queensland to develop and administer a \$150 million on-farm restocking and replanting grant program and a \$150 million on-farm infrastructure grant program to assist primary producers impacted by the floods and associated weather events of the North and Far North Monsoon Trough 25 January – 14 February 2019.</p>	<p>Clause 11.</p> <p>The output of this Agreement will be for Queensland to develop and administer on-farm restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure grants to assist primary producers, and to develop and administer additional support measures to ensure ongoing recovery of the regions impacted by the floods and associated weather events of the North and Far North Monsoon Trough 25 January – 14 February 2019.</p>
(g)	<p>Clause 12.</p> <p>(b) Working with Queensland to determine grant program details as per Schedule 1.</p>	<p>Clause 12.</p> <p>(b) Working with Queensland to determine grant program details as per the associated Schedules.</p>
(h)	<p>Clause 13.</p>	<p>Clause 13</p>

	(a) All aspects of delivering on the outputs set out in this Agreement, including Schedule 1 to this Agreement.	(a) All aspects of delivering on the outputs set out in this Agreement, including all Schedules to this Agreement.
(i)	<p>Clause 17.</p> <p>Queensland will provide the Commonwealth with five progress reports on acquittal of grant funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2019 and subsequent reports due every 6 months thereafter, with the final report due by 30 August 2021.</p>	<p>Clause 17.</p> <p>Queensland will provide six-monthly progress reports on acquittal of funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2019 and subsequent reports due every 6 months thereafter. The final report for the restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure grants will be due two months after completion of the grants program on 30 June 2022, and two months after completion of the support measures on 30 June 2024.</p>
(j)	<p>Clause 20.</p> <p>Queensland may use 3.5 per cent of the total amount of grant funds dispersed for the purpose of administering the two grants programs.</p>	<p>Clause 20.</p> <p>Queensland may use 3.5 per cent of the total amount of funds dispersed or agreed scheme costs as negotiated for the purpose of administering grants and support measures outlined in the Schedules.</p>
(k)	<p>Clause 22.</p> <p>The Commonwealth is providing funding of \$150 million for the on-farm infrastructure program and \$150 million for the restocking and replanting grants program.</p>	<p>Clause 22.</p> <p>The Commonwealth is providing funding of \$242 million for restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure grants, and \$58 million to support additional measures (detailed in Schedule 2A – 2E) to underpin the long-term strategy for recovery</p>
(l)	<p>Clause 23.</p> <p>Having regard to the agreed costs of the grant programs specified in this Agreement, in the event that either of these programs proves to be undersubscribed or oversubscribed during delivery, Queensland may seek the written agreement of the Commonwealth to use funds from the undersubscribed program to increase the funding amount of the oversubscribed program, to the extent of the total \$300 million combined funding limit.</p>	<p>Clause 23.</p> <p>Having regard to the costs of the restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure grants, any unused portion of funds at the cessation of the program will be used to fund measures to underpin the strategy for long-term recovery.</p>
(m)	<p>Clause 24.</p> <p>The Commonwealth will invoice Queensland for any grant funds not spent as</p>	<p>Clause 24.</p> <p>The Commonwealth will invoice Queensland for any funds not spent as per the final</p>

	per the final acquittal report by the end of the 2020-21 year.	acquittal report by the end of the 2024-25 financial year.
(n)	<p>Clause 26.</p> <p>(a) Funding for this review will be derived from the total funding envelope of the two grant programs.</p>	<p>Clause 26.</p> <p>(a) Funding for this review will be derived from the total funding amount.</p>
(o)	<p>Clause 29.</p> <p>The relevant Commonwealth Minister with portfolio responsibility may delegate the assessment of performance against the milestone and the authorisation of the related project payment to senior Commonwealth officials, having regard to the financial and policy risks associated with this payment.</p>	<p>Clause 29.</p> <p>The relevant Commonwealth Minister with portfolio responsibility may delegate the assessment of performance against the milestone and the authorisation of the related project payment to senior Commonwealth officials, having regard to the financial and policy risks associated with this payment.</p> <p>Agreement of Schedules to this Agreement are delegated to the relevant Commonwealth Minister with portfolio responsibility to confirm arrangements for the delivery of measures underpinning the strategy for long-term strategy recovery.</p>
(p)	<p>Schedule 1 – clause 9.</p> <p>Queensland will provide the Commonwealth with five progress reports on the acquittal of grant funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2019 and subsequent reports due every six months thereafter, with the final report due by 30 June 2021.</p>	<p>Schedule 1 – clause 9.</p> <p>Queensland will provide six-monthly progress reports on acquittal of funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2019 and subsequent reports due every 6 months thereafter. The final report will be due two months after completion of the grants program on 30 June 2022.</p>
<p>A3. This Schedule will take effect as soon as the Commonwealth and Queensland sign the Schedule.</p> <p>Agreed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by:</p>  <p>The Honourable David Littleproud MP Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management Date:</p> <p>Agreed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by:</p> 		

The Honourable Mark Furner MP  
Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries  
Date: 02 October 2020

# Schedule 2A

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

1. The grant programs set out in this agreement will be administered by Queensland.
  - a. Up to 3.5 per cent of the total amount of grant funds dispersed or agreed scheme costs as negotiated may be used by Queensland for program administration purposes; and
  - b. Queensland will consult regularly on the development and delivery of this program with the Commonwealth, including through a steering committee.
2. The economic diversification program will provide \$9 million over 3 years from 2020-21 to support activities to increase the economic diversification of the region. This funding will support projects that show innovative approaches to support emerging industries, expansion of small-scale industries or through value adding for existing industries and their supply chains that provide opportunities to generate economic and employment opportunities.
3. Queensland and Commonwealth officials will form a jointly chaired steering committee to develop and agree the grant program guidelines and ensure the ongoing features of the grant programs remain fit for purpose as the scope and scale of the disaster continues to be better understood. The following matters will be considered, but will not be limited to:
  - a. eligibility criteria to access the grant programs;
  - b. settling detail of reporting requirements;
  - c. information to be provided by applicants to determine eligibility and grant funding amount;
  - d. a compliance plan for the program;
  - e. the mechanism for payments of grant monies to successful applicants; and
  - f. agreeing as necessary any changes to the administration fee commensurate with scheme changes.
4. The Co-ordinator-General of the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency has the authority to agree the final specifications (or subsequent changes) for the grant programs.
5. Queensland will provide the Commonwealth with a grant application assessment report and annual progress reports on the acquittal of grant funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2021 and subsequent reports due every twelve months thereafter, with the final report due by 30 June 2024.
  - a. The content of progress reports is to be settled in writing between Queensland and Commonwealth officials by 30 March 2021.

# Schedule 2B

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

1. The grant programs set out in this agreement will be administered by Queensland.
  - a. Up to 3.5 per cent of the total amount of grant funds dispersed or agreed scheme costs as negotiated may be used by Queensland for program administration purposes; and
  - b. Queensland will consult regularly on the development and delivery of this program with the Commonwealth, including through a steering committee.
2. The telecommunications and energy improvement program will provide \$15 million over 3 years from 2020-21 to support locally-led solutions that improve access to reliable and affordable telecommunications and energy services. Improving access to affordable and reliable telecommunications and energy through bespoke, local solutions will support business and community growth in the region.
3. Queensland and Commonwealth officials will form a jointly chaired steering committee to develop and agree the grant program guidelines and ensure the ongoing features of the grant programs remain fit for purpose as the scope and scale of the disaster continues to be better understood. The following matters will be considered, but will not be limited to:
  - a. eligibility criteria to access the grant programs;
  - b. settling detail of reporting requirements;
  - c. information to be provided by applicants to determine eligibility and grant funding amount;
  - d. a compliance plan for the program;
  - e. the mechanism for payments of grant monies to successful applicants; and
  - f. agreeing as necessary any changes to the administration fee commensurate with scheme changes.
4. The Co-ordinator-General of the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency has the authority to agree the final specifications (or subsequent changes) for the grant programs.
5. Queensland will provide the Commonwealth with a grant application assessment report and annual progress reports on the acquittal of grant funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2021 and subsequent reports due every twelve months thereafter, with the final report due by 30 June 2024.
  - a. The content of progress reports is to be settled in writing between Queensland and Commonwealth officials by 30 March 2021.

# Schedule 2C

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESILIENT KIDS

1. The grant programs set out in this agreement will be administered by Queensland.
  - a. Up to 3.5 per cent of the total amount of grant funds dispersed or agreed scheme costs as negotiated may be used by Queensland for program administration purposes; and
  - b. Queensland will consult regularly on the development and delivery of this program with the Commonwealth, including through a steering committee.
2. The resilient kids program will provide \$2 million over 4 years from 2020-21 to support the development and delivery of a preventative mental health measures for children in the flood-affected areas. This will equip children with the skills to identify the early signs of mental stress, normalise the discussion around mental wellbeing, and increase knowledge about where to turn for help.
3. Queensland and Commonwealth officials will form a jointly chaired steering committee to develop and agree the grant program guidelines and ensure the ongoing features of the grant programs remain fit for purpose as the scope and scale of the disaster continues to be better understood. The following matters will be considered, but will not be limited to:
  - a. eligibility criteria to access the grant programs;
  - b. settling detail of reporting requirements;
  - c. information to be provided by applicants to determine eligibility and grant funding amount;
  - d. a compliance plan for the program;
  - e. the mechanism for payments of grant monies to successful applicants; and
  - f. agreeing as necessary any changes to the administration fee commensurate with scheme changes.
4. The Co-ordinator-General of the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency has the authority to agree the final specifications (or subsequent changes) for the grant programs.
5. Queensland will provide the Commonwealth with a grant application assessment report and annual progress reports on the acquittal of grant funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2021 and subsequent reports due every twelve months thereafter, with the final report due by 30 June 2024.
  - a. The content of progress reports is to be settled in writing between Queensland and Commonwealth officials by 30 March 2021.



# Schedule 2D

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANAGING DISASTER RISK

1. The grant programs set out in this agreement will be administered by Queensland.
  - a. Up to 3.5 per cent of the total amount of grant funds dispersed or agreed scheme costs as negotiated may be used by Queensland for program administration purposes; and
  - b. Queensland will consult regularly on the development and delivery of this programs with the Commonwealth, including through a steering committee.
2. The managing disaster risk program will provide \$12 million over 3 years from 2020-21 to support individuals, enterprises, industries and communities to improve their understanding of disaster risk and improve disaster risk management planning through information sharing, improved data collection and improved communication tools.
3. Queensland and Commonwealth officials will form a jointly chaired steering committee to develop and agree the grant program guidelines and ensure the ongoing features of the grant programs remain fit for purpose as the scope and scale of the disaster continues to be better understood. The following matters will be considered, but will not be limited to:
  - a. eligibility criteria to access the grant programs;
  - b. settling detail of reporting requirements;
  - c. information to be provided by applicants to determine eligibility and grant funding amount;
  - d. a compliance plan for the program;
  - e. the mechanism for payments of grant monies to successful applicants; and
  - f. agreeing as necessary any changes to the administration fee commensurate with scheme changes.
4. The Co-ordinator-General of the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency has the authority to agree the final specifications (or subsequent changes) for the grant programs.
5. Queensland will provide the Commonwealth with a grant application assessment report and annual progress reports on the acquittal of grant funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2021 and subsequent reports due every twelve months thereafter, with the final report due by 30 June 2024.
  - a. The content of progress reports is to be settled in writing between Queensland and Commonwealth officials by 30 March 2021.

# Schedule 2E

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GRANTS

1. The grant programs set out in this agreement will be administered by Queensland.
  - a. Up to 3.5 per cent of the total amount of grant funds dispersed or agreed scheme costs as negotiated may be used by Queensland for program administration purposes; and
  - b. Queensland will consult regularly on the development and delivery of this program with the Commonwealth, including through a steering committee.
2. The recovery and resilience grants program will provide \$20 million over 4 years from 2020-21 to support locally-led solutions to implement a range of activities to support all the strategic objectives outlined in the strategy. This will allow the flood-affected individuals, businesses and communities to be actively involved in, and share responsibility for the regions' recovery and make sure that regional complexities and needs are taken into account in the provision of funding.
3. Queensland and Commonwealth officials will form a jointly chaired steering committee to develop and agree the grant program guidelines and ensure the ongoing features of the grant programs remain fit for purpose as the scope and scale of the disaster continues to be better understood. The following matters will be considered, but will not be limited to:
  - a. eligibility criteria to access the grant programs;
  - b. settling detail of reporting requirements;
  - c. information to be provided by applicants to determine eligibility and grant funding amount;
  - d. a compliance plan for the program;
  - e. the mechanism for payments of grant monies to successful applicants; and
  - f. agreeing as necessary any changes to the administration fee commensurate with scheme changes.
4. The Co-ordinator-General of the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency has the authority to agree the final specifications (or subsequent changes) for the grant programs.
5. Queensland will provide the Commonwealth with a grant application assessment report and annual progress reports on the acquittal of grant funding, with the first report due by 30 June 2021 and subsequent reports due every twelve months thereafter, with the final report due by 30 June 2024.

- a. The content of progress reports is to be settled in writing between Queensland and Commonwealth officials by 30 March 2021.