



Julie Collins MP

**Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness
Minister for Small Business**

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Ms Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Housing and Suburban Development
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Dear Minister *Yvette*

As discussed at the Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council on 3 May 2023, I am writing to finalise the one-year extension of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) with the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) to 30 June 2024.

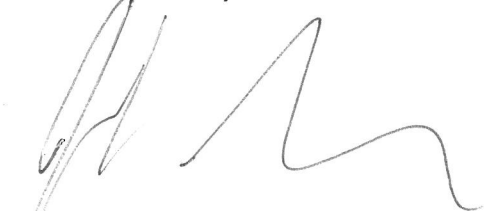
Attached is the proposed bilateral schedule for the ACT which incorporates feedback provided by the ACT Chief Minister and Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA, and information provided by ACT housing officials. I have signed the schedule on behalf of the Commonwealth. In order to finalise the extension, I now seek your agreement and signature as soon as possible.

For the ACT, the NHHA one-year extension equates to around \$28.7 million general funding and \$1.7 million homelessness funding for 2023-24. This includes a one-off additional payment of \$2.0 million applied to general funding to address the homelessness challenges raised in the 2021 Census. NHHA funding for 2023-24 also reflects updates to the parameters (population and indexation) consistent with the 2023-24 Budget.

Consistent with my previous correspondence, there are no changes to existing terms and conditions under the one-year extension of the NHHA. Reporting conditions will remain as outlined in clauses 36 – 40, and funding arrangements and conditions continue in line with clauses 46 – 50.

As you are aware, the Albanese Government is committed to an ambitious housing agenda to improve housing supply and affordability across Australia. The one-year extension of the NHHA provides further time to work together to implement this agenda, and to develop new housing and homelessness funding arrangements. I look forward to working closely with you as we progress this work

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Collins', with a stylized, flowing script.

Julie Collins MP

20/6/2023

Enc. ACT 2023-24 Bilateral Schedule

Australian Capital Territory

NATIONAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS AGREEMENT

PRELIMINARIES

1. This Schedule is an agreement that is a supplementary housing agreement for the purposes of section 15C of the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009*.
2. This Schedule is intended to replace Schedule E7 of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (the Agreement) after 30 June 2023.
3. This Schedule is to support the terms set out in the Agreement signed by the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).
4. This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and the ACT sign the schedule.
5. Unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties, this Schedule will expire no later than 30 June 2024.
6. A Party to this Schedule may terminate their participation in the Agreement at any time by giving 12 months' notice of intention to do so, in writing, to the other Party.
7. This Schedule may be amended at any time by agreement in writing of the relevant Commonwealth and State portfolio ministers.
8. The purpose of this Schedule is to provide an indication of how the ACT intends to implement the conditions of the Agreement.
9. To enable payments to commence from 2023-24, the ACT confirms that it satisfies the requirements of clause 17 of the Agreement as at 1 July 2023 and as set out in this Schedule.

PART 1 – FUNDING

10. The funding allocation for the ACT is estimated to be \$28.7 million general funding and \$1.7 million homelessness funding from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. Actual funding entitlements may vary in line with Clause 42 of the Agreement.

PART 2 – ACT HOUSING STRATEGY AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

11. The ACT meets the requirements of sub-clause 17(a) and (b) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:
 - a. ACT Housing Strategy

PART 3 – REPORTING

12. As required by clause 40 of the Agreement, the ACT will report annually on the implementation of the reforms and initiatives set out in the housing and homelessness strategies identified in Part 2 of this Schedule. Reporting will be provided to the Commonwealth Minister with portfolio responsibility for housing and homelessness and will be made publicly available.
13. Reporting will consist of the following:
 - (a) The ACT's Community Services Directorate Annual Report, released within 15 weeks of the end of the reporting year each year (mid-October), provides comprehensive reporting on the social housing and homelessness sectors and includes key statistics and data as well as strategic performance indicators. ;
 - (b) The ACT's Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate Annual Report, released within 15 weeks of the end of the reporting year each year (mid-October), provides comprehensive reporting on land release, planning policy and planning delivery related to the broader housing market. This report includes key statistics and data as well as strategic performance indicators
 - (c) The ACT's Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Annual Report, released within 15 weeks of the end of the reporting year each year (mid-October), provides reporting on affordable housing initiatives. This report includes key statistics and data as well as key performance indicators; and
 - (d) Reporting on any remaining initiatives, not covered by the above reports.

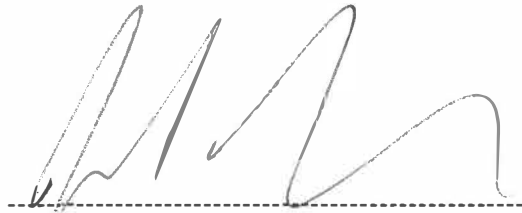
PART 4 – OTHER CONDITIONS/PRIORITY POLICY AREAS

14. Other conditions and/or priority policy areas may be agreed between the Parties from time to time

PART 5 – SIGN OFF

16. The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

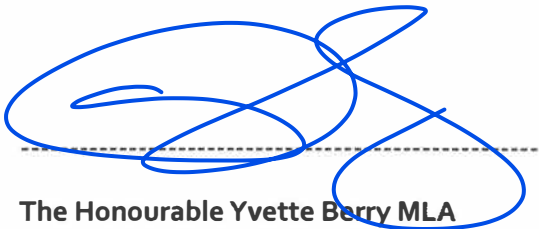
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Julie Collins MP
Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness

20/06/2023

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The Honourable Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

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