

2022 Floods in New South Wales and Queensland – Additional Legal Assistance

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Queensland
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 September 2026.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of efficient and effective legal assistance services to support relief and recovery in communities affected by the floods in New South Wales and Queensland in February and March 2022. This Schedule will also support legal assistance services as they deal with the compounding impacts of prior disasters including the 2019-20 bushfires and the additional floods in 2022.</p> <p>This Schedule will provide funding for existing legal assistance services operating in affected communities: legal aid commissions, community legal centres, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services.</p> <p>The availability of these legal assistance services will assist individuals, small businesses, and primary producers to navigate through the legal issues that arise in the aftermath of the floods.</p>

Estimated financial contributions

The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$17.449m in respect of this Schedule.

Table 1

(\$ million)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
Estimated total budget	1.362	7.087	3.000	3.000	3.000	17.449
- New South Wales	0.821	4.215	1.750	1.750	1.750	10.286
- Queensland	0.541	2.872	1.250	1.250	1.250	7.163

Additional terms

1. The Parties will meet biannually on a bilateral basis to discuss the operation of this Schedule. This can take place in conjunction with existing bilateral meetings under the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25.
2. The Parties note that some legal assistance services delivered through funding provided under this Schedule may extend beyond the expiration of this Schedule.
3. The States will allocate \$12 million of this funding in accordance with Table 3 of this agreement.
4. The States will ensure that funding allocated to specific community legal centres in accordance with Table 3 of this agreement, will not result in reductions to, or redirection of, those centres' other funding allocations under the National Legal Assistance Partnership.
5. The States will ensure legal assistance service data is collected and reported consistent with the *National Legal Assistance Data Standards Manual*.
6. The States will ensure that funding delivered under this Schedule is not claimed as eligible expenditure under the *Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements*.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Delivery of efficient and effective legal assistance services to individuals, small businesses, and primary producers impacted by floods in February and March 2022 as well as other disasters including the 2019-20 bushfires and additional floods in 2022.</p>	<p>Identification of Local Government Areas impacted by the floods in which increased legal assistance services may be required</p>	<p>Immediately following execution of this Schedule</p>	<p>\$1.362m (Paid)</p>
	<p>Advice on allocation or proposed allocation of funding to individual legal assistance providers</p>	<p>15/08/2022</p>	<p>\$4.087m (Paid)</p>
	<p>Execution of amended schedule</p>	<p>Following amended Schedule execution</p>	<p>\$3.000m</p>
	<p>States to confirm that individual service provider agreements for CLCs listed in Table 3 have been executed. This will require the provision of the following information;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the CLC • Date the agreement was executed • Length of the agreement • Total amount to be delivered under the agreement 	<p>15/08/2023</p>	<p>\$3.000m</p>
	<p>Collation of the following information relating to services delivered with funding under this Schedule from 1 March 2022 to 30 June 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of legal assistance services delivered, disaggregated by service type, primary law type, and problem type (where collected); • an outline of any collaborative activities undertaken by legal assistance providers to assist disaster relief and recovery, within the legal assistance sector and with other support sectors; and • a de-identified case study that demonstrates the outcomes achieved by one or more legal assistance providers in supporting disaster relief and recovery for an individual, small business, or primary producer. 	<p>15/08/2023</p>	<p>Nil</p>
	<p>Collation of the following information relating to services delivered with funding under this Schedule from 1 July to 30 June each subsequent year:</p>	<p>15/08/2024 15/08/2025 15/08/2026</p>	<p>\$3.000m \$3.000m Nil</p>

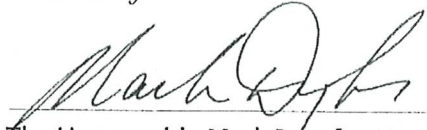
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Table 3: List of Community Legal Centres to receive funding

State	Community Legal Centre	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre Illawarra Legal Centre Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Tenants Union of New South Wales Welfare Rights Centre 	\$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m	\$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m	\$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m	\$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caxton Legal Centre Hub Community Legal LawRight Tenants Queensland Pine Rivers Community Legal Service 	\$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m	\$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m	\$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m	\$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m \$0.250m

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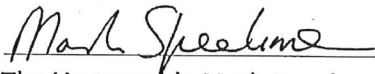
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