

23MHA/1012



Government
of South Australia

Hon Nat Cook MP

Hon Julie Collins MP
Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness
Via email: minister.collins@dss.gov.au

Dear Minister *Julie*

Thank you for your correspondence regarding a one-year extension of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) to 30 June 2024.

I am pleased to enclose a signed copy of Schedule E5 to the NHHA that confirms South Australia's agreement to the proposed extension.

Federal Labor has already committed to major investments to help our troubled housing market including an increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance, a new National Housing and Homelessness Plan, the \$2 billion Social Housing Accelerator and the proposed \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund. I applaud your leadership that complements key investments and reforms from the Malinauskas Labor Government including an extra \$232.7 million for public housing, historic land releases and residential tenancy reforms.

Notwithstanding the significant work of both our governments in housing and homelessness during a relatively short period in office, much remains to be done and I look forward to working with you to make that happen.

Thank you again for the offer to extend the NHHA and I trust we will negotiate a longer-term arrangement in the near future that delivers greater certainty for organisations – and members of the community – that rely on its funding.

Yours sincerely

Nat Cook

Hon Nat Cook MP
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

27 / 6 / 2022

South Australia

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 E5 of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (the Agreement) after 30 June 2023.
3. This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and South Australia sign the schedule.
4. This Schedule is to support the terms set out in the Agreement signed by the Commonwealth and South Australia.
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 South Australia intends to implement the conditions of the Agreement.
9. To enable payments to commence from 2023-24, South Australia 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 South Australia is estimated to be \$110.4 million general funding and \$9.9 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 – SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOUSING STRATEGY AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

11. South Australia meets the requirements of sub-clause 17(a) and (b) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:
 - (a) Our Housing Future 2020 - 2023
 - (b) Future Directions for Homelessness
 - (c) Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021 - 2031

PART 3 – REPORTING

12. As required by clause 40 of the Agreement, South Australia will report 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 include activities from July 1 2023 to June 30 2024.

It is noted that the housing market has changed significantly since the release of Our Housing Future 2020 – 2030 and in the event an updated state housing and homelessness strategy is published before the Agreement’s reporting submission is due, reporting will reflect the new strategy.

Additional reporting agreed in 2021 for the receipt of Social and Community Services (SACS) Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) equivalent funding (as specified in the addendum to schedule E5, signed in October 2021) will not be required to be reported in the annual statement of assurance produced for clause 36 of the Agreement. This additional reporting was tied specifically to the acceptance of funding for SACS ERO.

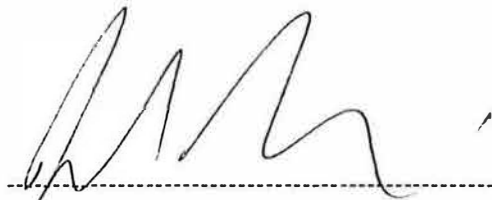
PART 4 – OTHER CONDITIONS/PRIORITY POLICY AREAS

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

PART 5 – SIGN OFF

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Collins', written over a horizontal dashed line.

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

20/06/2023

Signed for and on behalf of South Australia by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nat Cook', written over a horizontal dashed line.

The Honourable Nat Cook MP
Minister for Human Services

27 June 2023