



**Australian Government**

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

Ref: CDG1671 Hero's Hill Community Centre

s47F @3bridges.org.au

Dear s47F

I am writing to you regarding the Community Development Grants (CDG) program commitments made by the former Australian Government. Your organisation has been identified as having a commitment made under this program which is not yet contracted.

The Australian Government has decided to close the CDG program in line with the broader redesign of regional grant programs announced today. The Government has retained sufficient funds to honour any uncontracted CDG commitments provided that projects are contracted within six months and can be fully delivered by 30 June 2026.

I am pleased to advise that the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department) has been tasked with assessing your project and finalising an executed funding agreement within the next six months.

Please note, if you are unable to execute a funding agreement by 28 April 2023, or if your project cannot be completed by 30 June 2026, this commitment will be withdrawn. If relevant, you will be notified of this withdrawal in writing.

We look forward to working with you to deliver your project for the benefit of your local community. To enable us to progress the assessment of your project, we will be contacting you by telephone and/or email to discuss the next steps in your assessment process, in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, I strongly recommend your organisation does not enter into financial commitments or begin construction work on your project until you execute a funding agreement with the Department, as any expenditure incurred prior to executing an agreement may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Should you need to update any contact details please contact the Department via email [CDG@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:CDG@infrastructure.gov.au).

Yours sincerely  
s22(1)(a)(ii)

**Meghan Hibbert**  
**Assistant Secretary, Regional Programs**  
24 October 2022

**From:** s47F [redacted]@3bridges.org.au >  
**Sent:** Friday, 21 April 2023 5:13 PM  
**To:** CDG  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: CDG1671 - FA for grantee signature [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Importance:** High

Dear s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted],

I just wanted to let you know that we have received some not positive news from the landlord this afternoon and the feasibility of the project seems unachievable due to other complexities.

I would like to retract back our application and tried to recall me previous email with the signed agreement.

Can you please cease progress on this application request.

I thank you again for your support and it's unfortunate we are unable to move forward with this application.

Thanks again for your support.

Kind Regards,

s47F [redacted]

**Chief Executive Officer**

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**A** | 1/72 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park NSW 2221

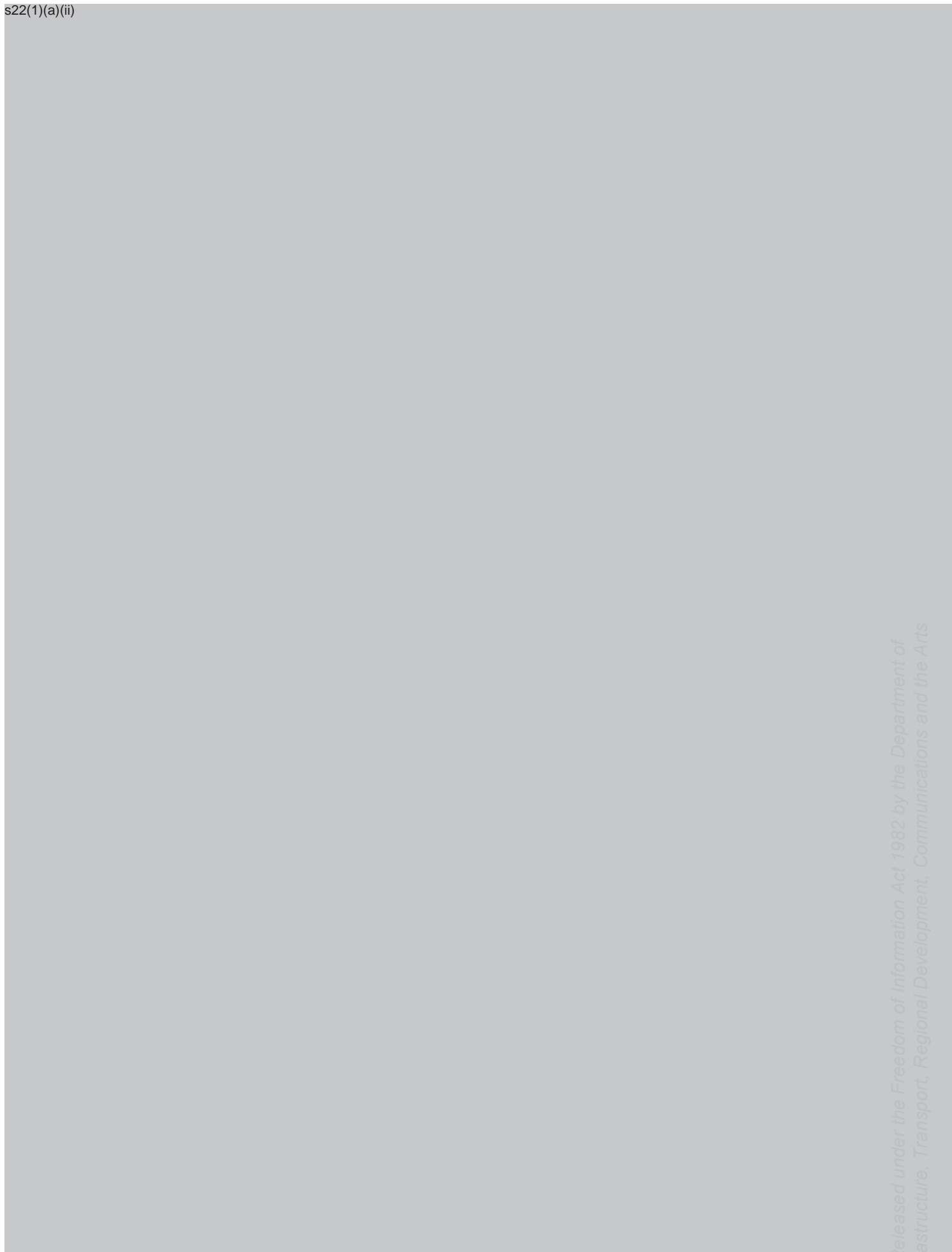


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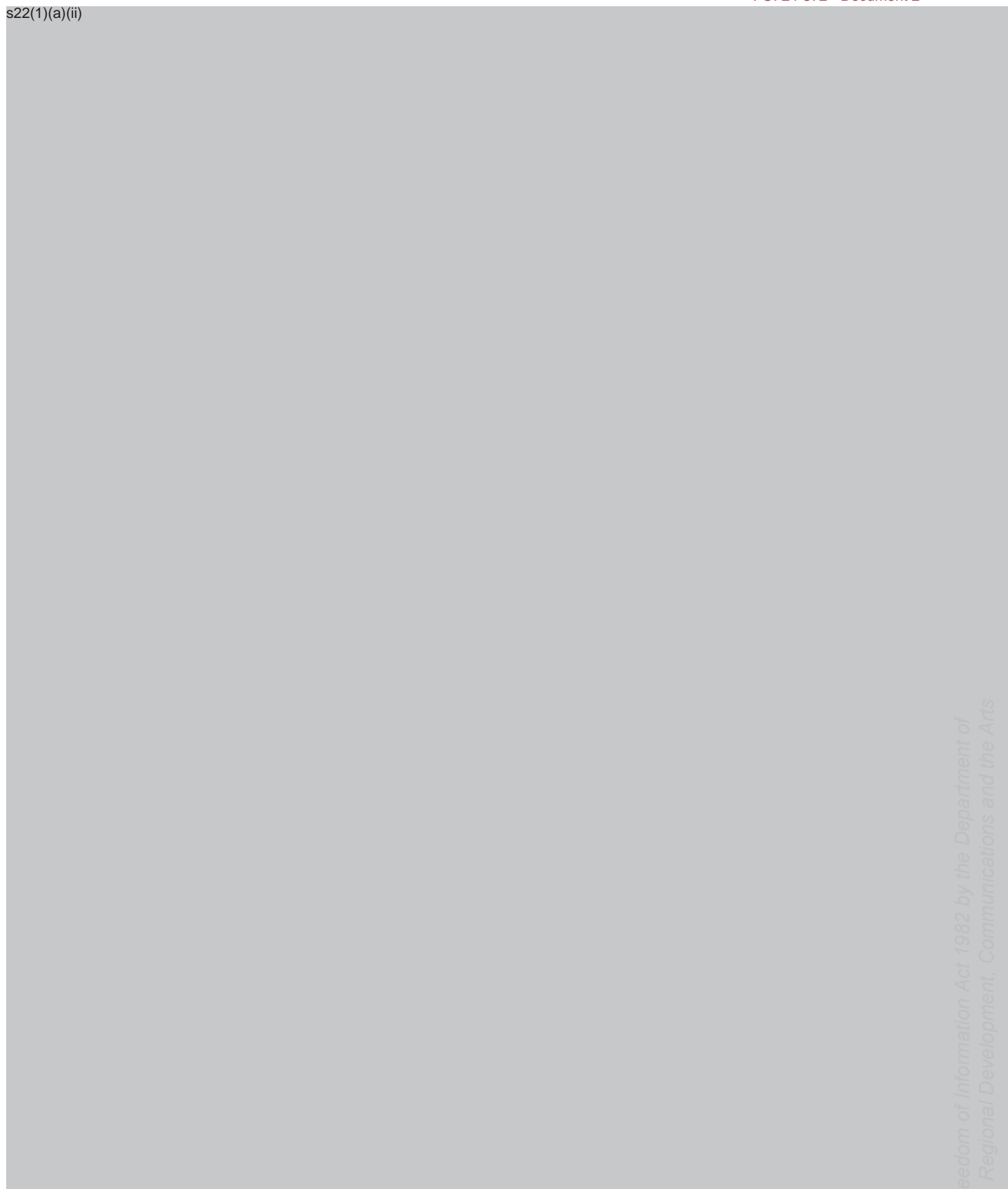
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**From:** s47F [redacted] @3bridges.org.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 August 2023 9:05 AM  
**To:** CDG Projects  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: CDG1671 - Hero's Hill Community Centre - Deed of Termination [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Termination letter CDG1671.pdf

Good Morning s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

My apologies and please find attached signed and dated document.

Kind Regards,  
s47F [redacted]  
Chief Executive Officer  
M: s47F [redacted]

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**From:** CDG Projects  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2023 8:09 am  
**To:** s47F [redacted]  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: CDG1671 - Hero's Hill Community Centre - Deed of Termination [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**OFFICIAL**

Good Morning s47F [redacted]  
Thank you for sending this through so promptly.  
Can you please resend the letter with your signature as well as dated. Unfortunately you did not complete the date under the signature and I require this to be dated.

Regards  
Bart

s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]  
Grants Management Officer | Project Delivery | Regional Programs Branch | Regional Development and Local Government Division  
s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] [@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@infrastructure.gov.au)

s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]  
GPO Box 594 Canberra, ACT 2601  
s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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**From:** s47F [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 August 2023 8:54 AM  
**To:** CDG Projects  
**Subject:** Re: CDG1671 - Hero's Hill Community Centre - Deed of Termination [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good Morning s22(1)(a) [redacted],  
I trust you are doing well and please find attached signed document.  
Thanks again for all your support.  
Kind Regards,



s47F

Chief Executive Officer

M: s47F

From: CDG Projects <[CDG.Projects@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:CDG.Projects@infrastructure.gov.au)>

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 8:40 am

To: s47F <[redacted]> <[\[redacted\]@3bridges.org.au](mailto:[redacted]@3bridges.org.au)>

Subject: CDG1671 - Hero's Hill Community Centre - Deed of Termination [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**OFFICIAL**

Good Morning s47F

Following up on the termination letter you received in the email below back on 15 June 2023.

We have yet to received the signed copy of the letter. Can you please sign and return a copy as soon possible.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Grants Management Officer • Project Delivery • Regional Programs Branch • Regional Development and Local Government Division

s22(1)(a)(ii) <[\[redacted\]@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au)>

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Making flexibility work – My work from office/ home arrangements are as follows:

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From: CDG <[CDG@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:CDG@infrastructure.gov.au)>

Sent: Thursday, 15 June 2023 8:14 AM

To: s47F <[redacted]> <[\[redacted\]@3bridges.org.au](mailto:[redacted]@3bridges.org.au)>

Subject: CDG1671 - Hero's Hill Community Centre - Deed of Termination [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s47F

I refer to the Community Development Grant funding agreement for the Hero's Hill Community Centre that you previously signed and the department executed on the same day, which you later retracted as you advised that the lease was not renewed and you could not proceed with the project.

Therefore as the funding agreement was signed, the Department just needs to tidy up this project.

Could you please review the attached letter, sign and send it back to [cdg.projects@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:cdg.projects@infrastructure.gov.au)

Regards

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

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*I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live.*

*I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities.*

*I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

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### Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

s47F

Chief Executive Officer  
3Bridges Community Limited  
1/72 Carwar Avenue  
CARSS PARK NSW 2221

Dear s47F

#### Re: Termination of the Funding Agreement in relation to Hero's Hill Community Centre – CDG1671

We refer to the above agreement dated 25th April 2023 between the Commonwealth of Australia (acting through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and Arts) ABN 86 267 354 017 (**Commonwealth, our or we**) and 3Bridges Community Limited ABN 96 039 601 269 (**your or you**) (together, the parties) (Agreement).

Capitalised terms used in this letter that are not otherwise defined in this letter have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

The Agreement provides that you are entitled to a grant of \$2,000,000.00 (GST exclusive), subject to you meeting specified conditions including completion of the Milestones set out in Annexure A to the Agreement. As of the date of this letter, you have not received any funding under the Agreement.

You advised via email on 21 April 2023 that due to unforeseen complexities and unfavourable news from the landlord you would not be able to move forward with the project and formally requested the Commonwealth to cease progressing the Funding Agreement any further. Unfortunately this email was not actioned by us prior to my execution of the Funding Agreement on 25 April 2023 on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Based on the above request and in the interest of completeness, the Commonwealth proposes to bring the Agreement to an end by mutual agreement. The proposed terms of the agreement are set out below. If you agree to the mutual termination, please confirm your agreement by arranging an authorised representative to sign this letter in the space provided below.

If we do not receive a response within 30 days, the Commonwealth provides notice in this letter that the Agreement will be deemed to be terminated in accordance with clauses 17.2 of the Agreement with effect from the date that is 30 days after the date of this letter

#### Termination by mutual agreement – Terms

1. The Agreement terminates on the date on which you sign this letter in the space provided below (**Signing Date**).
2. On and from the Signing Date:
  - 2.1 the Agreement is terminated by mutual consent of the parties;
  - 2.2 the parties release each other from the further performance of all of their respective obligations (including payment obligations) under the Agreement; and
  - 2.3 subject to paragraph 3 below, each party forever discharges and releases the other party from all actions, proceedings, claims and demands whatsoever which a party now has or may in the future



have against the other party for loss or damage sustained by the party as a result of or arising out of, directly or indirectly, the Agreement, this letter and all matters arising from and incidental to them.

- 3. Despite the termination of the Agreement pursuant to this letter, clause 21.12 of the Agreement continues to apply.
- 4. You acknowledge that agreement as set out in this letter is made without admission of any legal liability whatsoever on the part of either party or any past and present ministers, officers, employees, agents, professional advisors, executors, administrators or assigns of a party to this letter.
- 5. You:
  - 5.1 acknowledge that you enter into this letter freely and voluntarily based upon your own information, legal advice and investigation;
  - 5.2 acknowledge that you are not executing this letter as a result of, by reason of, or in reliance on any promise, representation, advice, statement or information of any kind or nature whether in answer to any inquiry or not; and
  - 5.3 represent and warrant that this letter is valid and binding in respect of the Recipient.

Please confirm your agreement to the terms set out above by arranging for an authorised representative to sign this letter in the space provided below:

s47F

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**Signature** ✓

s47F

Name: .....

Position: **Chief Executive Officer** .....

**3Bridges Community Limited ABN 96 039 601 269**

**Signing Date:** **25 Aug 2023** .....

Once signed, please email a scanned copy to [cdg.projects@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:cdg.projects@infrastructure.gov.au). Please retain a copy of the signed letter for your records.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter, please email [cdg@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:cdg@infrastructure.gov.au).

The Commonwealth reserves all of its rights in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

s22(1)(a)(ii)

**Jane Hunt**  
A/g Assistant Secretary  
Regional Programs Branch  
15 June 2023