

Australian Government

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



To: The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (for decision)

Subject: Your 2022 Election Commitments - Desktop Review Results

Critical Date: Routine

Recommendations:

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Agreed Not Agreed

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Noted / Please Discuss

The Hon Catherine King MP

Date: 9-2-23

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C-G47- 000166	s47G(1)(a)		\$8,500,000	City of Parramatta Council		124
C-G47- 000165			\$12,800,000	Blacktown City Council		128
C-G47- 002741			\$10,500,000	Muswellbrook Shire Council		124
C-G47- 002268			\$10,000,000	Katherine Town Council		116
Not provided			\$7,500,000	Cessnock City Council		126
C-G47- 000107			\$5,000,000	City of Gosnells		124
Not provided			\$8,500,000	Macedon Ranges Shire Council		124
C-G47- 001196			\$15,000,000	Macedon Ranges Shire Council		130

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C-G47- 000131			\$2,500,000	City of Marion		116
C-G47- 001744			\$13,600,000	Whitehorse City Council		118
Not provided	541 G(1)(a)					
Not provided	s47G(1)(a)		\$8,000,000	City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder		112
C-G47- 001287			\$8,000,000	Peel Regional Leaders Forum Inc	Regional Development Australia Peel Inc	112

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C-G47- 001310	Police and Community Youth Centre in Caboolture		\$5,000,000	Moreton Bay Regional Council	PCYC Caboolture	116
Not provided	-s47G(1)(a)		\$5,300,000	City of Canning		130
C-G47- 000089			\$7,500,000	Shoalhaven City Council		126
C-G47- 000027			\$4,500,000	City of Ballarat		122
Not provided	s47B(b)		\$5,000,000	City of Albany		126
Not provided	54/5(0)					
	s4/G(1)(a)					
C-G47- 001471			\$10,000,000	City of Holdfast Bay		120
C-G47-			\$5,000,000	A. T. edict		

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002663			\$9,000,000	Wollongong City Council		122
C-G47-	-		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Yarra Ranges Shire		
001472			\$4,900,000	Council		123
C-G47-			NEXT AT	North Midlands		
000078	0.00		\$8,000,000	Council		126
	-s4/G(1)(a)			-		
C-G47-						
001404						
001404						
	S4/B(b)					
C-G47- 002148	S4/B(b)					
C-G47-	s4/b(b) s47G(1)(a)		\$5,500,000	Muswellbrook Shire		126
C-G47- 002148 Not provided	s47G(1)(a)		\$5,500,000	Muswellbrook Shire Council		126
C-G47- 002148 Not provided C-G47-	s47G(1)(a)		\$5,500,000 s47G(1)(a)	THE PART OF THE PA		126
C-G47- 002148 Not provided C-G47-	s47G(1)(a)		(Charles on Arthur Ross)	THE PART OF THE PA		126
C-G47- 002148 Not provided C-G47- 001922	s47G(1)(a)		s47G(1)(a)	Council		
C-G47- 002148 Not provided C-G47- 001922 C-G47-	s47G(1)(a)		(Charles on Arthur Ross)	THE PART OF THE PA		126
Not provided C-G47- 001922	s47G(1)(a)		\$47G(1)(a) \$750,000 as	Council MacDonnell Regional		

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	s47G(1)(a)					
C-G47- 000173			\$800,000 as part of \$10.5m	MacDonnell Regional Council		112
C-G47- 001523			250,000	Hume City Council		124
Not provided			2,500,000	Mitchell Shire Council		124
Not provided			3,000,000	Hawkesbury City Council		122
not provided	Remote Communities Sport and Recreation Package - Providing Women's Toilets and Changing Rooms at the Sporting Facility at Papunya s47B(b)	Papunya Sports Precinct Women's Change Rooms	4,050,000	MacDonnell Regional Council		116
not provided	-547D(U)					

C-G47-002505

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not provided	5,07					
C-G47- 001205	G(1)(a)					

^{*}Where the proponent has recommended an alternate title to better describe the project this has been noted.

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^{**}Where the original nominated proponent has recommended another organisation is best placed to deliver the project this has been noted.

^{***}Scores show the desktop review assessment only. As a formal recommendation for funding does not form part of this brief, these scores do not reflect value for money, project eligibility or suitability for funding.

Desktop Review Process

The merits review consists of two stages: Stage 1- Desktop Review (DTR) and Stage 2 - formal Value-for-Money (VFM) assessment where each commitment is assessed against specific criteria published in Grant Opportunity Guidelines in line with the CGRGs and PGPA Act.

All election commitments valued over \$5 million, and those under \$5 million that are your election commitments will undergo the DTR assessment and the VFM assessment (includes commitments in the Priority Community Infrastructure Program). All other commitments under \$5 million will undergo a VFM.

The DTR has considered organisation and project eligibility, co-funding arrangements and financial viability to sustain the grant period (since grant payments are generally made in arrears). As Stage 1 is not a formal VFM assessment, the department will not be making any recommendations for funding in this brief.

The department, in conducting the DTR, made direct contact with potential grantees (proponents) following approval from your office on 20 September 2022. Where information was missing from the election commitment list, the department contacted the Local Government organisation to seek advice (or propose that they become the default proponent).

Using the information provided by your office the Department wrote to each nominated organisation enclosing a copy of the Desktop review Form (DTRF). The local Member of Parliament also received a copy of the latter. Proponents were requested to respond to the letter within two weeks.

The Department rang each letter recipient within five days to confirm receipt of the DTR and provided assistance and advice where required.

The Department made a follow up phone call to organisations that had not yet sent a completed DTR form a week later to determine if the Department could be of any further assistance, and to remind organisations of the submission date.

The DTR Assessment considered the following categories:

- o organisation details;
- o legislative requirements;
- project details; and
- financial viability.

When in doubt as to who would receive the funding (the proponent), local councils were nominated as proponent.

In some cases, when the department made its follow-up phone call, it was advised of a different proponent. A new letter and form were then created and emailed with records updated

Once information in the Desktop Review Form was reviewed for each category scores were totaled to give an overall ranking

The ranking and associated risks to the project delivery will inform the decision as to whether the project is deemed suitable to proceed to Stage 2 of the assessment process.

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Desktop Review

Before you begin

The Department requires information about your project, which the Government committed to fund during their 2022 Federal Election Campaign, so that we can complete a desktop review.

The purpose of this process is to allow the Australian Government to commence program administration decisions on projects to be funded. Please answer every question. Should you have any questions on how to answer any part of the request for supplementary information please submit your query to: ec@infrastructure.gov.au

It is important to note that the Department may receive a request for access to information contained within this form. The Department will consult with you about any request to access this information. Should you reject this request, it will be dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1982. Information relating to individuals will be protected under the Privacy Act 1988.

How do I submit my information?

Complete and submit this form and the necessary supporting documents via email to: ec@infrastructure.gov.au within four weeks of receipt of this request.

Please be advised that this form should be completed in excel, with an electronic signature,

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Organisation Det	tails						DTR01
1. Organisation details						l	
Legal Entity Name							
Trading Name							
ABN				ACN			
GST Status	Registe	ered			Not Registered	d	
2. a) What is your Busi	ness Structur	e?					
Local Governmen			oorated Association	on	Company		
Trust*	C	Other (pleas	se specify):				
* Must provide copy of	Trust Deed						
2. b) Is your organisation	on private, for	profit?				Yes	No
3. Physical (registered)	address of o	rganisation					
Street Address							
Suburb/Town				State/Territ	ory	Postcode	
Organisation Email							
Organisation Website							
4. Contact details							
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Title	Į ŀ	First Name	Email		Surname		
Position			address				
Phone (W)			Phon	e (M)			

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Leg	siative Requirem	ents			
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Yes	No				
	licate year of Governme elevant year below.	ent investigation, liquida	tion, litigation or signific	ant change of financial p	position by highlighting
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
		een named as part of the art of the National Redre		nstitutional Response	to Child Sexual Abuse
b) If y	ou have answered yes, No	has your organisation sig	gned up or does it inten	d to sign up to the Natio	nal Redress Scheme?
Pro	ect Details				
	Project Title - Use the tit ded reason/s why under		mmitment notification.	If this is not the most ap	ppropriate title,
7. b)	Project Title - Provided բ	proposed new title and y	our reason's why.		
		ment with a detailed des information as required		hat is identified in Minis	ter King's letter
	e project will upgrade the reco	reation ground through the ins	stallation of new lighting and	the design and construction of	sub-soil drainage, irrigation

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9. Project location, if different from the organisation's physical (registered) address at Q3, otherwise	write N/A
Street Address		
Suburb/Town	State/Territory	Postcode
N/A		
If applicable, please provide a map or GPS location for the project		
10. What is the name of the Traditional Custodians of the land o	n which the project is to be located?	
11. Can you please outline the community benefits of the propo	sal (and the larger project if applicab	le)?
Eg - The construction/upgrade/redevelopment of community/sports/tourism interest economic viability to the region.	frastructure which will provide long-term impi	ovements in social and
The improvement of social amenity, increased health and wellbeing and social c	ohesion by utilisation of the infrastructure by	community groups.

Financial Viability

12. Please indicate the extent to which you have progressed the below:

Item	Not started	Started	Completed or N/A
Final designs			
Costings for project have been finalised and are current			
Co-funding has been finalised, if applicable			
All approvals received (eg council approvals)			
Leasing arrangements have been finalised, if required			

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15. Does your organisation have the capacity to cover cost overruns (infancial viability):	
Yes No No	
14. What is the total cost of the project?	
15. What is the amount of Australian Government funding for this project?	
16. Please be advised that no advanced payments will be provided. All payments are paid in arrears on satisfactory completion of milestones. Does your organisation have the capacity to cover costs prior to receipt of milestone payment for this project? Yes No	S
17. Have you completed a tender/procurement process and appointed a preferred contractor for this project? Yes No	
18. Have you commenced construction of this project? Yes No	
19. Will this project be completed and operational within three years of execution of a funding agreement? Yes No	
20. Does your project have community support? Yes No	
21. a) Are there any significant risks to your project? Yes No	
21 b) If yes, do you have or do you plan to have mitigation measures in place to minimise the risks? Yes No	
22. Have you previously received Australian Government funding for this project? Yes No	
23 . If your organisation has received funding from the Australian Government for any other project in the last 5 years, hathis funding been acquitted?	ıS
Yes No N/A	

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Authorisation

I, <full name of Authorised Officer> as <position/title> of <organisation name> <postal address>

Confirm that:

- · I am a person authorised to make this declaration on behalf of my organization;
- · The information provided in this form and all appended documents is complete and correct. I understand the information provided will form the basis of the Department's desktop review of the project.

Signature of Authorised Officer	
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PM & C	Project Title	Refined Project title (if different)*	Australian Government Funding Amount	Original Nominated Proponent	Updated proponent (if different)**	Score (total 140) ***
C-G47- 001481	s47B(b)					
C-G47- 000166	9÷1 ∪(1)(α)		\$8,500,000	City of Parramatta Council		124
C-G47- 000165			\$12,800,000	Blacktown City Council		128
C-G47- 002741			\$10,500,000	Muswellbrook Shire Council		124
C-G47- 002268			\$10,000,000	Katherine Town Council		116
Not provided			\$7,500,000	Cessnock City Council		126
C-G47- 000107			\$5,000,000	City of Gosnells		124
Not provided			\$8,500,000	Macedon Ranges Shire Council		124
C-G47- 001196			\$15,000,000	Macedon Ranges Shire Council		130

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Not provided	s47G(1)(a)		\$1,000,000	Blue Mountains City Council		124
C-G47- 000037			\$17,700,000	City of Greater Dandenong		128
C-G47- 000037			\$2,300,000	City of Greater Dandenong		126
C-G47- 000131			\$2,500,000	City of Marion		116
C-G47- 001744	In47C(4)(a)		\$13,600,000	Whitehorse City Council		118
Not provided	Address Committee					
Not provided	-s47G(1)(a)		\$8,000,000	City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder		112
C-G47- 001287			\$8,000,000	Peel Regional Leaders Forum Inc	Regional Development Australia Peel Inc	112

PM & C	Project Title	Refined Project title (if different)*	Australian Government Funding Amount	Original Nominated Proponent	Updated proponent (if different)**	Score (total 140) ***
C-G47- 001310	Police and Community Youth Centre in Caboolture		\$5,000,000	Moreton Bay Regional Council	PCYC Caboolture	116
Not provided	s47G(1)(a)		\$5,300,000	City of Canning		130
C-G47- 000089			\$7,500,000	Shoalhaven City Council		126
C-G47- 000027			\$4,500,000	City of Ballarat		122
Not provided			\$5,000,000	City of Albany		126
Not provided	s47B(b)					
C-G47- 001471	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		\$10,000,000	City of Holdfast Bay		120
C-G47- 002203			\$5,000,000	City of Wanneroo		136

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C-G47- 002663	-s47G(1)(a)		\$9,000,000	Wollongong City Council		122
C-G47- 001472			\$4,900,000	Yarra Ranges Shire Council		123
C-G47- 000078			\$8,000,000	North Midlands Council		126
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Not provided C-G47- 001922	¹ s47G(1)(a)		\$5,500,000 s47G(1)(a)	Muswellbrook Shire Council		126
C-G47- 000173			\$750,000 as part of \$10.5m	MacDonnell Regional Council		118

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C-G47- 000173			\$800,000 as part of \$10.5m	MacDonnell Regional Council		112
C-G47- 001523			250,000	Hume City Council		124
Not provided			2,500,000	Mitchell Shire Council		124
Not provided			3,000,000	Hawkesbury City Council		122
not provided	Remote Communities Sport and Recreation Package - Providing Women's Toilets and Changing Rooms at the Sporting Facility at Papunya	Papunya Sports Precinct Women's Change Rooms	4,050,000	MacDonnell Regional Council		116
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^{*}Where the proponent has recommended an alternate title to better describe the project this has been noted.

^{**}Where the original nominated proponent has recommended another organisation is best placed to deliver the project this has been noted.

^{***}Scores show the desktop review assessment only. As a formal recommendation for funding does not form part of this brief, these scores do not reflect value for money, project eligibility or suitability for funding.

Desktop Review Process

The merits review consists of two stages: Stage 1- Desktop Review (DTR) and Stage 2 - formal Value-for-Money (VFM) assessment where each commitment is assessed against specific criteria published in Grant Opportunity Guidelines in line with the CGRGs and PGPA Act.

All election commitments valued over \$5 million, and those under \$5 million that are your election commitments will undergo the DTR assessment and the VFM assessment (includes commitments in the Priority Community Infrastructure Program). All other commitments under \$5 million will undergo a VFM.

The DTR has considered organisation and project eligibility, co-funding arrangements and financial viability to sustain the grant period (since grant payments are generally made in arrears). As Stage 1 is not a formal VFM assessment, the department will not be making any recommendations for funding in this brief.

The department, in conducting the DTR, made direct contact with potential grantees (proponents) following approval from your office on 20 September 2022. Where information was missing from the election commitment list, the department contacted the Local Government organisation to seek advice (or propose that they become the default proponent).

Using the information provided by your office the Department wrote to each nominated organisation enclosing a copy of the Desktop review Form (DTRF). The local Member of Parliament also received a copy of the latter. Proponents were requested to respond to the letter within two weeks.

The Department rang each letter recipient within five days to confirm receipt of the DTR and provided assistance and advice where required.

The Department made a follow up phone call to organisations that had not yet sent a completed DTR form a week later to determine if the Department could be of any further assistance, and to remind organisations of the submission date.

The DTR Assessment considered the following categories:

- o organisation details;
- o legislative requirements;
- project details; and
- financial viability.

When in doubt as to who would receive the funding (the proponent), local councils were nominated as proponent.

In some cases, when the department made its follow-up phone call, it was advised of a different proponent. A new letter and form were then created and emailed with records updated

Once information in the Desktop Review Form was reviewed for each category scores were totaled to give an overall ranking

The ranking and associated risks to the project delivery will inform the decision as to whether the project is deemed suitable to proceed to Stage 2 of the assessment process.

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

Desktop Review

Before you begin

The Department requires information about your project, which the Government committed to fund during their 2022 Federal Election Campaign, so that we can complete a desktop review.

The purpose of this process is to allow the Australian Government to commence program administration decisions on projects to be funded. Please answer every question. Should you have any questions on how to answer any part of the request for supplementary information please submit your query to: ec@infrastructure.gov.au

It is important to note that the Department may receive a request for access to information contained within this form. The Department will consult with you about any request to access this information. Should you reject this request, it will be dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1982. Information relating to individuals will be protected under the Privacy Act 1988.

How do I submit my information?

Complete and submit this form and the necessary supporting documents via email to: ec@infrastructure.gov.au within four weeks of receipt of this request.

Please be advised that this form should be completed in excel, with an electronic signature,

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Organisation Det	tails							DTR01
1. Organisation details								
Legal Entity Name								
Trading Name								
ABN				ACN				
GST Status	Registere	d				Not Registered		
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Local Governmen	t	Incorpo	orated Association	on		Company		
Trust*	Oth	er (please	e specify):					
* Must provide copy of	Trust Deed							
2. b) Is your organisatio	n private, for pr	ofit?					Yes	No
3. Physical (registered)	address of orga	nisation						
Street Address								
Suburb/Town				State/Terri	tory		Postcode	
Organisation Email								
Organisation Website								
4. Contact details					•			
Title	Firs	t Name				Surname		
Position			Email address					
Phone (W)			Phon	e (M)				

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7. b) Project Title - Provided proposed new title and your reason's why.								
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9. Project location, if different from the organisation's physical	(registered) address at Q3, o	therwise write N/A
Street Address		
Suburb/Town	State/Territory	Postcode
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If applicable, please provide a map or GPS location for the project		
10. What is the name of the Traditional Custodians of the land	on which the project is to be	located?
11. Can you please outline the community benefits of the prop	oosal (and the larger project i	f applicable)?
Eg - The construction/upgrade/redevelopment of community/sports/tourism economic viability to the region. The improvement of social amenity, increased health and wellbeing and socia		
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Financial Viability

12. Please indicate the extent to which you have progressed the below:

Item	Not started	Started	Completed or N/A
Final designs			
Costings for project have been finalised and are current			
Co-funding has been finalised, if applicable			
All approvals received (eg council approvals)			
Leasing arrangements have been finalised, if required			

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13. Does your organisation have the capacity to cover cost overruns (financial viability)?
Yes No No
14. What is the total cost of the project?
15. What is the amount of Australian Government funding for this project?
16. Please be advised that no advanced payments will be provided. All payments are paid in arrears on satisfactory completion of milestones. Does your organisation have the capacity to cover costs prior to receipt of milestone payments for this project? Yes No No
17. Have you completed a tender/procurement process and appointed a preferred contractor for this project? Yes No
18. Have you commenced construction of this project? Yes No
19. Will this project be completed and operational within three years of execution of a funding agreement? Yes No
20. Does your project have community support? Yes No
21. a) Are there any significant risks to your project? Yes No
21 b) If yes, do you have or do you plan to have mitigation measures in place to minimise the risks? Yes No
22. Have you previously received Australian Government funding for this project? Yes No
23 . If your organisation has received funding from the Australian Government for any other project in the last 5 years, has this funding been acquitted?
Yes No N/A

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Authorisation

I, <full name of Authorised Officer> as <position/title> of <organisation name> <postal address>

Confirm that:

- · I am a person authorised to make this declaration on behalf of my organization;
- · The information provided in this form and all appended documents is complete and correct. I understand the information provided will form the basis of the Department's desktop review of the project.

Signature of Authorised Officer	
Date	



Australian Government

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

To: The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional **Development and Local Government** (for decision)

Subject: Finalisation of commitments in the Investing in Our Communities and Priority Community Infrastructure Programs.

Action required by: Please action by 3 November 2023, if possible, to enable a response from the Prime Minister prior to 30 November 2023 when the programs close.

Re	Recommendations:	
1.	. That you agree to the proposed transfer of the Delora project to the Department of Health and Aged Care.	
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2.	 That you agree to seek authority for an additional proposition. Northern Territory, to be included in the Investing in 	Our Co nsequni ties Program.
		Agreed / Not Agreed
3.	 That you agree to seek authority for the projects at A other arrangements —proposed to be Federation Fun to be delivered within the parameters of the Priority 0 	nding Agreements, as they are not able
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4.	. That you sign the letter to the Prime Minister at Atta proposed arrangements above and providing an upda	
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Key Points:

 this briefing seeks your agreement to a number of actions to finalise the delivery arrangements for election commitments included in the Investing in Our Communities (IIOC) program and the Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP).

Transfer between Portfolios

- 2. As you are aware from previous briefings, in the course of the department receiving detailed project information for commitments under the two programs, in some instances it has been determined that a commitment may best be delivered by another portfolio rather than through the IIOC or PCIP programs. To date, authority has been given for the transfer of 39 projects to other programs or portfolios, and these have now all been addressed and accounted for in either the 2023-24 Budget or in the finalisation of the upcoming 2023-24 MYEFO.
- 3. There is one remaining commitment in the IIOC program that has been identified as being more suitable for delivery through the Health portfolio. We recommend you agree that the \$8,000 commitment for the Deloraine Junior Football Club Upgrades project be transferred to the Department of Health and Aged Care for delivery. This has been discussed and agreed between Ministerial offices. The draft letter to the Prime Minister at Attachment B seeks policy authority to enable this transfer.

Additional project to be included in HOC

- 4. An existing commitment relating to shade shelters for sites in the MacDonnell Ranges includes two sites at Harts Range and Nyrippi, which are located in the Central Desert. The MacDonnell Regional Council is unable to deliver commitments outside of their LGA, and it is therefore recommended you seek authority from the Prime Minister to reallocate an additional \$160,000 under the IIOC program to a new IIOC project, Shade shelters in Central Desert, Northern Territory. In discussion with the Central Desert Regional Council the department has been made aware that the Harts Range shade shelter is already constructed but there is another shade shelter location in Central Desert that could be substituted. The department considers this would be a minor scope change consistent with the intent of the commitment. Should you agree, the department will request details of the new location ahead of issuing an invitation to apply to the Central Desert Regional Council.
- There is sufficient unallocated funding available within the IIOC program to accommodate
 this. If authority is granted, the department will issue the invitation to apply and work with the
 council to ensure an application is submitted prior to 30 November 2023.

Complex PCIP projects unlikely to be delivered within current program parameters

- 6. The department has also identified through discussions with grantees a small number of larger, more complex projects in PCIP that are unlikely to be able to be delivered under the current parameters of PCIP (largely due to the project construction timelines continuing beyond the program appropriation period). Details of these projects are included at Attachment A.
- 7. To ensure the commitments can be delivered, it is recommended you seek authority from the Prime Minister for these projects to be delivered through an alternate mechanism —proposed to be through the Federation Funding Agreement arrangements, subject to discussion and

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negotiation with the relevant State Ministers. This is reflected in the draft letter at **Attachment B**.

8. If you agree to this approach, authority will be required from the Prime Minister prior to 30 November 2023, when the PCIP program closes for applications. The department would then work with the Department of Finance, the Treasury, and State officials to progress the revised funding arrangements, with financial implications to be reflected in the 2024-25 Budget.

Financial impacts:

- The letter to the Prime Minister at Attachment B includes an update on the status of both the IIOC and PCIP programs, including the commitment amounts and unallocated funding after having taken account of the various project movements since your last update to him in July 2023.
- If approved, the financial implications from the actions recommended in this brief will be addressed in the 2024-25 Budget context, in consultation with the Department of Finance and the Treasury.

Legal/Legislative impacts: Nil

Stakeholder Implications:

11. Resolution of these proposed changes will enable nominated organisations, including other portfolio agencies, to commence the relevant processes for delivery of these commitments.

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### Consultation:

13. The department understands your Office has consulted with Minister Wells' Office regarding the proposed transfer of the Deloraine project. The department and your Office have also had initial discussions with relevant state government entities regarding the potential options for delivery of the complex PCIP projects, on a no prejudice basis.

### Attachments:

Attachment A: Projects unlikely to be delivered under PCIP

Attachment B: Letter to Prime Minister

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Position: First Assistant Secretary

Division: Regional Development and Local

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Cleared Date: 2 November 2023

Contact Officer: Katrina Kendall

Section: Major Projects and Governance

Branch Mob: S22(1)(a)(ii)

Instructions for MPS: Nil

Responsible Adviser: \$22(1)(a)(ii)

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			The WA Government has expressed a preference for this commitment to be delivered through an FFA.
Armstrong Creek Stadium	s47B(a)	\$6,000,000	Commitment is to construct a sporting facility including highball, basketball, netball, badminton and volleyball.
			The facility was initially intended to serve as a venue for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.
			The VIC Government has also committed to the project and has indicated its intention of proceeding with Games venues in regional Victoria, however the project planning may not be sufficiently progressed to meet the PCIP application close date of 30 November 2023.
			Informal discussion underway with VIC Government officials to test willingness to deliver the project through an FFA if a solution under PCIP cannot be found.



### The Hon Catherine King MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Member for Ballarat

Ref: MS23-004331

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP Prime Minister Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you to seek your urgent agreement to a small number of actions to finalise the list of commitments within the Investing in Our Communities (IIOC) program and the Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP). As both programs close to new applications on 30 November 2023, I would appreciate your consideration and agreement to the proposals in this letter as soon as possible, to ensure all of our election commitments can be delivered.

In July and August this year you agreed to a number of changes to project inclusions in both the IIOC and PCIP programs to account for projects being transferred between portfolios and commitments being added to, or removed from, the programs for various reasons. These actions have all now been addressed and accounted for in the finalisation of the 2023-24 MYEFO and in program reporting for the two programs. I have also recently agreed to the removal of a small number of projects from PCIP and IIOC commitment lists, as these commitments were either duplicated or have been delivered and funded under other programs.

I now seek your agreement to transfer the \$8,000 commitment for the Deloraine Junior Football Club from IIOC to the Department of Health and Aged Care for delivery. This project has been identified as being ineligible under IIOC and officials from my department have consulted with the Department of Health and Aged Care regarding the proposed transfer.

I also seek your agreement to include an additional project in the IIOC program to deliver shade shelters in Central Desert in the Northern Territory. These sites were included in an existing IIOC commitment for shade shelters in the MacDonnell Ranges, but are actually located in the Central Desert. There is sufficient unallocated funding in the IIOC program to accommodate this commitment of \$160,000, and if you agree, the Central Desert Regional Council would be invited to apply to ensure these commitments are delivered.

In addition, there are a small number of larger, more complex projects under PCIP where the commitments are unlikely to be able to be delivered under the current parameters of the program. For these commitments (outlined in <a href="Attachment A">Attachment A</a>), I seek your authority to begin processes to deliver the projects through an alternate mechanism — likely to be through the Federation Funding Agreement arrangements, subject to discussion and negotiation with the relevant State Ministers.

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Should you agree to these proposals, my department will work with the Department of Finance, the Treasury, your department and relevant state government agencies to ensure the commitments can be delivered in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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### Attachment A

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1. That you **agree** to the proposed transfer of the Deloraine Junior Football Club Upgrades project to the Department of Health and Aged Care.

### Agreed / Not Agreed

**2.** That you **agree** to seek authority for an additional project, Shade shelters in Central Desert, Northern Territory, to be included in the Investing in Our Communities Program.

### Agreed / Not Agreed

**3.** That you **agree** to seek authority for the projects at **Attachment A** being delivered through other arrangements —proposed to be Federation Funding Agreements, as they are not able to be delivered within the parameters of the Priority Community Infrastructure Program.

### Agreed / Not Agreed

**4.** That you **sign** the letter to the Prime Minister at **Attachment B** seeking authority for the proposed arrangements above and providing an update on the status of the programs.

### Signed / Not Signed

The Hon Catherine King MP

Date:

**Comments:** 

### **Key Points:**

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### The Hon Catherine King MP

### Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Member for Ballarat

Ref: MS23-004331

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP Prime Minister Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

### Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you to seek your urgent agreement to a small number of actions to finalise the list of commitments within the Investing in Our Communities (IIOC) program and the Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP). As both programs close to new applications on 30 November 2023, I would appreciate your consideration and agreement to the proposals in this letter as soon as possible, to ensure all of our election commitments can be delivered.

In July and August this year you agreed to a number of changes to project inclusions in both the IIOC and PCIP programs to account for projects being transferred between portfolios and commitments being added to, or removed from, the programs for various reasons. These actions have all now been addressed and accounted for in the finalisation of the 2023-24 MYEFO and in program reporting for the two programs. I have also recently agreed to the removal of a small number of projects from PCIP and IIOC commitment lists, as these commitments were either duplicated or have been delivered and funded under other programs.

I now seek your agreement to transfer the \$8,000 commitment for the Deloraine Junior Football Club from IIOC to the Department of Health and Aged Care for delivery. This project has been identified as being ineligible under IIOC and officials from my department have consulted with the Department of Health and Aged Care regarding the proposed transfer.

I also seek your agreement to include an additional project in the IIOC program to deliver shade shelters in Central Desert in the Northern Territory. These sites were included in an existing IIOC commitment for shade shelters in the MacDonnell Ranges, but are actually located in the Central Desert. There is sufficient unallocated funding in the IIOC program to accommodate this commitment of \$160,000, and if you agree, the Central Desert Regional Council would be invited to apply to ensure these commitments are delivered.

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Should you agree to these proposals, my department will work with the Department of Finance, the Treasury, your department and relevant state government agencies to ensure the commitments can be delivered in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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### **Attachment A**

Election commitment	Nominated Organisation	Funding Commitment	Comments
Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Perth	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	\$50,000,000	Commitment is to invest \$50 million in the Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Perth.  The Australian Government is also providing funding towards the prefeasibility work through the Perth City Deal. Project Definition Phase is expected to be completed by November 2024. Delivery of the project (which has an anticipated total cost of more than \$500 million) is not expected until around 2030 (well outside the PCIP appropriation period).  The WA Government has expressed a preference for this commitment to be delivered
Armstrong Creek Stadium	s47B(a)	\$6,000,000	through an FFA.  Commitment is to construct a sporting facility including highball, basketball, netball, badminton and volleyball.  The facility was initially intended to serve as a venue for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.  The VIC Government has also committed to the project and has indicated its intention of proceeding with Games venues in regional Victoria, however the project planning may not be sufficiently progressed to meet the PCIP application close date of 30 November 2023.  Informal discussion underway with VIC Government officials to test willingness to deliver the project through an FFA if a solution under PCIP cannot be found.