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

Dispatched to MO  
19 DEC 2022

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

**Subject:** Investing in Our Communities Program - Grant Opportunity Guidelines Approval

**Critical Date:** As soon as practical to allow time for Minister of Finance approval and the publication of program guidelines prior to the anticipated program opening in early January 2023.

**Recommendations:**

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4. That you **agree** to the updates to the current list of commitments to be invited to submit an application for the Investing in Our Communities Program and those identified for allocation to other portfolios at **Attachment E**.

Agreed /  Not Agreed

5. That you **sign** letters to relevant Ministers for commitments identified for allocation to other portfolios at **Attachment F**.

Signed /  Not Signed

The Hon Catherine King MP

Date: 29.1.23.

Comments:

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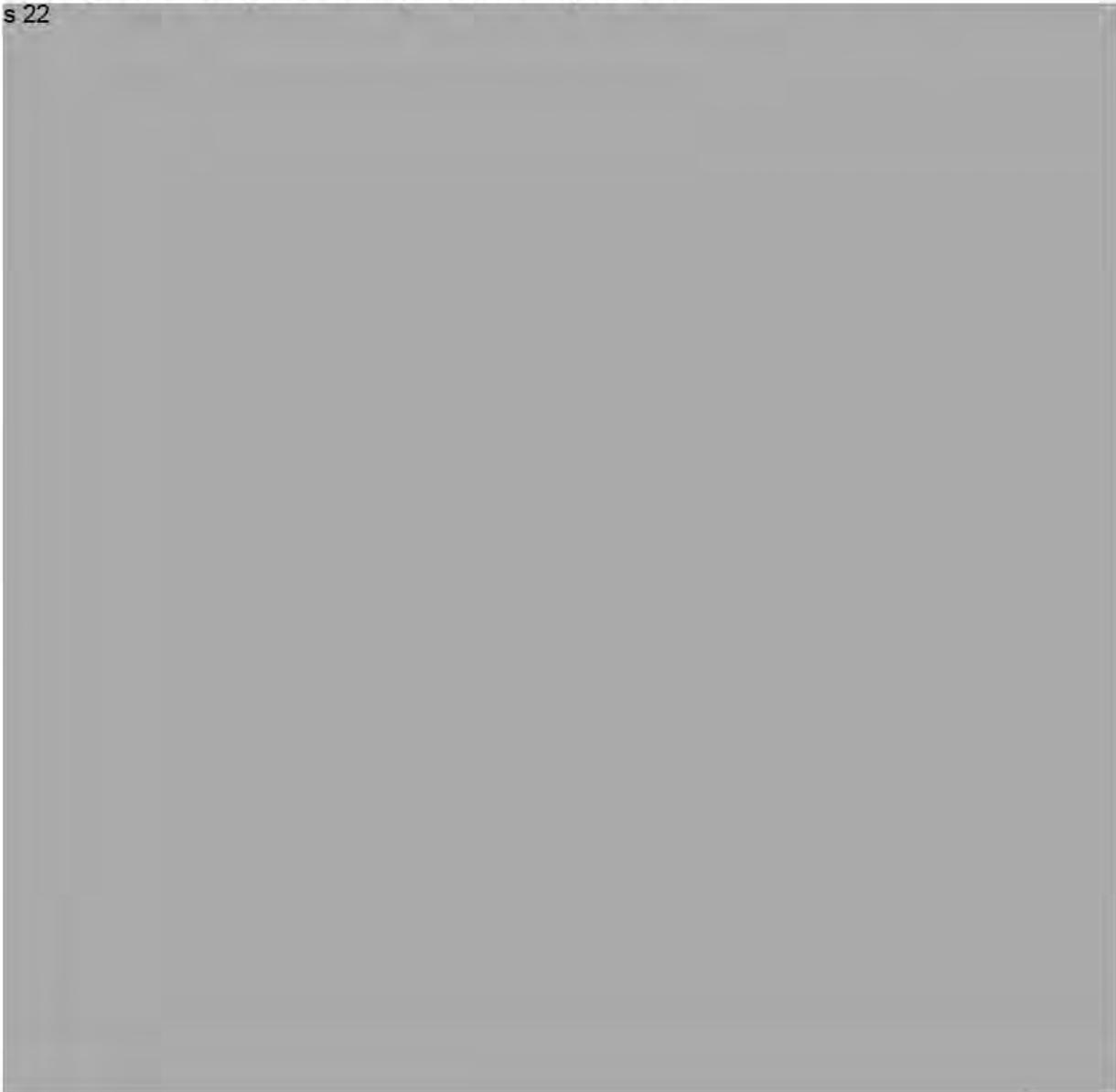
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**Key Points:**

1. In the 2022-23 October Budget, the Australian Government committed administered funding of up to \$349.9 million for the Investing in Our Communities Program (the program) over five financial years from 2022-23 to 2026-27. The one-off, closed, non-competitive program will deliver the Australian Government's 2022 election commitments and Community Development Grants Programme commitments identified through the 2022 Pre-election Fiscal Outlook (PEFO) of up to \$5 million.
2. The key objective of the program is to build resilient communities and increase community liveability by providing grants for infrastructure projects. The program will deliver on this objective by funding community and sporting infrastructure, open space improvements and other community priority projects that will drive economic opportunity and/or provide improved amenity, accessibility and liveability outcomes.

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8. An indicative list of commitments intended to be funded by the program was agreed as part of the 2022-23 October Budget process. Following further review and consultations with your office, the department has updated the list including proposed transfer of a number of projects where they have been identified as ineligible under grant opportunity guidelines and/or were more suited to delivery by other portfolios. The updated list of commitments, including those identified for allocation to other portfolios, is at **Attachment E**. Letters addressed to relevant Ministers to transfer projects is provided at **Attachment F**. s 22

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9. If you agree to the updated commitments list s 22  
s 22 we will prepare a letter to the Prime Minister to advise him of the confirmed commitment list for the Investing in Our Communities Program. This will provide policy authority for the invitations to be issued under the program.

**Financial impacts:** N/A

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A: s 22

Attachment B: [REDACTED]

Attachment C: [REDACTED]

Attachment D: [REDACTED]

Attachment E: Updated IIOC commitments list (current at 15 December 2022)

Attachment F: Letters to Ministers with portfolio responsibilities for transferred projects

Cleared By: Meghan Hibbert  
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 Development, Local Government and Regional  
 Recovery

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Cleared Date: 15 December 2022

Contact Officers: s 22

Sections: Program Development / Program  
Assessment

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**Instructions for MPS:** Nil**Responsible Adviser:** s 22**PDMS Distribution List:** Jim Betts, David Mackay, Janet Quigley, Meghan Hibbert, s 22  
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Attachment E

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The Hon Catherine King MP

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

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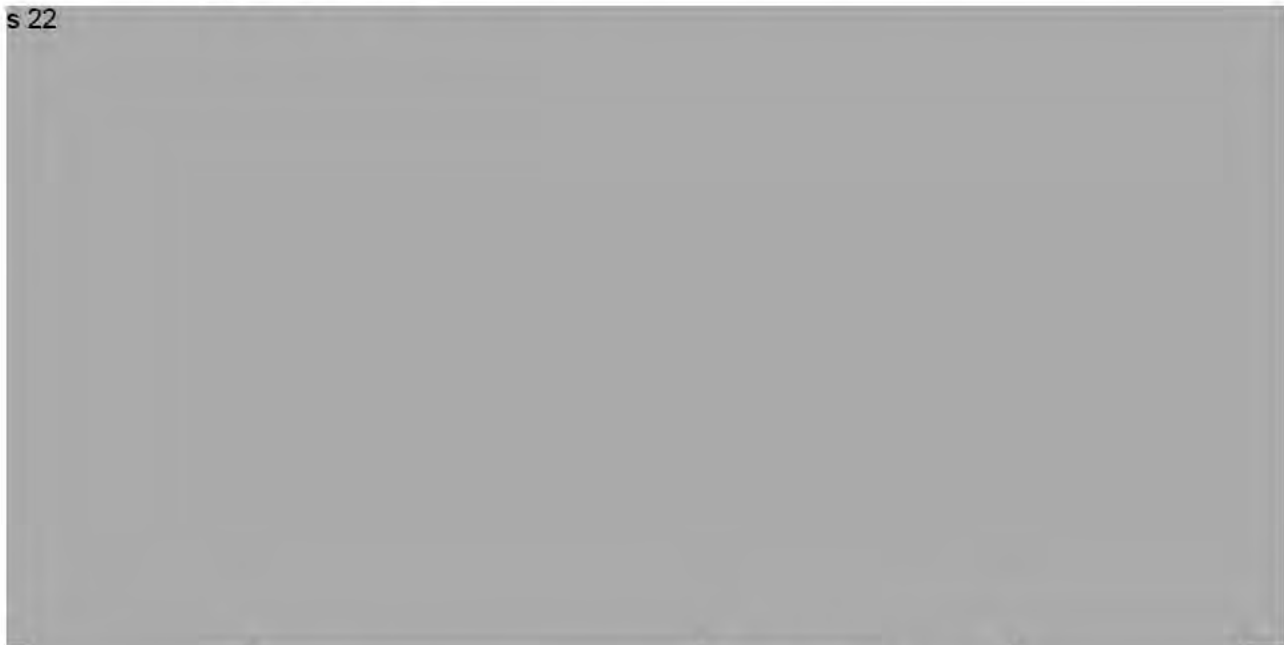
The Hon Mark Butler MP  
Minister for Health and Aged Care  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister *Mark,*

During the 2022-23 October Budget, the Australian Government agreed to the Investing in Our Communities Program (program) to deliver election commitments and eligible commitments committed by the former Government's Community Development Grants Programme during the 2022 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook of up to \$5 million.

My department has identified that the following commitments are better placed to be administered by your portfolio.

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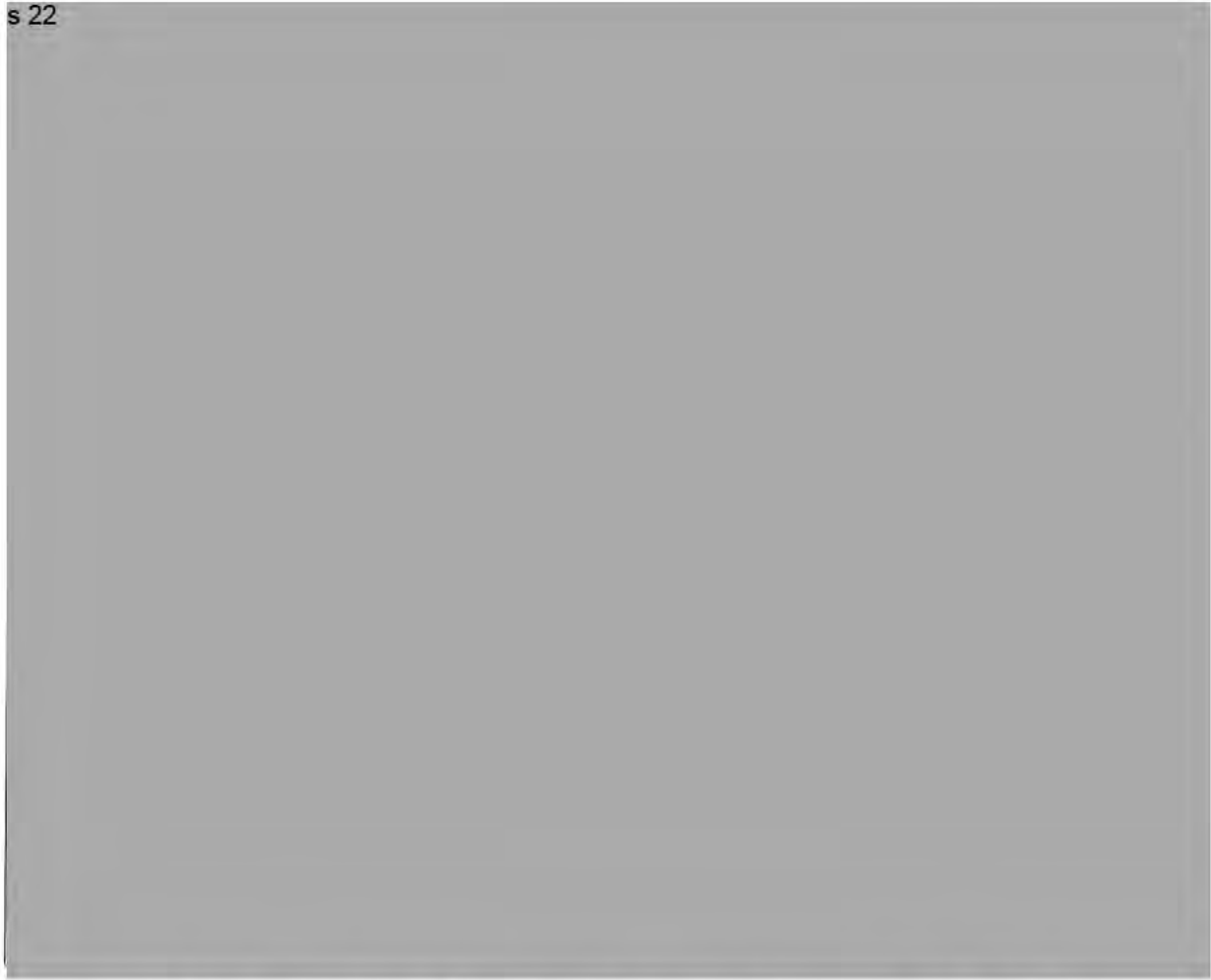


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If you accept this transfer, this can be confirmed via return letter. I will advise the Prime Minister of the reallocation of commitments to alternative portfolios once the transfers are settled.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Catherine King', written in a cursive style.

Catherine King MP

29 / 1 / 2023

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**From:** s 22 <s 22 @Protected.Health.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 February 2023 9:49 AM  
**To:** s 22 <s 22 @Protected.Health.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Minister Butler DLO <Minister.Butler.DLO@protected.health.gov.au>; s 22 <s 22 @Protected.Health.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Proposed response to items in Minister King's letter [~~SEC - PROTECTED, CAVEAT SH: CABINET~~]

Hi s 22

Thank you for your call yesterday. Below is our proposed approach to the list of commitments in Minister King's letter:

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Feasibility Study into an 8-10 bed Dementia Unit	Agree
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Please let me know if there are any issues with these proposed positions – if not I will draft the response letter this afternoon.

Many thanks  
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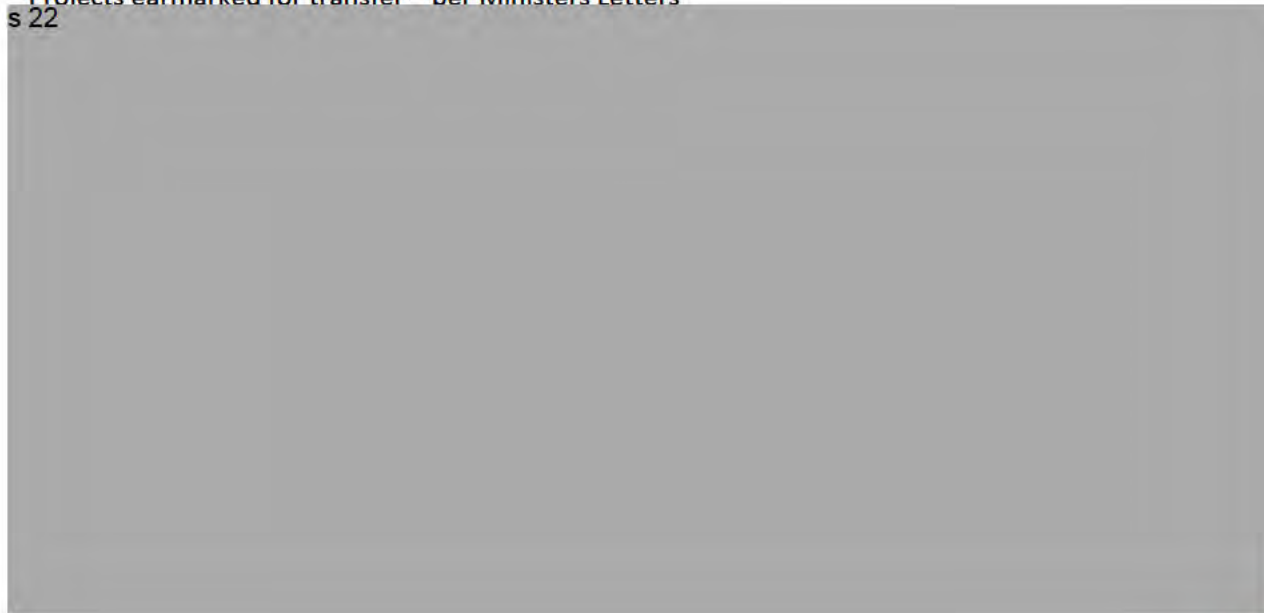


**From:** s 22 <s 22 @infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 March 2023 11:42 AM  
**To:** s 22 <s 22 @infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: For advice today pls: Election commitments moving between portfolios [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Projects earmarked for transfer – per Ministers Letters

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**The Hon Mark Butler MP  
Minister for Health and Aged Care**

Ref No: MC23-900014

The Hon Catherine King MP  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
PO Box 6022  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister *Catherine*

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the proposed transfer of ten election commitment projects from your portfolio to the Health and Aged Care portfolio. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Department of Health and Aged Care has engaged with your department to discuss the transfer of these commitments, and the approach outlined below is consistent with those discussions. Seven of the ten commitments can be appropriately administered in the Health and Aged Care portfolio within existing legislative authority and with minimal modification to existing grant programs.

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To enable the delivery of the seven projects that are aligned to the department's existing programs and legislative authorities and to ensure compliance with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines, noting the existing volume of grant funding agreements the department is working with Community Grants Hub to execute this financial year, I propose to deliver these commitments as early as possible in the 2023-24 financial year.

Accordingly, I seek a transfer from your department to the department of s 22 [REDACTED] administered appropriation in 2023-24.

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Thank you for your consideration of these proposed changes. I look forward to working with you to deliver on our Government's election commitments.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mark Butler

05 / 05 / 2023