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On Farm Connectivity Program – Round 1

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1. On Farm Connectivity Program processes

The On Farm Connectivity Program is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant (rebate) program contributes to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts' Outcome 5. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines](#).



The grant (rebate) opportunity opens

We publish the grant guidelines on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.



STEP 1: ELIGIBILITY CHECK

You complete and submit an application to check your eligibility for the rebate

You complete the application form, addressing all the eligibility criteria.



We assess all applications

We review the application against eligibility criteria.



We make grant recommendations

The decision maker approves eligible applications.



We notify of you of the outcome

We notify you of the outcome of your application.
We advise you of the rebate amount you can claim.



STEP 2: GRANT (REBATE) CLAIM

Sale of eligible equipment

You sell the eligible equipment to the primary producer.



You complete and submit a grant (rebate) claim

You have 60 days to claim the rebate from the date we notify you are eligible.



We assess all grant (rebate) claims

We review the rebate claim against information you provided in the eligibility check.



Payment is made

We pay you the rebate.



Evaluation of the On Farm Connectivity Rebate Program

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts evaluate the specific grant activity and On Farm Connectivity Rebate Program as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

1.1. Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the On Farm Connectivity Program Round 1 grants (rebate).

This document sets out:

- the eligibility criteria
- how we consider and assess grant applications
- how we notify applicants and pay the rebate
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

The Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department/DISR) is responsible for administering this grant opportunity on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA).

We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in the glossary at section 13.

You should read this document carefully before you fill out an application and undertake project activities.

2. About the grant program

The On Farm Connectivity Program (the program) will run over 2 years from 2023-24 to 2024-25. The program is an election commitment announced as part of Labor's Plan for a Better Future. This program forms part of the Better Connectivity for Rural and Regional Australia Plan (Better Connectivity Plan) and assists primary producers to take advantage of digital agribusiness solutions to boost productivity and improve safety.

The objectives of the program are:

- extend digital connectivity and take advantage of advanced farming technology
- enhance a primary producers' capacity to implement digital agribusiness solutions through improved connectivity
- capitalise on the agricultural sector's potential for increased productivity and growth
- support access to new communications equipment by offsetting some of the cost.

The intended outcomes of the program are:

- increased investment in equipment to support operations of the agricultural sector
- increased efficiency, competitiveness, productivity and profitability of the agricultural sector
- improved safety on farm
- increased use of advanced farming technology
- improved knowledge of advanced farming technology and digital literacy.

Eligible Primary Producers can only access the program (and rebate) through an Eligible Equipment Supplier (you as the applicant). See section 4 for eligibility requirements.

There will be other grant (rebate) opportunities as part of this program and we will publish the opening and closing dates and any other relevant information on business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#).

We administer the program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines \(CGRGs\)](#)¹.

3. Grant amount and grant period

3.1. Grants available

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$30 million for the On Farm Connectivity Rebate Program. For Round 1 of the grant (rebate) opportunity, \$15 million is available in 2023-24, or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

The grant (rebate) amount will be up to 50 per cent of the cost of eligible equipment item/s listed at Appendix B.

- The minimum grant (rebate) amount is \$3,000.
- The maximum grant (rebate) amount is \$30,000.

As an eligible Equipment Supplier listed at Appendix A, you can claim up to the maximum rebate amount for each eligible Primary Producer with an ABN.

You can claim more than one rebate where the eligible Primary Producer has multiple properties with a separate ABN for each primary production property.

The eligible Primary Producer is responsible for any remaining eligible and ineligible costs above the rebate amount.

Remaining costs cannot be funded from existing Commonwealth, state, territory and local government grants.

We expect that there may be a high level of interest for this grant (rebate) opportunity and it may be oversubscribed. This is a demand driven grant opportunity. Grants (rebates) will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis in order of application receipt, until the funding is exhausted.

3.2. Project period

You must submit your application and submit your claim for rebate by 31 May 2024.

From the date we notify you that your application is eligible you have up to 60 days to finalise the sale of eligible equipment with the eligible Primary Producer and to submit your claim for the rebate.

4. Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all eligibility criteria.

4.1. Who is eligible?

To be eligible you must:

- be an eligible Equipment Supplier listed in Appendix A
- supply an eligible connectivity solution and the associated eligible equipment as listed in Appendix B to an eligible Primary Producer (as defined in Appendix C)

¹ <https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines>

- be able to supply the eligible connectivity solution and associated eligible equipment to the eligible Primary Producer within 60 days of the sale/purchase.

4.2. Additional eligibility requirements

We can only accept applications where:

- the eligible Primary Producer provides a declaration that they meet the eligibility criteria at Appendix C, confirming that they:
 - are a registered business and have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
 - have an annual average gross income (i.e. total revenue before expenses and tax) from primary production of between \$40,000 and \$2 million. Annual average income is calculated as the average of the previous three full financial years' income for each ABN
 - are not a hobby farmer
 - operate an eligible primary production activity listed at Appendix D.

Eligible primary production activities are defined as those listed in the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006 (revision 2.0) codes under Division A, Agricultural Forestry and Fishing, Subdivisions 01, 02 and 03 .

Eligible - activities in the following ANZSIC codes (see Appendix D)	Ineligible - all other ANZSIC codes, including activities in the following codes
0100-0198, Agriculture (refer Appendix D for further details)	01, Agriculture, 0199 Other Livestock farming n.e.c.
02, Aquaculture	04, Fishing, hunting and trapping
03, Forestry and logging	05, Agriculture, forestry and fishing support services

4.3. Who is not eligible?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- an organisation, included on the [National Redress Scheme's website](#) on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'
- an employer of 100 or more employees that has [not complied](#) with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act (2012)*
- an entity not listed in 4.1 or 4.2.

5. What the grant money can be used for

5.1. Eligible activities

To be eligible your project must:

- assist Primary Producers to take advantage of agribusiness solutions to boost productivity and improve safety
- supply eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment listed at Appendix B to an eligible Primary Producer (see Appendix C)
- sell, install and deliver eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment to the eligible Primary Producer at 50 per cent of the purchase price up to \$60,000

(Primary Producers may spend more than \$60,000, and there is no limit to the amount they may spend, however the rebate will not exceed \$30,000)

- have at least \$6,000 (GST exclusive) in total eligible expenditure.

5.2. Eligible expenditure

This is a rebate program. We will reimburse you (the eligible Equipment Supplier) for up to 50 per cent of the purchase price of eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment purchased by an eligible Primary Producer.

The cost of the eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment is according to the price list provided at the time the supplier has been approved for inclusion on the list of Eligible Equipment Suppliers at Appendix A.

Eligible expenditure items are:

- eligible connectivity solutions and the associated equipment items listed in Appendix B
- cost of training provided to the Primary Producer in the operation of approved eligible equipment items, to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total equipment purchase price
- cost of subscriptions to support operation approved eligible equipment items for up to 12 months duration, to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total equipment purchase price
- cost of delivery and installation
- contingency of up to 20 per cent above the listed eligible equipment price list provided at the time the supplier has been approved as an Eligible Equipment Supplier. This is to account for changes in costs, including price of equipment, and transportation, if required.

We may update the guidance on eligible and ineligible expenditure from time to time. If your application is successful, the version in place when you submitted your application applies to your application.

Not all expenditure on your project may be eligible for grant funding (the rebate). The Program Delegate (who is a manager within the department with responsibility for administering the program) makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

You must only incur eligible expenditure after you have been notified your application is successful and that you are eligible for the rebate.

Once you have received notification confirming your eligibility for the program, you have 60 days to finalise the sale with the eligible primary producer and submit your claim for the rebate.

You must submit your application, complete your sale of eligible equipment and make your claim for payment by 31 May 2024.

Failure to submit your claim for the rebate within 60 days of your eligible application notice may require you to reapply for the program.

5.3. What you cannot use the grant for

Expenditure items that are not eligible are:

- home or business internet costs
- insurance, operation and maintenance costs
- items not included in the list of connectivity solutions and associated equipment at Appendix B
- expenditure incurred prior to being notified of your eligibility for the rebate (such as a deposit for eligible equipment)
- costs associated with negotiating a sale (e.g. sales representatives).

6. How to apply

Before applying you should read and understand these guidelines and the sample application forms published on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

You will need to set up an account to access our online portal.

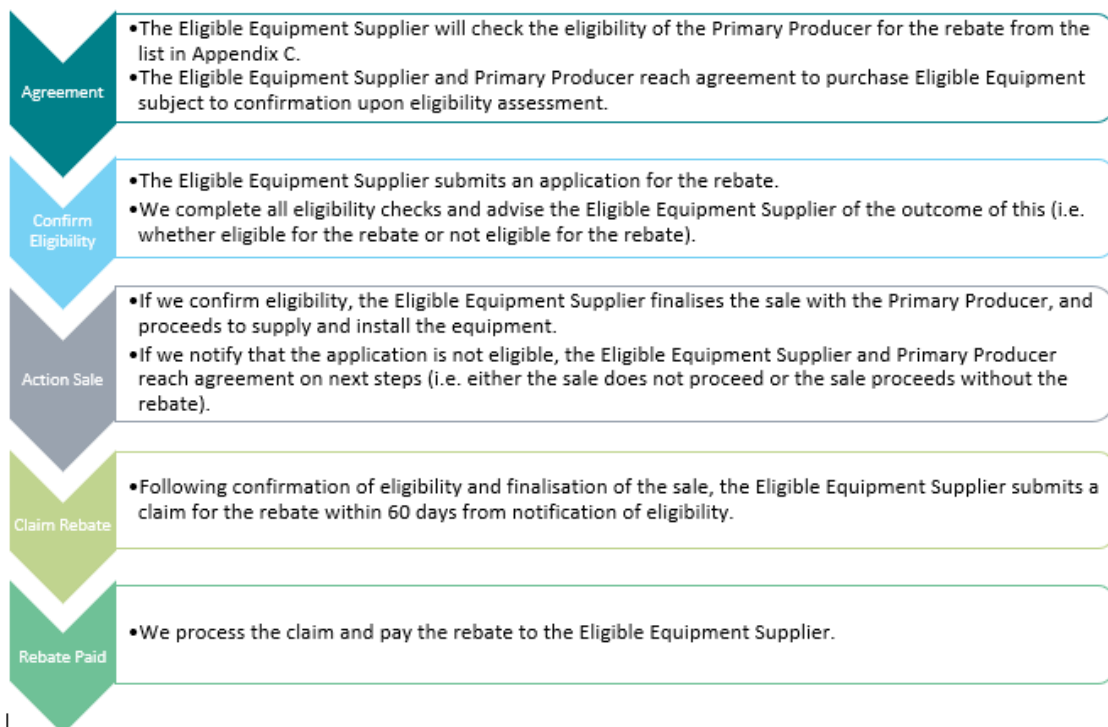
You can submit an application at any time while the grant opportunity remains open. The grant opportunity will open for applications on 27 October 2023.

To apply, you must:

- complete and submit the application through the online [portal](#)
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility criteria.

This is a two-step process. Before you enter into a sale of connectivity solutions or equipment with a Primary Producer, we must assess your application to determine your eligibility for the program. This includes the eligibility of the Primary Producer.

Figure 1. Rebate steps for eligible participants



As part of the application process, the Primary Producer will be invited through the portal to complete an electronic declaration confirming their eligibility (see Appendix C – Eligibility Criteria for Primary Producers). When the Primary Producer has completed the declaration, you can submit your application. Your application can not be assessed until this declaration has been received.

You must not undertake the sale with the Primary Producer until you have been notified that you are eligible for the rebate.

If you are notified that your application meets all the eligibility requirements under these guidelines, you will have 60 days to progress the sale of the eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment with the eligible Primary Producer and to make your claim for the rebate through our online portal.

Any sales of eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment made with Primary Producers before you are notified of your eligibility for the program will not be eligible for the rebate.

We will notify you if you are not eligible for the rebate.

You can view and print a copy of your submitted rebate application on the portal for your own records.

You are responsible for making sure your rebate application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth). If we consider that you have provided false or misleading information we may not progress your application. If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should call us immediately on 13 28 46.

After submitting your application, we can contact you for clarification if we find an error or any missing information, including evidence that supports your eligibility.

The acceptance of any additional information provided after the submission of your application is at the discretion of the Program Delegate. Additional information should not materially change your application at the time it was submitted and therefore may be refused if deemed to be purely supplementary.

If you need further guidance around the application process, or if you have any issues with the portal, [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

6.1. Timing of grant opportunity

You can only submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We cannot accept late applications.

You can submit an application at any time while the grant opportunity remains open.

If you are notified that you are eligible for the rebate you must:

- complete the sale of the eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment item/s with the eligible Primary Producer and submit your claim for rebate within 60 days of receiving notice of your successful application.

The closing date may be announced after you are notified that you are eligible for a rebate. If this occurs, you will still have 60 days after the notification to complete the sale and claim the rebate.

Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

Activity	Timeframe
Assessment of eligibility and notice of application approval	2 to 4 weeks
Notification to unsuccessful applicants	2 weeks
Earliest date of connectivity solution/equipment sale	Date of notification confirming eligibility
Claim for rebate	Within 60 days of notification confirming eligibility
End date of grant commitment	31 May 2024 or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first

7. The grant selection process

Your application will be considered through a demand driven grant process. Applications will be reviewed in order of receipt until available funding is exhausted.

We will review your application against the eligibility criteria.

If we identify unintentional errors in your application, we may contact you to correct or clarify the information.

The Program Delegate will not approve funding if there are insufficient program funds available.

7.1. Who will approve grants?

The Program Delegate decides which grants (rebate) to approve taking into account the availability of grant funds.

The Program Delegate's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the grant approval (confirming your eligibility for program)
- the grant funding to be awarded (eligible rebate amount)
- any conditions attached to the offer of grant funding.

We cannot review decisions about the merits of your application.

The Program Delegate will not approve funding if there is insufficient program funds available across relevant financial years for the program.

8. Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing.

Once you have received notification that your application is successful, you have 60 days to finalise the sale of equipment with the eligible Primary Producer and to submit your claim for the rebate.

9. Successful grant applications

9.1. Activity specific legislation, policies and industry standards

You must comply with all relevant laws, regulations and Australian Government sanctions in undertaking your project. You must also comply with the specific legislation/policies/industry standards that follow. It is a condition of the grant funding that you meet these requirements.

In particular, you will be required to comply with:

- State/territory legislation in relation to working with children
- Consumer Protection Law <https://www.accc.gov.au/consumers/buying-products-and-services/consumer-rights-and-guarantees>
- Telecommunications (Prohibition of Mobile Phone Boosters) Declaration 2021 <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L01177>
- Telecommunications Act 1997
- Work Health and Safety
- The Privacy Act
- relevant state and territory licences and approvals.

9.2. How we pay the grant

The application outcome letter we send you will state the maximum rebate amount we will pay.

You have 60 days to finalise the sale of the equipment with the eligible Primary Producer and to submit your claim for the rebate.

You must submit the following to support your claim for the rebate:

- a description of the connectivity solution and associated eligible equipment that you have provided through the sale, and as outlined in the application outcome letter (refer to Appendix B for the list of eligible connectivity solutions and equipment)
- proof of purchase including copies of paid tax invoice(s), receipts or equivalent confirming the sale/purchase prices of the eligible equipment item/s, including costs for subscriptions, installation, training and delivery
- evidence that the eligible Primary Producer has paid their share of the equipment
- invoices and purchase orders are not acceptable evidence of proof of payment.

You must attach supporting documentation in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. The total of all attachments cannot exceed 20MB. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

Failure to submit your claim for the rebate within 60 days of your eligible application notice may require you to reapply for the program.

9.3. Grant Payments and GST

If you are registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST), where applicable we will add GST to your grant payment and provide you with a recipient created tax invoice. You are required to notify

us if your GST registration status changes during the project period. GST does not apply to grant payments to government related entities².

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#). We do not provide advice on tax matters.

10. Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website within 21 days after the date of effect³ as required by section 5.3 of the CGRGs.

11. How we monitor your grant activity

11.1. Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your application or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your claim, carry on business and pay debts due. The Department would take this information into consideration of any pending claims, and may result in you no longer being deemed an eligible supplier.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details.

11.2. Compliance visits

We may visit you at the completion of your grant activity to review your compliance with the grant application. We may also inspect the records you are required to keep. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

11.3. Evaluation

DITRDCA will evaluate the grant program to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application for this purpose. We may also interview you, or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you and/or the Primary Producer up to two years after you finish your project for more information to assist with this evaluation.

² See Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2 available at [ato.gov.au](#)

³ See glossary

12. Probity

We will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRGs.

12.1. Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if our staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel:

- has a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer or member of an external panel
- has a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently or
- has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity. For example, if you are supplying eligible equipment to a primary producer associated with you or any of your personnel.

As part of your application, we will ask you to declare any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform us in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff are handled as set out in the Australian [Public Service Code of Conduct \(Section 13\(7\)\)⁴](#) of the *Public Service Act 1999* (Cth). Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our [conflict of interest policy⁵](#) on the department's website. The Commonwealth policy entity also publishes a conflict of interest policy on its website.

12.2. How we use your information

Unless the information you provide to us is:

- confidential information as per 12.2.1, or
- personal information as per 12.2.3,

we may share the information with other government agencies for a relevant Commonwealth purpose such as:

- to improve the effective administration, monitoring and evaluation of Australian Government programs
- for research

⁴ <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2019C00057>

⁵ https://www.industry.gov.au/sites/default/files/July%202018/document/pdf/conflict-of-interest-and-insider-trading-policy.pdf?acsf_files_redirect

- to announce the awarding of grants.

12.2.1. How we handle your confidential information

We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets all of the following conditions:

- you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
- the information is commercially sensitive
- disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else
- you provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

12.2.2. When we may disclose confidential information

We may disclose confidential information:

- to our Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the program effectively
- to the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- to the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister
- to a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

We may also disclose confidential information if

- we are required or authorised by law to disclose it
- you agree to the information being disclosed, or
- someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

12.2.3. How we use your personal information

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- to whom we give your personal information.

We may give the personal information we collect from you to our employees and contractors, and other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can:

- manage the program
- research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities.

We, or the Minister, may:

- announce the names of successful applicants to the public
- publish personal information on the department's websites.

You may read our [Privacy Policy](#)⁶ on the department's website for more information on:

- what is personal information

⁶ <https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy>

- how we collect, use, disclose and store your personal information
- how you can access and correct your personal information.

12.2.4. Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about the program, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you and/or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

12.3. Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification, you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](#) or through our [online enquiry form](#) on business.gov.au.

We may publish answers to your questions on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

Our [Customer Service Charter](#) is available at business.gov.au. We use customer satisfaction surveys to improve our business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, call us on 13 28 46. We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact:

General Manager
Business Grants Hub
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#)⁷ with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

⁷ <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/>

13. Glossary

Term	Definition
Administering entity	The entity that is not responsible for the policy, however is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes.
Application form	The document issued by the Program Delegate that applicants use to apply for funding under the program.
ANZSIC codes	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 - Codes and Titles, 2006. The standard industrial classification system underpinning ABS statistics whereby an individual business entity is assigned to an industry based on its predominant activity.
Date of effect	Can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.
Department	Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR)
Eligible activities	The sale and supply of eligible equipment as set out in 5.1.
Eligible application	An application or proposal for grant funding under the program that the Program Delegate has determined is eligible in accordance with these guidelines.
Eligibility criteria	The mandatory criteria, which must be met to qualify for a grant (rebate).
Eligible Equipment Supplier	Suppliers have been selected through an EOI process and assessment of eligibility criteria. Guidance is provided at Appendix A.
Eligible expenditure	The expenditure incurred by an eligible equipment supplier on a project and which is eligible for funding support as set out in 5.2.
Eligible equipment	Equipment that is eligible for the rebate program. Guidance is provided at Appendix B
Grant funding or grant funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth to grantees under the program. Grant funding is in the form of a rebate for this program.
GrantConnect	The Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRGs.

Term	Definition
Grantee	The recipient of grant (rebate) funding
Guidelines	Guidelines that the Minister gives to the department to provide the framework for the administration of the program, as in force from time to time.
Hobby farmer	Farmers with an annual income, defined as the three-year average income from primary production, of less than \$40,000.
Minister	The Commonwealth Minister for Communications
Personal information	<p>Has the same meaning as in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth) which is:</p> <p>Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. whether the information or opinion is true or not; and b. whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.
Program Delegate	A DISR manager/officer with responsibility for administering the program.
Primary Producer	A Primary Producer under this program must meet the eligibility criteria and operate in an eligible primary production activity. A Primary Producer must not be a hobby farmer. Refer to Appendix C
Primary Production Activities	Activities under ANZSIC codes listed under Appendix D
Program funding or Program funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth for the program.
Project	A project described in an application for grant funding under the program. Under this program, project refers to the sale and supply of eligible equipment to an eligible primary producer.
Rebate	The grant funding of between \$3,000 and \$30,000 awarded in the form of a rebate to the Eligible Equipment Supplier following the sale of the eligible equipment. The eligible Primary Producer pays the cost of the eligible equipment less the confirmed rebate amount.

Appendix A. Eligible equipment suppliers

List sorted alphabetically by business name.

Name of Business	Trading Name	Website	ABN/ACN
A.J MCEVOY & K.L MURDOCK	Pipeline Media and Digital Technologies	https://pipelinemedia.com.au	60 669 528 647
AG LOGIC PTY LTD	AG LOGIC	https://www.aglogic.com.au/	38 617 869 600
AGCLOUD PTY LTD	AGCLOUD	http://agcloud.com.au/	91 616 936 755
AGSENSIO PTY LTD	Zetifi	https://zetifi.com/	98 621 129 244
AQUAMONIX PTY LIMITED	Aquamonix	https://aquamonix.com.au	26 609 047 878
ARCOFLEX AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Arcoflex Australia	https://www.arcoflex.com.au	22 623 767 500
AUSTRALASIAN RURAL PTY LTD	PLF Australia	https://plfaustralia.com.au	55 627 416 746
BAKER AG ADVANTAGE PTY LTD	BAKER AG ADVANTAGE PTY LTD	-	57 603 460 546
BIOSCOUT PTY LTD	BioScout	https://www.bioscout.com.au	95 623 718 007
BITWISE AGRONOMY PTY LTD	Bitwise Agronomy	https://bitwiseag.com	89 636 001 182
BLACKBURN, DOUGLAS WAYNE	Doug Blackburn Air & Electrical	https://www.airandelectrical.com.au/	39 699 713 803
BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM PTY LTD	Boehringer Ingelheim	https://www.boehringer-ingelheim.com.au	52 000 452 308
BUSHMANS GROUP PTY LIMITED	Bushmans Tanks	https://www.bushmantanks.com.au	54 137 242 347
CLUBWEST CORPORATION PTY LTD	Skysense Monitoring	https://skysensemonitoring.com	56 159 140 717
CONNECTED FARMS PTY LTD	Connected Farms	https://www.connectedfarms.com.au/	95 636 300 984
CRISP, WILLIAM PATRICK	Encore Electrical and Entertainment Soluitiuons	www.encoresolutions.com.au	81 728 772 417
DELTA AGRIBUSINESS PTY LTD	Delta Agribusinesses	https://www.deltaag.com.au/	93 118 781 445
DISCOVERY AG PTY LTD	Goanna Ag	https://www.goannaag.com/	85 117 305 567
ELDERS RURAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA LIMITED	Elders	https://elders.com.au/	72 004 045 121
Farmacist Pty Ltd	FARMACIST	https://www.farmacist.com.au/	68 146 676 566
FARMBOT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Farmbot	https://farmbot.com.au/	72 168 531 940
Field Solutions Group Pty Ltd	Field Solutions Group	https://fieldsolutions-group.com/	62 155 490 074

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GASBOT PTY LTD (Trading as AGBOT)	Agbot	https://agbot.tech/	26 632 266 016
GMZ VENTURES PTY LTD	Green Hat Energy Management	https://www.greenhatsolutions.com.au/	69 634 542 368
CropX Australia Pty Ltd	Green Brain Pty Ltd	https://greenbrain.ag/	41 672 820 370
Groundwater Imaging Pty Ltd	Groundwater Imaging	https://groundwaterimaging.com.au/	65 120 800 179
GUNTON, STEVEN ANTHONY	Homewise Solutions	https://homewisesolar.com.au/	12 086 468 130
HALYTECH PTY LTD	Halytech	https://halytech.com.au/	51 094 853 068
HILO LEVEL MONITORING AUSTRALIA LIMITED	HiLo Monitoring Limited	https://www.hilomonitoring.com/nz	51 663 489 727
HIVEIQ PTY LTD	HiveIQ	https://www.hiveiq.com.au/	23 652 697 982
JEA Technologies Pty Ltd	iLogic4G+	https://jeatech.com.au/	76 6198 514 46
INDICIUM DYNAMICS PTY LTD	Indicium Dynamics	https://www.indicium.cloud/	13 614 266 143
Integration Precision Agriculture Pty Ltd	Integration Precision Viticulture	https://ipvit.com.au/	53 120 289 474
INTERNET INNOVATIONS PTY LIMITED	Internet Innovations	https://internetinnovations.com.au/	37 621 468 899
INTERVET AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	MSD Animal Health	https://www.msd-animal-health.com/	79 008 467 034
IOT VENTURES LIMITED	IoT Ventures	https://www.iotventures.net/	78 833 690 839
LAND WATCH PTY LTD	Land Watch Australia	https://www.landwatchaustralia.com.au/	51 623 169 077
LX Pty Limited	INCYT	https://incyt.com.au/	76 147 808 982
NATIONAL NARROWBAND NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS PTY LTD	NNNCo	https://www.nnnco.com.au/	62 605 767 913
NB-TEC PTY LTD	NB-Tec Pty Ltd	www.nb-tec.com	81 098 620 065
NETWORK HOIST PTY LTD	Network Hoist	https://networkhoist.com/	41 661 294 944
NORCO CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	Norco AgriSolutions	www.norco.com.au	17 009 717 417
ORANGE TULIPS PTY LTD	Integrated Irrigation	http://integratedirrigation.com.au/	25 142 893 614
OUTBACK IT & COMMUNICATION SERVICES PTY LTD	Outback IT & Communication Services Pty Ltd	www.outbackit.net.au	83 654 906 215
OUTCOMEX PTY LTD	Outcomex	www.outcomex.com.au	73 614 725 736

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PIVOTEL SATELLITE PTY LIMITED	Pivotel Satellite	https://www.pivotel.com.au/	81 099 917 398
PLATINUM AGRIBUSINESS PTY LTD	Optiweigh	www.optiweigh.com.au	98 099 745 749
POROSITY SERVICES PTY LIMITED	Porosity Services Pty Ltd	https://porosity.com.au/	47 126 945 239
POWER, JOSEPH FRANCIS	Rural Link Communications	-	94 643 853 468
POWERTEC TELECOMMUNICATIONS PTY LTD	Powertec Wireless Technology	www.powertec.com.au	42 082 948 463
RDO EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	RDO EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	https://www.rdoequipment.com.au	58 060 286 759
REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	Crisp IQ	www.crispiq.com.au	80 169 687 482
S & L BAILEY INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	The Water Shed	www.thewatershed.com.au	25 611 600 465
S.J MITCHELL & D.F STEWART	AKA Primary Solutions	www.akaps.com.au	96 983 582 128
SCHEDULE-IT PTY LTD	SCHEDULE-IT PTY LTD	www.schedule-it.com.au	67 652 331 952
SEMEX PTY LTD	Semex	www.semex.com.au	14 083 268 660
SENTEK PTY LTD	Sentek Technologies	www.sentek.com.au	78 007 916 672
SINGLE AGRICULTURE TRADING PTY LTD	Single Agriculture	www.singleagriculture.com.au	86 629 872 822
SMART PADDOCK PTY LTD	Smart Paddock	https://www.smartpaddock.com/	72 620 505 811
SUPLANT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Supplant Australia	https://supplant.me/	15 649 657 590
TELCO ANTENNAS PTY LTD	TELCO ANTENNAS PTY LTD	www.telcoantennas.com.au	30 145 543 951
The Trustee for BJR FAMILY TRUST	BHSystems	www.bhsystems.com.au	66 562 330 655
The Trustee for C.D. Matters Trust	Total Antenna	www.totalantenna.com.au	71 745 226 750
The Trustee for Farmo Unit Trust	Farmo	https://www.farmo.com.au/	99 783 264 346
The Trustee for Great Northern Tanks	Great Northern Tanks	https://greatnortherntanks.com.au/	94 741 095 270
The trustee for L & M Wilksch Family Trust	Agbyte	www.agbyte.com.au	14 880 423 286
THE TRUSTEE FOR LUBRICON HYDRIVE UNIT TRUST	AFLO Equipment	https://aflo.com.au/	45 763 829 179

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The Trustee for PAsTech Unit Trust	PAsTech	https://pastech.com.au/	63 495 639 669
The Trustee for S A MIRANDA FAMILY TRUST	Zepiro	https://zepiro.tech/	71 689 962 713
TIE UP FARMING PTY LTD	TieUp Farming	www.tieupfarming.com	18 620 698 893
TOBIAS INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	TOBIAS INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	https://tobiasindustries.com/	23 645 361 726
TOIP PTY LTD	TOIP PTY LTD	https://www.toip.net.au/	15 151 575 138
VEITCHE PTY LTD	Nutrient Services WA	-	54 070 102 171
WATER SUPPLEMENTS IN SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	WATER SUPPLEMENTS IN SOLUTIONS	https://www.watersupp.com/	84 092 508 239
WI-SKY (NSW) PTY LTD	WI-SKY	www.wi-sky.com.au	47 604 954 163
XSIGHTS DIGITAL PTY LTD	XSIGHTS DIGITAL	www.xsights.io	45 623 659 932
YAWURU TECHNOLOGY GROUP PTY LTD	YAWURU TECHNOLOGY GROUP	https://yawuruitgroup.net/	24 631 565 805

Appendix B. List of eligible connectivity solutions and equipment

This section provides guidance on the eligibility of expenditure. We may update this guidance from time to time; check you are referring to the most current version from the [business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au) website before preparing your application.

The Program Delegate makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

To be eligible, expenditure must:

- be incurred by you within the project period
- be a direct cost of the project
- meet the eligible expenditure guidelines.

There are five broad categories of eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment:

The broad categories of eligible connectivity solutions can be delivered through LPWAN, satellite cellular and/or Wi-Fi technology.

- Low Power Wide Area Networks (LPWAN), including:
 - LoRaWAN
 - NarrowBand-IoT (NB-IoT)
 - SigFox
 - CAT-M1
 - LTE-M technology
- Connectivity equipment:
 - antennas
 - beacons
 - radio transmitters
 - boosters and repeaters
 - gateways and routers
 - portable hotspots
- Environmental monitoring:
 - soil moisture probes
 - microclimate monitor
 - weather monitors
 - plant growth monitors
 - water quality monitors
 - water flow and pressure monitors
- Farm management:
 - cameras
 - asset trackers
 - battery monitors
 - staff safety monitors

- fence monitors
- silo and storage monitors
- liquid level monitors
- livestock monitoring systems
- Remote automation and control
 - Valve and irrigation controllers
 - Pump controllers
 - Aeration controllers

Other eligible expenditure items are:

- subscriptions for data aggregation platforms and software (including farm management software) that accompany the purchase of eligible connectivity solutions and associated equipment to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total equipment purchase price
- cost of training in the operation of connectivity solutions and associated equipment to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total equipment purchase price
- cost of delivery and installation
- contingency of up to 20 per cent above the listed eligible equipment price to account for changes in price if required.

Appendix C. Eligibility criteria for Primary Producers

The Primary Producer will be invited through the portal to provide a declaration that they meet the eligibility criteria. The declaration includes the following information.

To be eligible, a primary producer must

- have an ABN
- carry out primary production activities under one of the eligible ANZSIC codes (refer to Appendix D)
- Have an average annual gross income between \$40,000 and \$2 million (i.e. total revenue before expenses and tax) over 3 previous full financial years
- not be a hobby farmer.

The Primary Producer will also be asked to provide:

- name, email address and phone number
- ABN
- address where the connectivity solution will be installed and used

We will confirm eligibility with the Primary Producer through an emailed portal invitation which is linked to your application.

Once confirmed as an eligible Primary Producer we will monitor the total amount of equipment purchased against the Primary Producer ABN across applications submitted by you and other Eligible Equipment Suppliers up to the maximum rebate of \$30,000. You will be notified if the Primary Producer has already reached the maximum threshold and the application is ineligible for the rebate.

Primary Producers may be contacted after the rebate has been claimed as part of the Program evaluation.

Appendix D. Eligible ANZSIC codes

ANZSIC 2006 Division, Subdivision, Group and Class Codes and Titles			
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing		
	01	Agriculture	
		011	Nursery and Floriculture Production
		0111	Nursery Production (Under Cover)
		0112	Nursery Production (Outdoors)
		0113	Turf Growing
		0114	Floriculture Production (Under Cover)
		0115	Floriculture Production (Outdoors)
		012	Mushroom and Vegetable Growing
		0121	Mushroom Growing
		0122	Vegetable Growing (Under Cover)
		0123	Vegetable Growing (Outdoors)
		013	Fruit and Tree Nut Growing
		0131	Grape Growing
		0132	Kiwifruit Growing
		0133	Berry Fruit Growing
		0134	Apple and Pear Growing
		0135	Stone Fruit Growing
		0136	Citrus Fruit Growing
		0137	Olive Growing
		0139	Other Fruit and Tree Nut Growing
		014	Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming
		0141	Sheep Farming (Specialised)
		0142	Beef Cattle Farming (Specialised)
		0143	Beef Cattle Feedlots (Specialised)
		0144	Sheep-Beef Cattle Farming
		0145	Grain-Sheep or Grain-Beef Cattle Farming
		0146	Rice Growing

		0149	Other Grain Growing
	015	Other Crop Growing	
		0151	Sugar Cane Growing
		0152	Cotton Growing
		0159	Other Crop Growing n.e.c.
	016	Dairy Cattle Farming	
		0160	Dairy Cattle Farming
	017	Poultry Farming	
		0171	Poultry Farming (Meat)
		0172	Poultry Farming (Eggs)
	018	Deer Farming	
		0180	Deer Farming
	019	Other Livestock Farming	
		0191	Horse Farming
		0192	Pig Farming
		0193	Beekeeping
	02	Aquaculture	
		020	Aquaculture
		0201	Offshore Longline and Rack Aquaculture
		0202	Offshore Caged Aquaculture
		0203	Onshore Aquaculture
	03	Forestry and Logging	
		030	Forestry and Logging
		0301	Forestry

Appendix E. Ineligible ANZSIC codes

All activities that fall under all other ANZSIC codes are ineligible.

For clarification, the following ANZSIC codes that sit within the 2006 Class are ineligible.

ANZSIC 2006 Division, Subdivision, Group and Class Codes and Titles			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing			
		0199	Other Livestock Farming n.e.c.
		0302	Logging
	04	Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	
		041	Fishing
		0411	Rock Lobster and Crab Potting
		0412	Prawn Fishing
		0413	Line Fishing
		0414	Fish Trawling, Seining and Netting
		0419	Other Fishing
		042	Hunting and Trapping
		0420	Hunting and Trapping
	05	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Support Services	
		051	Forestry Support Services
		0510	Forestry Support Services
		052	Agriculture and Fishing Support Services
		0521	Cotton Ginning
		0522	Shearing Services
		0529	Other Agriculture and Fishing Support Services